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The year was 1849. The *Sardinia* a 'Black Star Line' sailing vessel carrying 202 mostly Irish passengers from England and Ireland landed at the port of New York in late October. One of those passengers was a 15 year old boy by the name of Martin Cain¹, another was possibly his brother Robert, aged 18. They arrived in America at the tail end of the dreadful famine which along with diseases like typhus and cholera, had been decimating Ireland for almost half a decade, 1849 being the worst year of the most devastating effects of cholera. There is very little doubt that it is because of these circumstances that Martin (and a brother Robert?) left Ireland without their parents, who had quite possibly been two of the over one million casualties during these devastating times, in an attempt to make a better life for themselves in America.



Area of the Port of New York on the south tip of Manhattan Island. Map is from the front cover of Cutler and is entitled "Lower Part of New York City, 1851. Heavy broken line marks the waterfront below City Hall park in 1784. Area filled in prior to 1820." The docks of the Black Star Line are in the upper-right quarter of the figure.²

First Generation

1. Thomas CAIN. Thomas Cain and Ann³ married somewhere in Ireland before 1833 and became the parents of at least one son, Martin. It is unknown if they had any more children, as it is also unclear whether or not the Robert Cain who shows up on the same passenger list as Martin is related to him. The closeness of their ages and their having the same last name makes it a tantalizing possibility. Unfortunately, Robert disappears from public records shortly after his arrival to America. Maybe he succumbed to one of the many diseases that showed up quite frequently on the overly crowded ships at that time and died shortly after their arrival, or maybe he traveled further on to Canada or another foreign local hoping to make his mark on the world. Until we can find more information on Martin's origins in Ireland, his parents and any siblings he might have had will continue to remain a mystery.

Children:

2. Robert (~1830-)[?]
- +3. Martin (~1833-)

Second Generation

3. Martin CAIN. In 1849 at the age of 15⁴ Martin Cain traveled to America landing at the port of New York in early fall. From there he eventually made his way up to Rhode Island where many Irish immigrants were heading as there was an increased need for factory workers, and laborers on the railroads and canals. Textile mills and metal factories were beginning to make a major impact on the landscape of Rhode Island at this time. If he wished Martin could look forward to working 14 hour days making only a few dollars a week in one of these factories.

We first find Martin in Coventry, Kent County, Rhode Island in 1850⁵ working as a laborer, although it is not stated at what he is laboring. There is a good possibility he is employed at a textile mill. Like most of the early Irish immigrants he would have been employed as unskilled labor or a mill worker.

His work in the mill would have been difficult and unhealthy. With a workday that started before sunrise and ended after sunset; air that was full of lint particles that, over time, "often caused respiratory disease. The mills were usually cold and drafty in winter, hot and humid in summer; dirty, noisy, and uncomfortable at all times. Corporal punishment by overseers was a common practice. The danger of working near machines was always present. Workers often lost fingers, arms, or scalps to the devouring machinery."⁶

About a year or two after Martin settled down into his new life he met his soon to be first wife

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Winifred CONNELLY.^{7,8} (see *The Connelly Family*) She had also been born in Ireland⁹ and arrived in America about 1847¹⁰ with her parents Dennis and Winifred Connelly.¹¹ They were married seven months before their first child John was born (1 November 1852)^{12,13} and by 1860 they had had 5 more children (Sarah, Winifred, Dennis Edward and Julia, who might have been twins, and Amy) and were living in Warwick. Sometime in early 1860 John, Sarah, Winifred and Julia went out west to Chilton, Calumet County, Wisconsin¹⁴ to live with their mother's parents who had settled on a farm there in the early 1850s. Amy and Dennis had stayed home in Rhode Island with their parents.¹⁵ At this time Martin was working as an operative,¹⁶ and the family was probably living in a mill village in Centerville.

It is possible that the Cains were sending their children out to Winifred's parents in Wisconsin so they could receive a better education. Many Rhode Islands mill schools were of poor quality at this time. Factory owners considered them to be a waste of money since the children in the mill villages were suppose to be working in the mills helping to make the owners and stockholders rich, not in schools wasting their time with book learning. Many parents also held the same view at the time, but for them it was a matter of necessity that their children work to help support the family.

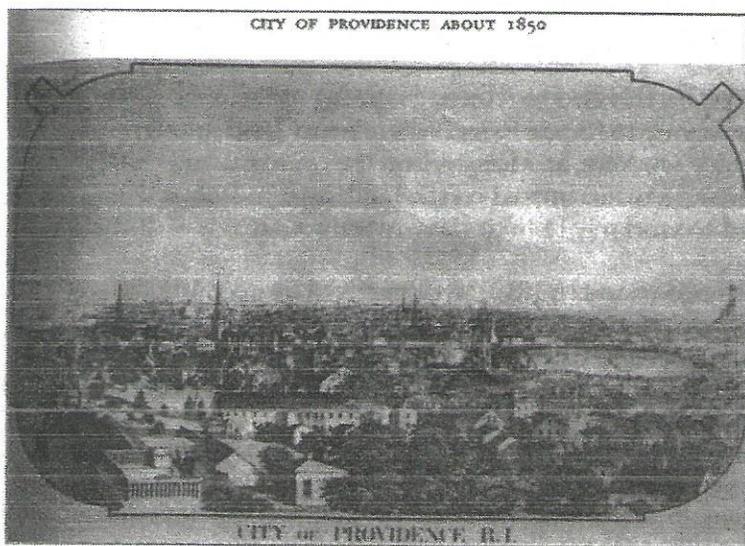
While Martin worked his long days in the factory Winifred stayed home and raised the children. Like most of the other women in the neighborhood their home probably would have been a one-story, four-room 'house', lit by kerosene lamps and heated by open fireplaces. She would have drawn water from a common well or pump several times a day for cleaning, drinking, and cooking. Privy's were a communal affair and plumbing of any kind did not exist in any of the homes. There were some social activities and organizations offered by the factory owners, but these were merely attempts to keep the workers and families quiet and happy, less likely to go work for someone else or cause problems, like strikes. The workers often created their own entertainment and social clubs, such as sewing clubs for the women.

Martin and Winifred had two more children after Amy, James, who did not survive to see two years of age dying in January of 1863,¹⁷ and their last child, who remained unnamed and died along with Winifred due to complications during childbirth on July 12, 1863 in Centerville They were both buried in the St. Mary's cemetery in West Warwick in unmarked graves.¹⁸

After the death of his wife it must have been difficult for Martin to suddenly be responsible for all of these young children and still need to go out and earn a living. Especially at this time, as it was right in the middle of the Civil War which was having a definite impact on Rhode Island. The war was disrupting the flow of raw goods to the factories that needed them to produce products to sell. A few of Winifred's relatives were still in Rhode Island and might have been able to help Martin. No doubt the other women in the neighborhood would have also lent a hand until his second marriage a little over a year later on 5 September 1864²⁰ to Bridget Nolan. She was the daughter of John and Ann Nolan of Kent and about three years older than Martin.

There is currently no evidence that Martin enlisted in any of the Rhode Island regiments during the war. It is possible that like many of his fellow Irish countrymen Martin was resentful of the fact that the Irish needed to be land owners to vote while blacks were not subjected to the same discrimination; that same resentment left little sympathy for the freed slaves who could become their rivals for the low paying jobs that were prevalent in the factories. But then again, maybe he just didn't care, as we can find no evidence that Martin made any attempt to become a naturalized citizen in Rhode Island, which he would have had to do in order to cast his ballot at the polls. It is indicated in the 1875 state census that he was a voter.²¹ Illegally?

Eventually Martin and Bridget had at least two children of their own: Thomas²² and Martin,



Picture illustration from a Rhode Island history book.¹⁹

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Children with Winifred:

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- 9. Amy (Ann) (1859-)
- 10. James (1861-1863)

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- 11. Thomas (1865-)
- 12. Martin (1869-1869)



John Paul Cain, photo courtesy of Robert Cain of Oconto

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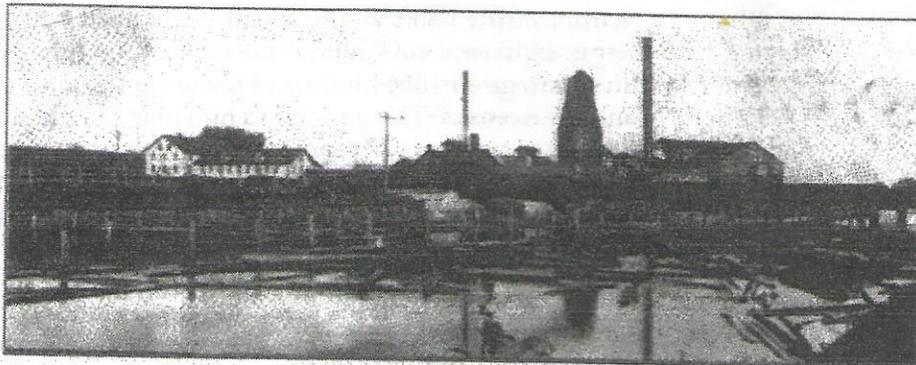
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working in the lumbering industry was very high. It was a dangerous way to make a living.

A few years after settling in the city, John met Clarissa (Carrie) Ann ROSA (see *The Rosa Family*) the daughter of Jennie and Abram Rosa of Michigan. They were married sometime around 1874.³¹ Carrie was about 18 years old and this was her second marriage, her first having occurred when she was 13.³² Together they raised a family of 9 children (which included a

set of twins) in Oconto, where they lived the rest of their lives. John continued his career in the lumber industry working his way up from the sawmill to eventually working as a 'boom man' on the river sorting and connecting the logs dumped into the water.³³ Meanwhile Carrie stayed home, raising their large family and taking care of the household.

John died in Oconto on 5 Mar 1918, when he was only 65, and was buried in the Oconto Catholic Cemetery.³⁴



A photograph of the Oconto Company's lumber operation in Oconto.³⁵

Obituary as written out by a relative:

"It was sad news Tuesday afternoon to most of the old residents of Oconto when it was learned that John Cain had answered the last roll call. John Cain died shortly after 12 o'clock Tuesday at his home on Smith Avenue and this morning the funeral was held from St. Peter's Catholic Church. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Fr. Looze and interment was in the Catholic Cemetery.

Death was caused by a complication of diseases. Long a sufferer from rheumatism he was stricken with paralysis last July and had been failing since. Mr. Cain was almost 61 having been born in Nov. 1, 1857 in Chilton, WI. He has resided here since 1876, his wife to whom he had been married 43 years was Carrie Rose. Mrs. Cain survives with eight children, Harry, who lives in Milwaukee, Mrs. V. H. (Gertrude) John, Albert, and Mrs. Frank Roseau of Oconto, Milton is with the troops in France now.

Few faces were more familiar and few figures better known for years in Oconto than Johnny Cain, he had a host of friends and had grown up with the city, he will be greatly missed."

Obituary from the Oconto Reporter March 7, 1918:

"Pioneer of City Answers Call, John P. Cain Succumbed to Paralysis Tuesday
Wife and Eight Children Survive - Funeral Friday
John P. Cain, a pioneer resident of the city, answered his final summons Tuesday, just about noon, death occurring at his home on Smith Avenue. For the past two years he had suffered with rheumatism and about ten



John Cain's headstone is incorrect regarding his birth date. If he was born in 1857, then that means at the age of about 13 he moved to Oconto, alone, which is doubtful. Even though we have no documented proof of his birth, 1852 seems more likely as the year of birth, because it is more compatible with the 1860 and 1870 census records.



Some of the Cain family: from left to right, mother Carrie, Milton, Bert (on porch) and father John, sitting on steps of their home on Smith Street. Photo courtesy of Robert Cain of Oconto.

months ago was stricken with paralysis.

Mr. Cain was born in Chilton, Wis., November 1, 1857, and when 19 years of age came to this city. He was married 43 years ago to Carrie Rose.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and eight children, George of Laona, Harry of Milwaukee, Mrs. V. H. John of Crandon, Milton with the Rainbow Division in France, and William, James, Bert and Mrs. Frank Rousseau of Oconto.

The funeral will be held Friday morning from St. Peter's church, Rev. Fr. Looze to officiate, and his remains will be interred in Catholic Cemetery."

Carrie went on to live another 34 years dying at the age of 94 in Oconto, still a widow. She lived long enough to see her son Milton, one of the twins, become mayor of Oconto in 1952 and to see many of her grandchildren growing up. But she also experienced the loss of three of her children, Elizabeth, the first born, died at about the age of 17 probably of an illness.³⁶ George died in 1924,³⁷ and James who died after being hit by a car while walking home to dinner.³⁸ It is probably a good thing that she didn't survive long enough to have to live through her son Bert's suicide in 1955.³⁹

Children:

- +13. Elizabeth Ann (1875-1892)
- +14. Gertrude (1877-1962)
- +15. William (1879-1963)
- +16. George Dennis (1882-1924)
- +17. Albert Michael (Bert) (1887-1955)
- +18. James Orville (1888-1946)
- +19. Henry C. (Harry) (1892-1977)
- +20. Mary Mildred (Twin)(1894-1965)
- +21. Milton J. (Twin)(1894-1972)

7. Dennis Edward CAIN. Other than James, Dennis is the only other child of Martin and Winifred that we know what happened to and even that information is for the most part vague.

By 1875 Dennis is old enough to be out in the world earning a wage as can be seen on his census entry. While living with his father and step-mother he is working as a wool picker in a local factory. He continued his career in the textile industry working many years in the National-Providence Worsted Mills as a weaver.

Family rumor has it that his wife Mary Agnes McCahey was a Wade cousin, which could be true. They were married sometime before 1895 and had two children that lived to adulthood: Mary Louise and Vincent.^{39a}

Dennis and his family stayed in Rhode Island where he also owned a small store in Providence, which indicates that he was a man of substance and enterprise.

Dennis died young, 45, of a heart attack.⁴⁰ This genetic flaw has passed down on the Cain/John side of the family. Although,



Dennis Cain with probably his wife Mary Agnes McCahey, who is thought to be a cousin on the Wade side of the family; there is a possibility this is a sister. Photocopy courtesy of Tim Preece.



weaver's lung would have probably gotten him eventually. He is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery in East Greenwich with a cemetery reading that gives his year of birth as 1862, which is incorrect. He was born about 1857.⁴¹

"KANE- Suddenly, in this city, on the 14th Inst., Dennis E. Kane. Member of Willow Camp, 7726, Modern Woodmen of America [fraternal life insurance]; Royal Arcanum [fraternal life insurance], Maschachaug Council No. 1698 and Fr. Simmons Branch, I.C.B.U.

Funeral from his late home, 596 Broadway, Friday, April 17th, at 9 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Special cars to East Greenwich. Burial at St. Patrick's Cemetery."

DENNIS KANE DIES SUDDENLY.

"Dennis Kane, a well-known resident of Olneyville, died suddenly yesterday afternoon while in the office of a physician on Broad street, where he had gone for treatment. T[H]e had been ill and under treatment for some time, but his condition was not regarded critical. Yesterday he left his home at 596 Broadway, to go to the doctor's office, and while there was stricken suddenly and died. His body was removed to the undertaking rooms of James D. eRilly[sic], and later undertaker John E. Lynch & Co. removed it to the family home. Death is said to have been due to natural causes.

Mr. Kane had for many years been a weaver at the National-Providence Worsted Mills on Valley Street, and also conducted a small store near the corner of Howard street and Broadway."⁴²

As an interesting sidenote: Dennis's obituary mentions several organizations of which he was a member. The modern Woodmen of America was the world's largest fraternal insurance society at the time. It was organized specifically for the purpose of providing insurance at cost to it's members according to the age of the applicant. His membership would indicate that he was very concerned about making sure his family was taken care of if need be.

Dennis' wife Mary Agnes died on April 22, 1949 and is buried with him in East Greenwich as are both of their children.^{42a}

Children:

22. Mary Louise (abt.1895-1987) Mary Louise never married and never had children.

23. Vincent (1899-1983) Vincent married and had 4 children, two sons and two daughters.

Fourth Generation

13. Elizabeth Ann CAIN was born sometime in November of 1875 and baptized on the 31st at St. Peter Church in Oconto.⁴³ She lived a short life dying in 1892, possibly of an illness, at the age of 17.⁴⁴

14. Gertrude CAIN. After Elizabeth's death in 1892 Gertrude became the oldest child in the family having been born on 9 August 1877 in Oconto.⁴⁵ She grew up in 'frenchtown' where the family home was located on Smith Street and most likely had to spend a great deal of her childhood helping her mother take care of all of the other children, especially since she was the only girl in the family, until her sister Mildred was born in 1894.⁴⁶ Most people's memories of her are of a very feisty, small women with a great sense of humor, who loved fur coats. According to family stories she caused quite a stir when she was seeing Victor Hugo JOHN (see *The John Family*), a courtship which ended with their marriage on 28 August 1897⁴⁷ when they were both in their early 20s.



Extract from a letter from Mae Kolderup Gillett, April 19, 1990 to Kyle Wasserman:



"...How about Aunt Gertie in her fur coat! She was a feisty little french woman [this was a common family misconception because the Cain's lived in 'frenchtown'] and we got along beautifully.

There were many years I was able to enjoy the family times together that included Uncle Vic and Aunt Gertie. We have some "family jokes" about them, too. They were included Easters at my Aunt Mildred's. Once Uncle Vic took a large bite of what he thought was mashed potatoes but in reality was horseradish for the Easter ham. He almost fell off his chair - it was so sharp.

Because Aunt Gertie was short, she dressed in costume one Halloween and went out trick or treating in the neighborhood. Never recognized at all.

We enjoyed them - and their deaths left a void..."



Victor and Gertrude enjoying their later years together..

Robert Cain, a nephew of Gertrude's remembers her as a funny and very generous women.

At one time Gertrude and Victor moved out to Wyoming, where their son Clarence had gone, but Gertrude was very unhappy with the move and missed her family so much they came back to Wisconsin.

By 1920 she was living with her husband at the jail in Forest County, Wisconsin.⁴⁸ Victor was sheriff at the time and Gertrude was providing the prisoners with meals.

Gertrude died in Gillett on February 10, 1962, she was 84.⁴⁹ She was buried on the 15th in Gillett at the Wanderer's Rest Cemetery.⁵⁰



Obituary: Final Rites for Mrs. John Today

"Mrs. Gertrude John, former Ocontoan, died suddenly Saturday evening at Baraboo.

Mrs. John was born in Oconto, the daughter of the late John and Carrie Cain. She was united in marriage to Victor John in 1887, in Carter, WI. He passed away in 1956. Mrs. John lived in Gillett the past nine years. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Gillett, and its Past Matron's club; a past matron of the Crandon chapter, a member of the Gillett Methodist church and the women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church.

Survivors include two sons, L. W. John, Fresno and Victor John Jr. Saratoga, both of California; three brothers, Milton Cain, Oconto; William, Portland, Oregon; Harry, Milwaukee; a sister, Mrs. Frank (Mildred) Rouseau of Milwaukee; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A son Clarence died in 1954.

Final rites will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Gillett Methodist Church. The Rev. C. V. Dawson will officiate, with burial in Wanderer's Rest cemetery. The Order of the Eastern Star, Gillett, will



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conduct services at the church. The Kuehl funeral home is in charge of arrangements."⁵¹

Children (see *The John Family*):

24. Clarence Fredrick (1898-1954)

25. Lincoln (Link) William (1900-)

26. Victor Hugo

15. William CAIN. Born in 1879⁵² and died 12 March 1963.⁵³ Nothing else is known of William.

16. George Dennis CAIN. Born 1882⁵⁴ and died in December 21, 1924.⁵⁵ Either his birth record or his headstone is incorrect.

Newspaper gossip item:

"George Cain, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cain of the South ward, returned home Friday night from three years' absence in the north."⁵⁵



17. Albert Michael (Bert) CAIN. Born January 27, 1887.⁵⁷ The story of Bert's death was told to me by Robert Cain. Here is what he remembers of it: It seems Bert got into trouble with some gamblers in (or from) Chicago and was beaten up pretty badly. When he got home he was so afraid that they would finish the job, he took a gun ~~with him out on a boat onto the river and shot himself.~~

Here is the actual newspaper account:

Gun Blast Kills Bert Cain, 68; is Termed Suicide

"Bert Cain, 68, widely known county tavern owner and former slot machine operator, died at his home just south of the city at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday of self-inflicted gun shot wounds. He had been despondent over poor health for the past two months, and several times had threatened suicide, his family told authorities.

The sheriff department went to his home, formerly The Pines Club, when they received a call from a nephew, who was in the building when he heard a shot coming from a bedroom in the south wing of the building. He knew what had happened, and didn't open the closed door of the room, he told officers later.

Cain was found on a bed. He had apparently placed a 12 gauge shot gun between his legs, the barrel against his neck, and used a yard stick to press the trigger. He was dead when authorities arrived.

Because of his threats to do away with himself, his wife said, she had recently hidden all other guns, but hadn't thought of the shot gun, which had been left in the unused bedroom where the shooting occurred.

Sheriff Harold Reed and Coroner William Gallagher conducted the investigation.

The body was taken to the Sheffield funeral home where services will be



held at 10 a.m. Friday. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. Rosary services will be conducted Thursday night at eight o'clock and Elk services at 8:30. The body will lie in state from Thursday evening until the funeral hour. The casket will remain closed.

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A coroner's jury is being impanelled today, and inquest on details of the accident will be held later this week, Coroner William Gallagher said this morning. Arrangements for funeral services have not yet been completed.

James Cain was 56 years of age at the time of death, and had been a resident of Oconto nearly all his life. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Maude Cain, five sons, Orville of Milwaukee, Robert of Ripon, John now in the South Pacific serving with the U. S. Navy and Harold and Clarence of Oconto, and three daughters, Mrs. Clarence Steinhaus of Oconto, Mrs. Roland McDowell of Denmark, and Charlotte at home. Other survivors include nine grandchildren, his mother, Mrs. Carrie Cain of Oconto, and four brothers and two sisters, Bert and Milton of Oconto, Harry of Baraboo, William of Portland, Oregon, Mrs. Frank Rousseau (Mildred) of Milwaukee and Mrs. V. H. Johns of Wabeno."⁶²

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He was born May 16, 1892 in Oconto and attended Oconto schools. He left here a young man.

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Oconto County Reporter, July 18, 1907

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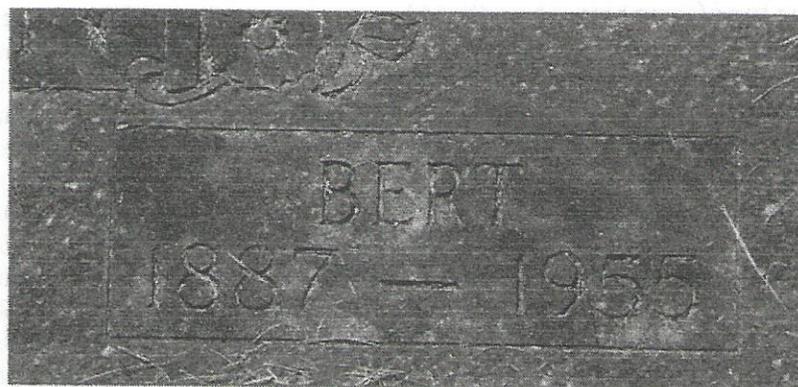
He was a Private in the US Army in WWI and eventually became Mayor of Oconto twice. He died November 8, 1972.⁷¹

Ex-Mayor Cain Dead At Age 78

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He was a tavern owner for many years and a member of the VFW.

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Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Jan (Helen) Hansen of Appleton; one son, William of Oconto; one brother, Harry of Waukesha, 7 grandsons and one great-grandchild. Three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call at the John Crooks funeral home after 4 p.m. Thursday. A prayer service will be conducted there at 7:45 p.m. Thursday (today). Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic church, the Rev. Philip Hoffman officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.¹⁷²



From left to right: Gertrude Cain, Mildred Cain (Gertrude's sister), Agnes (Harry Cain's first wife) and Harry Cain (Gertrude and Mildred's brother). Photo courtesy of Robert Cain of Oconto.



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CONNELLY Family

The potato blight, which devastated the lowly innocuous tuber that had been the pauper's main source of food in Ireland since the 1700s, was the beginning of a long line of disasters that led to the death of over one million people in Ireland in the 1840s. The foremost result of the blight was famine and disease, much of which was caused by bad politics, and after four years of this famine, there were very few tenants able to grow crops on the land owned by the landlords. This in turn led to debt for the landlords because they were unable to collect the rents that were owed to them by these same tenants.

"Many of these landlords, desperate for cash, decided they wanted to grow wheat or graze cattle and sheep on their estates. But they were prevented from doing so by the scores of tiny potato plots and dilapidated huts belonging to penniless tenants who had not paid rent for months, if not years. In the landlords minds in order for them to save their estates from ruin, the paupers would simply have to go."¹

"During the Famine period, an estimated half-million Irish were evicted from their cottages. One method of removal involved applying for a legal judgment against the male head of a family owing back-rent. After the local barrister pronounced judgment, the man would be thrown in jail and his wife and children dumped out on the streets. A 'notice to appear' was usually enough to cause most pauper families to flee, and they were handed out by the hundreds."²

The Connelys lived in County Roscommon during this time. They were tenants on the Strokestown Estate owned by the Mahon family. Dennis appears in the yearly rent roll on 1 Nov 1824 in Ballinafad (which is about 3 miles south of Strokestown).³ Dennis and his wife Winifred Nolan were both born in the parish of Lisanuffy. It is believed that Dennis' father was the son of Thomas Connely who came from County Ulster in northern Ireland. The family is said to have left northern Ireland and settled in Roscommon about 1750 because of religious persecution by Protestants.⁴

Elizabeth Connely, a daughter who was about 13 when the family left Ireland, didn't remember the family as being poor. She remembers her mother, Winifred, handing out food to the starving people in the streets and bringing an old women who was starving to death into their home and caring for her.

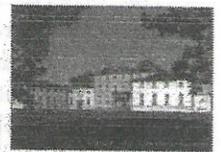
Their landlord, Major Dennis Mahon, is infamous for his "coffin ships". He evicted all of his tenants when they couldn't pay their rents and shipped them all off to American. The Connelys were one of many families who were victims of this despicable undertaking.

At this time in history the laws governing British ships were very lax. They were only required to supply 7 lbs. of food per week per passenger, as it was assumed they would bring along their own food for the journey. But most of the Irish boarding these ships were paupers and could not afford food of their own, they depended entirely on the pound-a-day handout which amounted to starvation rations.



"Many of the passengers were already ill with typhus as they boarded the ships. Before boarding, they had been given the once-over by doctors on shore who usually rejected no one for the trip, even those seemingly on the verge of death. British ships were not required to carry doctors. Anyone that died during the sea voyage was simply dumped overboard, without any religious rites."

"Belowdecks, hundreds of men, women and children huddled together in the dark on bare wooden floors with no ventilation, breathing a stench of vomit and the effects of diarrhea amid no sanitary facilities. On ships that actually had sleeping berths, there were no mattresses and the berths were never cleaned. Many sick persons remained in bare wooden bunks lying in their own filth for the entire voyage, too ill to get up."



Strokestown house. The stables of this property later became the famine museum.



Inside the famine museum.

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"Another big problem was the lack of good drinking water. Many ships ran out of water long before reaching North America, making life especially miserable for fevered passengers suffering from burning thirsts. Some unscrupulous captains profited by selling large amounts of alcohol to the passengers, resulting in "totally depraved and corrupted" behavior among them."⁵

The Connelly family made it safely, if not pleasantly, to the shores of America, arriving at the port of New York in May of 1847.⁶

The first few years after their arrival they spent in East Greenwich, Coventry, and Centerville, Rhode Island. Like Martin Cain, and many other Irish immigrants, they were probably working in the mills and factories there. The large Irish population would have made it a very comforting stopping place. It would have also made for a quick way to earn money which was then saved up to go west and buy land.

It was about 1849, shortly after Wisconsin became a state, when the influx of white settlers was becoming heavy, that Dennis and two of his sons (Michael and James) headed out to Stoney Brook near Stanton Mills (later called Chilton), in Calumet County Wisconsin. They were probably part of a number of industrious Irishmen who had been employed in building the Sheboygan and Fond du Lac plank road and who later became residents of Chilton increasing its claims to be called a village. Many Irish families worked on this road, saving money which they invested in land.⁷

The possibility of purchasing land at a low cost combined with the idea of freedom and the opportunity for advancement attracted many new settlers into the primitive forest.⁸ After this a steady stream of Irish families poured in.

First Generation

1. Dennis CONNELLY the grandson of Thomas Connelly of County Ulster, Ireland (a census taken there in 1740 states that Thomas was a cottier with 4 children under 14, 2 over 14 and a papist), was born on Jun 29, 1793 in Lissonuffly, County Roscommon, Ireland.^{9,10} The area he grew up in boasted "...magnificent preserved forest land with abundant wildlife."¹¹

Dennis and his future wife Winifred NOLAN (born between 1797 and 1799 also in Lissonuffly)¹² probably grew up together. She is likely the daughter of Patrick Nolan of Coggalstack in the Parish of Lissonuffly as such a gentleman appears in the index to Griffith's Valuation of Ireland 1848-1864. There is also a Robert in the same index living in Curry, however, Dennis and Winifred did not name any of their sons Robert but did name the eldest Patrick.¹³

They married about 1822, and had at least 7 children. All of whom were born in Ireland before the famine that instigated their move to America in 1847. There are records in Strokestown of only three of their children's baptisms:¹⁵ Brigid, on January 21, 1833, Elizabeth, on June 4, 1834 and James, on September 16, 1836. At this time the family was living in Ballinafad, which was just a short distance south of Strokestown. They were renting land from the Mahon Estate and Dennis is recorded as being in the Ballinafad Tithe Applotments Books in 1824. The Composition Act of 1823 resulted in a valuation of the entire county, parish by parish to determine what was to be paid by each landowner. Denis Connelly is listed as a tenant in Ballinafad in the Civil Parish of Cloonfinlugh."¹⁵

According to the 1850 Federal census in Wisconsin,¹⁷ Dennis' entry indicates that his occupation is that of tailor. It is possible that his having a trade made it easier for his family to cope with the famine in Ireland. And after the Connellys arrived in America, it might have also made it easier to find work in Rhode Island. Dennis only stayed in Rhode Island for a short time though, possibly only a year or two. Then, about 1848/49, Dennis and two sons (Michael and James) headed out to Stoney Brook in Calumet County, Wisconsin. He eventually purchased land and started preparing a home for Winifred so she could join him. In the meantime Dennis had applied for his first papers (to become a citizen) December 28, 1849

What's in a name

Most people spell the name Connelly. Occasionally in research you will run across the spelling Connolly and those people seem not to be related at all. Another acceptable spelling of the name was Conly...So apparently our ancestors were rather casual about the spelling of their name. According to the HeritageCenter at Strokestown, County Roscommon, Ireland it should be spelled Coneally and pronounced C'neal'ly. The spelling was changed when the Coneally's emigrated to America.¹⁴

in Fond du Lac,¹⁸ he finished his citizenship process in Calumet County in 1858.¹⁹ Eventually Dennis finished the house and Winifred arrived in Wisconsin to settle in her new home in the country. Several of their children and their families joined them later.

The farm in Chilton gave the Connellys a chance to start anew. No landlords, no tithes, no rents and, best of all, no famine. The land was full of rolling hills and an abundance of trees. Very picturesque. Lake Winnebago was just a short distance away and there were many other Irish families in the area with which they could socialize. By 1860 they owned 80 acres and were growing oats, wheat and potatoes and were making maple molasses, a popular endeavor at the time.^{19a}

Dennis and Winifred settled into their new home probably with a great deal of relief. Their son Michael had bought property in the area and settled there with his family. Their daughter Elizabeth and her husband Owen Wade settled in Chilton for a while then eventually moved on to Iowa and Nebraska. Mary, who married Patrick Harlowe, stayed for a short time. James the youngest stayed in Chilton until about 1870, then he moved his family to Nebraska.

Their daughter Winifred who had married Martin Cain in Rhode Island, stayed there until her death in childbirth in 1863. Her children, however, spent much time with their grandparents. They are found in several census records living in the Connelly household.

Winifred, the elder, would go out on many occasions to Rhode Island to check up on her children and their families. It was probably at that time that she would bring her Cain grandchildren back with her to Wisconsin to live for a while. She is even found in the 1860 Federal census twice: once in Rhode Island with her daughter Elizabeth²⁰ and then back in Wisconsin later in the year with her husband and four of the Cain children.²¹

They enjoyed a good thirty years in their new home before Dennis passed away on May 9, 1871²² he was buried at the St. Augustine Cemetery in Chilton.

"At Chilton, on Tuesday the 9th inst., of failure of the digestive powers, Dennis Connelly, aged 77 years.

The deceased was a native of the Parish of Lisanuffy, County Roscommon, Ireland. He came to this country in 1847 and was a resident of East Greenwich, in Rhode Island, for four years but finally moved to this county and settled at Stony Brook.

Since his residence here his course of life has been so upright and honorable that he hasn't an enemy in the world but was regarded as an honest man, a true Christian and genuine friend by all who knew him as well as one of the most accommodating and unselfish men in the community. The close of his long and well spent life was peaceful and happy, his bedside being surrounded by the faithful and untiring wife and other relatives, he willingly allowed the spirit to depart from the earthly tenement and return to the God who gave it. His many kind acts will long be remembered, while the results of his virtuous and truly Christian life and example will never pass away. A good man has fallen and our citizens deeply mourn his departure and sympathize with the bereft family. Over sixty teams were in the funeral procession."

Winifred died about 8 years later at the age of 80/82.²³

"Departed this life, with her peace fully made with her maker, at the residence of Mrs. Mary Callaghan (Callahan), in this city, Mrs. Winifred Connelly, (nee Nolan) relic of Dennis Connelly Esq, at the ripe age of 80 years.

The deceased was born in the parish of Lisanuffy, County Roscommon, Ireland. Emigrated with her husband and family to the United States in 1847, and resided in Rhode Island until 1853 when she became one of Calumet's pioneers at Stony Brook near what is now the City of Chilton,



the Connelly Family

where she and the other hospitable inhabitants of Strokestown colony cast anchor.

As an active worker in the hive of human industry and a general reliever of all ills to which flesh is heir too, old lady Connelly had few equals and no superiors in our primitive days, and so well discharged the duties of every department of life that her visits were as welcome as the grace of God and she was entertained as an angel might be, coming unawares - always welcome. She died as she lived a model Christian, and with an unswerving faith in the belief of her fathers and a mind as clear as the springs of the Emerald Isle, and when we reviewed her peaceful countenance in the calm repose of Death we could not help thinking of the widowed woman of whom the Saviour remarked 'she is not dead but sleepeth'.

Requiescat en pace, and at the same time let us all so form our actions in life that when the grim monster approaches we can cheerfully exclaim 'Oh Death where is thy sting, oh grave thy victory!'"



Winifred Nolan. Printout of scanned photograph courtesy of Tim Preece.

There is no doubt that Dennis and Winifred were very thankful they were able to spare their children further ravages of the famine and the politics that were devastating their homeland and bring them new hope in a country that offered better opportunities for their own family's futures.

A few of their children died too young, the rest managed to survive to raise families of their own. Of those that survived some stayed in Rhode Island, the rest made the move to Wisconsin and stayed, while others went on to newer lands further out west. Dennis and Winifred can be satisfied that their decision to leave Ireland gave their children better opportunities for a more positive future.

Children:

- +2. Patrick (1823-)
- +3. Michael (1824-1902)
- +4. Mary (1829-1881)
- +5. Winifred (1830/31-1863)
- +6. Brigid (1833-1847)
- +7. Elizabeth (1834-1922)
- +8. James (1836-1904)



Second Generation

2. Patrick CONNELLY²⁴. Was born in 1823. He married Elizabeth Boxquette. They had 10 children together, four of those children were quadruplets who all died shortly after birth. The birth of quadruplets was quite a story at the time and was written up in the newspaper. Nothing much further is known of the family other than in 1868 their farm was put up for sale and they were leaving the area.



Michael Connelly. Photo provided courtesy of Jeanne Netherton.

3. Michael CONNELLY²⁵. Was born on September 12, 1824. He came to America in 1847, at the age of 23 and worked in a factory in Providence, Rhode Island. He married Catherine Nesbitt in East Greenwich, Rhode Island in 1849. In 1851 they moved to Chilton where they had a farm. He later built a store in Chilton. Catherine and Michael's 12 year old son John, was killed in an accident in 1864. Catherine died in 1866 at the age of 35, leaving Michael with four children. He later married Julia Tobin in Milwaukee in 1868. A women who was not well liked by his children or family.

In 1885, he moved from Chilton with Julia and his two sons and their families to Battle Creek, Nebraska. In 1901, he moved back to Chilton where he died a few months later in 1902.

4. Mary CONNELLY²⁶. Born in 1829. Married Patrick Harlowe in 1850 Rhode Island. Sometime later they moved to Chilton. Patrick died at 32, leaving Mary with five children. She returned to Rhode island where two of the children died. She came back to Chilton and married James Callahan. Together they had four children. She died in 1881 and is buried in St. Augustine Cemetery in Chilton. She is remembered for a beautiful sampler she made.

5. Winifred CONNELLY was about 16 years old (having been born circa 1831²⁷) when her parents made the decision to move the family to America. Her marriage to fellow Irish born Martin CAIN²⁸ (see *The Cain Family*) occurred about four years after her arrival in 'the colonies' on April 10, 1852.²⁹

Her existence came as a surprise to several Connelly researchers although not an unexpected one. The large age gap in the records between Michael and Bridget made it quite likely that there were some unknown children in between, it was just a matter of finding them.

Winifred's life was most likely a hard one, and definitely a short one. Living in a mill village would have been difficult, but at least some of her siblings stayed in Rhode Island, making the loss of their parents to Wisconsin easier to bear.

Winifred was only 32 when she died in childbirth in Centerville, Rhode Island July 12, 1863.³⁰ The child she was carrying also died. Two more sad statistics to the poor doctoring of the times.

Children (see *The Cain Family*):

- + John Paul (1852-1918)
- + Sarah (~1854-)
- + Winifred (~1856-)
- + Dennis (~1857-)
- + Julia (~1857-)
- + Amy (Ann) (1859-)
- + James (1861-)

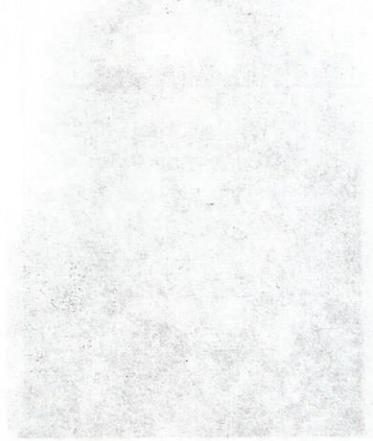
5. Brigid CONNELLY³¹. Is known to have been born in 1833 in Strokestown, Ireland as her baptismal record is found there. It is believed she died in Ireland.

6. Elizabeth CONNELLY³². Born in 1834, in County Roscommon, Ireland. She was about 13 when the family came to Rhode Island. She married Owen Wade. Elizabeth and Owen moved to Chilton, Wisconsin, then to Waterloo, Iowa, and then finally to a farm southwest of Norfolk, Nebraska. They had 15 children,

the Connelly Family

ten of whom preceded Elizabeth in death. It is said of Elizabeth (Eliza) that she "carried a flask, swore, smoked a pipe and rode side-saddle." In her later years she was affectionately known to everyone as Grandma Wade.

7. James CONNELLY.³³ Born September 16, 1836, in Ballinafad, County Roscommon, Ireland. In 1847 at the age of 10 he came to America with his family. He married Margaret Higgins in 1859 in Chilton, Wisconsin. He signed up for the Civil War and was discharged in 1865. In 1870 he and his wife moved to Delwein, Iowa, then in 1884 they moved again to Norfolk and Battle Creek, Nebraska. He died December 28, 1904.



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Island.

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PIONEER OF CITY ANSWERS CALL

John P. Cain Succumbed to Paralysis Tuesday

Wife and Eight Children Survive—
Funeral Friday

John P. Cain, a pioneer resident of the city, answered his final summons Tuesday, just about noon, death occurring at his home on Smith avenue. For the past two years he had suffered with rheumatism and about ten months ago was stricken with paralysis.

Mr. Cain was born in Chilton, Wis., November 1, 1857, and when 19 years of age came to this city. He was married 43 years ago to Carrie Rose.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and eight children, George of Laona, Harry of Milwaukee, Mrs. V. H. John of Crandon, Milton with the Rainbow Division in France, and William, James, Bert and Mrs. Frank Ronssean of Oconto.

The funeral will be held Friday morning from St. Peter's church, Rev. Fr. Looze to officiate, and his remains will be interred in Catholic cemetery.

One of Oldest Residents Dies



Mrs. John P. Cain, 94, resident of Oconto for more than three-quarters of a century, died Monday morning in the Oconto hospital where she had been a patient for the past two weeks. She had been ill for more than a year.

The former Carrie Rosa was born in Montreal, Canada, April 16, 1858 and came to Oconto at the age of 13. She was married to John P. Cain who preceded her in death in 1918. For the past eight years she made her home with Mrs. Theodore Carriveau, Smith-av. She was a member of St. Ann's society and the Equitable Reserve association.

The body was taken to the MacQueen chapel where it lay in state until Wednesday morning when it was removed to St. Peter's Catholic church where funeral services were conducted at 9 o'clock. Rev. Felix Van Drisse officiated and burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

Survivors are four sons, Harry of Waukesha, William of Portland, Ore., and Bert and Mayor Milton Cain of Oconto, and two daughters, Mrs. V. H. John of Oconto and Mrs. Frank Rousseau of Milwaukee. Also surviving are 19 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

James and Maude Family Tree Index:

- 1.) James and Maude (Light Blue)
- 2.) Orville J. Cain (Green)
- 3.) Irene W. Cain (Purple)
- 4.) Harold B. Cain (Yellow)
- 5.) Ida Mae Cain (Pink)
- 6.) Roberts S. Cain (Brown)
- 7.) Charlotte M. Cain (Blue)
- 8.) John W. Cain (Red)
- 9.) Clarence V. Cain (Orange)

James
Orville
Cain

James Orville Cain

Son of John Paul Cain and Clarissa (Carrie) Ann (Rosa) Cain

1857-1918

1858-1952

Born	August 9, 1889	Oconto, Wisconsin
Died	February 13, 1946	Oconto, Wisconsin
Buried	Evergreen cemetery	Oconto, Wisconsin
Cause of Death	Hit by a car	
Age at Time of Death	57	
Married	January 17, 1910	Menominee, Michigan
To	Maude Eleanor Anderson: Daughter of; Mathis G. Anderson 1869-1956 and Charlotte (Human) 1870-1948	
Born	August 12, 1891	Oconto, Wisconsin
Died	January 14, 1981	Oconto, Wisconsin
Buried	Evergreen Cemetery	Oconto, Wisconsin
Cause of Death	Natural Cause	
Age at Time of Death	90	
Children	1. Orville James Cain March 9, 1910 - September 3, 1963	
	2. Irene W. Cain December 24, 1911 - November 30, 2011	
	3. Harold Burton Cain April 2, 1914 - August 8, 2007	
	4. Ida Mae Cain September 23, 1916 - April 2, 2009	
	5. Robert S. Cain December 9, 1921- September 30, 2011	
	6. Charlotte M. Cain June 21, 1924 – July 17, 2011	
	7. John William Cain December 29, 1926 -	
	8. Clarence V. Cain July 24, 1929 - October 28, 2016	

Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952

Name: James Cain

Gender: Male

Race: White

Birth Year: abt 1889

Birth Place: Wisconsin

Marriage Date: 17 Jan 1910

Marriage Place: Menominee, Menominee,
Michigan, USA

Age: 21

Residence Place: Oconto

Father: John Cain

Spouse: Maude Anderson

Record Number: 18

Film: 103

Film Description: 1910 Lenawee - 1910 St Clair

Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952

To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan
 Return of Marriages in the County of Macomb
 for the Quarter Ending March 31st A. D. 1968

Record Number	Date of Marriage	Day	Year	Full Name of Marriagee at Birth, and Maiden Name at Birth, if Different	Age at Marriage	Sex	Residence of Each	Height of Each	Complexion of Each	Maiden Name of Each	Parent or Other Name of Each	Maiden Name of Mother at Birth	Name of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Official Position of Person by Whom Performed	Book	Reference to Marriage
16	Jan 16	1968	24	John J. D. Harris Robert S. Doyle	27	M	Macomb, Mich. Macomb, Mich.	5'10" 5'8"	Average Slight	None None	Donald Charles Michael J. Doyle	None None	Macomb, Mich.	Macomb, Mich.	J. Popert Earl Chick	Book 1 Page 123	Macomb, Mich.
17	Jan 17	1968	23	Paul R. H. Jones Vanda Jones	26	F	Macomb, Mich. Macomb, Mich.	5'6" 5'4"	Average Slight	None None	Henry Jones Mary Jones	None None	Macomb, Mich.	Macomb, Mich.	John E. Long John E. Long	Book 1 Page 124	Macomb, Mich.
18	Jan 18	1968	21	James E. Jones Maudie Jones	18	F	Macomb, Mich. Macomb, Mich.	5'4" 5'2"	Average Slight	None None	John E. Jones Maudie Jones	None None	Macomb, Mich.	Macomb, Mich.	John E. Long John E. Long	Book 1 Page 125	Macomb, Mich.
19	Jan 19	1968	47	John W. Jones Mary Jones	45	F	Macomb, Mich. Macomb, Mich.	5'8" 5'6"	Average Slight	None None	John W. Jones Mary Jones	None None	Macomb, Mich.	Macomb, Mich.	John E. Long John E. Long	Book 1 Page 126	Macomb, Mich.
20	Jan 20	1968	21	John E. Jones Mary Jones	19	F	Macomb, Mich. Macomb, Mich.	5'6" 5'4"	Average Slight	None None	John E. Jones Mary Jones	None None	Macomb, Mich.	Macomb, Mich.	John E. Long John E. Long	Book 1 Page 127	Macomb, Mich.
21	Jan 21	1968	22	John E. Jones Mary Jones	22	F	Macomb, Mich. Macomb, Mich.	5'6" 5'4"	Average Slight	None None	John E. Jones Mary Jones	None None	Macomb, Mich.	Macomb, Mich.	John E. Long John E. Long	Book 1 Page 128	Macomb, Mich.
22	Jan 22	1968	22	John E. Jones Mary Jones	22	F	Macomb, Mich. Macomb, Mich.	5'6" 5'4"	Average Slight	None None	John E. Jones Mary Jones	None None	Macomb, Mich.	Macomb, Mich.	John E. Long John E. Long	Book 1 Page 129	Macomb, Mich.
23	Jan 23	1968	24	John E. Jones Mary Jones	24	F	Macomb, Mich. Macomb, Mich.	5'6" 5'4"	Average Slight	None None	John E. Jones Mary Jones	None None	Macomb, Mich.	Macomb, Mich.	John E. Long John E. Long	Book 1 Page 130	Macomb, Mich.
24	Jan 24	1968	20	John E. Jones Mary Jones	20	F	Macomb, Mich. Macomb, Mich.	5'6" 5'4"	Average Slight	None None	John E. Jones Mary Jones	None None	Macomb, Mich.	Macomb, Mich.	John E. Long John E. Long	Book 1 Page 131	Macomb, Mich.
25	Jan 25	1968	29	John E. Jones Mary Jones	29	F	Macomb, Mich. Macomb, Mich.	5'6" 5'4"	Average Slight	None None	John E. Jones Mary Jones	None None	Macomb, Mich.	Macomb, Mich.	John E. Long John E. Long	Book 1 Page 132	Macomb, Mich.
26	Jan 26	1968	31	John E. Jones Mary Jones	31	F	Macomb, Mich. Macomb, Mich.	5'6" 5'4"	Average Slight	None None	John E. Jones Mary Jones	None None	Macomb, Mich.	Macomb, Mich.	John E. Long John E. Long	Book 1 Page 133	Macomb, Mich.
27	Jan 27	1968	36	John E. Jones Mary Jones	36	F	Macomb, Mich. Macomb, Mich.	5'6" 5'4"	Average Slight	None None	John E. Jones Mary Jones	None None	Macomb, Mich.	Macomb, Mich.	John E. Long John E. Long	Book 1 Page 134	Macomb, Mich.
28	Jan 28	1968	21	John E. Jones Mary Jones	21	F	Macomb, Mich. Macomb, Mich.	5'6" 5'4"	Average Slight	None None	John E. Jones Mary Jones	None None	Macomb, Mich.	Macomb, Mich.	John E. Long John E. Long	Book 1 Page 135	Macomb, Mich.
29	Jan 29	1968	20	John E. Jones Mary Jones	20	F	Macomb, Mich. Macomb, Mich.	5'6" 5'4"	Average Slight	None None	John E. Jones Mary Jones	None None	Macomb, Mich.	Macomb, Mich.	John E. Long John E. Long	Book 1 Page 136	Macomb, Mich.
30	Jan 30	1968	43	John E. Jones Mary Jones	43	F	Macomb, Mich. Macomb, Mich.	5'6" 5'4"	Average Slight	None None	John E. Jones Mary Jones	None None	Macomb, Mich.	Macomb, Mich.	John E. Long John E. Long	Book 1 Page 137	Macomb, Mich.

I hereby certify that the above Return of Marriages is a correct copy of the original records on file in the office of the Secretary of State of Michigan.

Secretary of State

1968 Jan 31

Transcript from the Records of this Office.

James Cain Fatally Injured Last Night In Auto Accident

Local Man Dies in Oconto
Hospital After Being
Struck by Car Driven by
Green Bay Man on Smith
Avenue

Oconto's first traffic fatality of 1946 occurred last night when James Cain, Gale street, died in the Oconto hospital after being struck on Smith avenue between McDonald and Gale streets as he was returning home for supper about 8:15 yesterday evening.

Cain sustained a fractured leg, and shoulder, numerous cuts and bruises, internal injuries and a possible skull fracture when struck by a car driven by Clarence J. Casper, Green Bay, who was traveling south on highway 41. He was immediately taken to the Oconto hospital in the Sheffield ambulance and died there at 10 o'clock without recovering consciousness.

Casper, who is an adjuster for the Western Insurance Adjustment Company, was returning from Marinette when the accident occurred. He said he had just passed under the light at McDonald street and was right on top of Cain before he noticed him walking in the road. He immediately stopped and remained at the scene until Police Chief Art O'Neil arrived.

A coroner's jury is being impanelled today, and inquest on details of the accident will be held later this week. Coroner William Gallagher said this morning. Arrangements for funeral services have not yet been completed.

James Cain was 56 years of age at the time of death, and had been a resident of Oconto nearly all his life. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Maude Cain, five sons, Orville of Milwaukee, Robert of Ripon, John, now in the South Pacific serving with the U. S. Navy, and Harold and Clarence of Oconto, and three daughters, Mrs. Clarence Steinhaus of Oconto, Mrs. Roland McDowell of Denmark, and Charlotte at home. Other survivors include nine grandchildren, his mother, Mrs. Carrie Cain of Oconto, and four brothers and two sisters, Bert and Milton of Oconto, Harry of Baraboo, William of Portland, Oregon, Mrs. Frank Rousseau (Mildred) of Milwaukee and Mrs. V. H. Johns of Watono.

Mrs. Maude Cain

Mrs. Maude Cain, 89, 705 Gale-st, Oconto, died Wednesday at the Riverside nursing home in Oconto.

She was born Aug. 12, 1891 in Oconto and was a lifetime resident. The former Maude Anderson married James Cain. He preceded her in death on Feb. 14, 1946. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic church, St. Anne Society and Royal Neighbors of America.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Clarence (Irene) Steinhaus of Oconto, Mrs. Raymond (Ida Mae) Hicks and Mrs. Omar (Charlotte) Kelm, both of Green Bay; four sons, Harold and Robert of Oconto, John of Maribel and Clarence of Green Bay; one sister, Mrs. Mae Collister of Green Bay, 31 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death

by one son, Orville, and one sister.

Friends called at the Gallagher-Pinkart funeral home where the Royal Neighbors of America conducted services. Funeral services were held Friday at St. Joseph's Catholic church, the Reverend Robert Karuhn officiating. Burial in Evergreen cemetery.

Orville
James
Cain

Orville Cain

OCONTO — Orville Cain, 53; 4459 Oakland Ave., Milwaukee, died Tuesday in a Milwaukee hospital after a lengthy illness. Born March 9, 1910, in Oconto, he resided in Green Bay before moving to Milwaukee 27 years ago. Mr. Cain was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors are his wife, Lorraine; his mother, Mrs. Maude Cain, Oconto; three sisters, Mrs. Clarence (Irene) Steinhilber, Oconto; Mrs. Roland (Ida Mae) McDowell, Oconto; Mrs. Omar (Charlotte) Kelm, Green Bay; four brothers, Harold and Robert, both of Oconto; John and Clarence, both of Green Bay.

Friends may call at Gallagher Funeral Home, Oconto, after 3 p.m. Friday. The Litany of the Dead will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark Episcopal Church, Oconto, with the Rev. Albert Hillestad in charge. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Funeral Services

Lorraine Cain

Lorraine Cain, 82, a Green Bay resident, died Thursday, December 1, 1994 at a local nursing home. She was born on August 16, 1912 in Green Bay to the late Antoine and Victoria (Martin) Leurquin. Lorraine married Orville J. Cain. He preceded her in death. She was employed by General Motors in Milwaukee until her retirement in 1972, when she moved to Green Bay. Lorraine was a member of St. Bernard Parish.

Survivors include three sisters-in-law, Ida Mae Wicks, Charlotte Kelm and Irene Steinhaus, all of Green Bay; four brothers-in-law and their spouses, Robert Cain, Oconto; Harold (Margaret) Cain, Oconto; Clarence (Darlene) Cain, Crivitz; John (Ethel) Cain, Mariabel; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by seven sisters, Marv Balza, Adole

Doust, Ceil Mathys, Jenny Boncher, Caroline (Ronsman) Watzka, Emma Watzka and Irene Jaklin and one brother, Jerry Leurquin.

Friends may call at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Saturday, from 10 a.m. until service. Mass of Christian Burial 11 a.m. with the Rev. John Bergstadt officiating. Entombment at the Allouez Chapel Mausoleum.

A special thanks to the staff of Parkview Manor Nursing Center, Dr. Bachhuber and the Rev. John Bergstadt for their care and concern.

Irene
W.
Cain

James and Maude Family Tree Index:

Irene Cain Family

1. Patricia Steinhaus (Orange)
2. Richard Steinhaus (Red)
3. William Steinhaus (Purple)
4. Cynthia Steinhaus (Green)

Patricia
Steinhaus

Richard
Steinhaus

William
Steinhaus

Cynthia
Steinhaus

Harold
Burton
Cain

James and Maude Family Tree Index:

Harold Cain Family

1. Leland Cain (Light Blue)
2. David Cain (Orange)
3. Jean Cain (Pink)
4. Carol Cain (Yellow)
5. Dennis Cain (Green)
6. Mary Jane (Red)
7. Betty Cain (Purple)

Leland
Cain

David
Cain

Jean
Cain

Carol
Cain

Dennis
Cain

Mary Jane
Cain

Betty
Cain

Ida
Mae
Cain

James and Maude Family Tree Index:

Ida Mae Cain Family

1. John (Jack) McDowell (Blue)

John (Jack)
McDowell

Robert
Samuel
Cain

Robert Samuel Cain(1921 - 2011)

Robert Samuel Cain, lifetime resident of Oconto, died peacefully at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, on Sept. 30, 2011. Robert was born Dec. 9, 1921, in Oconto, to the late James and Maude (Anderson) Cain. He attended Jefferson School and graduated from Oconto High School in 1940. He also worked at the A & P Stores in Oconto, Green Bay and Marinette. Bob attended the **University of Wisconsin** in Madison until he joined the United States **Army**. He served for three years and eight months in England and France as a Technical Sargent. Bob attended Ripon College, George William College in Chicago, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from Oshkosh State College. After teaching elementary

school for five years, Bob attended a Benedictine Monastery for a time. He moved back to Oconto to the house he had grown up in, next to his brother, Harold, and his family and spent many years taking care of his mother, Gram Cain. He later retired to Bay Shore Pines in Oconto.

Bob enjoyed reading, playing piano, gardening and spending time with his family and praying.

Robert is survived by a sister, Irene Steinhaus; two brothers, Clarence "Dude" Cain and John Cain; and many nieces and nephews who dearly loved their "Uncle Bob".

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Maude Cain; two sisters, Ida Mae Wicks and Charlotte Kelm; two brothers, Harold Cain and Orville Cain.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Oconto, from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Joel Sember officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery. The Gallagher Funeral Home, Oconto, is assisting the family. Online condolences may be expressed at www.gallagherfuneralhome.net.

The family wishes to extend special thanks to the staff of Bellin Hospital, Heartland Hospice, Unity Hospice, and Bay Shore Pines for their wonderful care.

Funeral Home**Gallagher Funeral Home**

217 Congress St Oconto, WI 54153
920-834-3000

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Charlotte
M.
Cain

James and Maude Family Tree Index:

Charlotte Cain Family

1. John Tappa (Red)
2. Jean Kelm (Green)
3. Sandy Kelm (Light Blue)
4. Carrol Kelm (Purple)

John
Tappa

John Robert Tappa

Son of Donald and Charlotte (Cain) Tappa

Born	August 25, 1945	
Died	March 20, 1994	
Buried	Evergreen Cemetery	Oconto, Wisconsin
Cause of Death	Cancer	
Age at Time of Death	48	
Married	January 1964 and (remarried) August 25, 1969	
To	Barbara Jane Blozinski	
Born	November 27, 1946	
Died		
Buried		
Cause of Death		
Age at Time of Death		
Children	1. John David Tappa	July 29, 1964
	2. Shelly Marie Tappa	November 2, 1965
	3. Terri Ann Tappa	March 14, 1967
Divorced		
Married		
To	Sharon Griebeler	
Children	1. Stephanie Calewarts	
Died		
Buried		
Age at Death		
Cause of Death		

Jean
Marie
Kelm

Sandy
Ann
Kelm

Carrol
Sue
Kelm

John
W.
Cain

John William Cain Sr.

Son of James and Maude (Anderson) Cain

Born	December 29, 1926	Oconto, Wisconsin
Died		
Buried		
Cause of Death		
Age at Time of Death		
Married	July 14, 1951	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
To	Ethel Mae Kuehl: Daughter of; George Kuehl 1895-1989 and Theresa Hilger's 1904-1973	
Born	December 3, 1931	Milladore, Wisconsin
Died	September 29, 2013	Maribel, Wisconsin
Buried	Evergreen Cemetery	Oconto, Wisconsin
Cause of Death	Cancer	
Age at Time of Death	81	
Children	1. Candis Leah Cain	November 4, 1952
	2. Kathleen Eleanor Cain	July 29, 1954
	3. John William Cain Jr.	June 29, 1955
	4. Jeffery Walker Cain	July 29, 1956
	5. James Robert Cain	April 28, 1958
	6. Jerome Patrick Cain	May 2, 1959
	7. Jason Jay Cain	April 26, 1960
	8. Melody Joy Cain	December 23, 1961
	9. Joel George Cain	December 2, 1962
	10. Jed Kenneth Cain	December 23, 1963
	11. Shawn Marie Cain	January 9, 1965
	12. Jesse Tait Cain	August 29, 1968
	13. Colleen June Cain	November 9, 1969

John & Ethel Family Tree Book

1. Candis L. Cain (Green)
2. Kathleen E. Cain (Light Blue)
3. John W. Cain Jr. (Orange)
4. Jeffery W. Cain (Blue)
5. James R. Cain (Brown)
6. Jerome P. Cain (Red)
7. Jason J. Cain (Yellow)
8. Melody J. Cain (Pink)
9. Joel G. Cain (Green)
10. Jed K. Cain (Light Blue)
11. Shawn M. Cain (Orange)
12. Jesse T. Cain (Blue)
13. Colleen J. Cain (Purple)

Candis
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Cain Jr.

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Cain

Jerome
Patrick
Cain

Jason
Jay
Cain

Melody
Joy
Cain

Joel
George
Cain

Jed
Kenneth
Cain

Shawn
Marie
Cain

Jesse
Tait
Cain

Colleen
June
Cain

Clarence

v.

Cain

Clarence (Dude) V. Cain

Son of James and Maude (Anderson) Cain

Born	July 24, 1929	Oconto, Wisconsin
Died	October 28, 2016	Green Bay, Wisconsin
Buried	Fort Howard Cemetery	Green Bay Wisconsin
Cause of Death		
Age at Time of Death	87	
Married		
To	Dorothy Eckes	
Born	N/A	
Died		
Buried		
Age At Death		
Children	1. Debra Walls Matusyak	
	2. Steve Walls	
	3. Baby Girl	1957 -1957
Divorced:	N/A	
Married:	September 2, 1967	Howard, Wisconsin
To:	Darlene Westcott	Oconto, Wisconsin
Born:	July 31, 1930	Oconto, Wisconsin
Died:	June 22, 2004	Green Bay, Wisconsin
Age at Death:	73	
Buried:	Fort Howard Memorial Park	Green Bay, Wisconsin
Children:	No Children	

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C.V. "Dude" (Clarence) Cain

(July 24, 1929 - October 28, 2016)

C.V. "Dude" (Clarence) Cain, 87, Green Bay, passed away, Friday, October 28, 2016. He was born on July 24, 1929, to James and Maude (Anderson) Cain.



Dude was proud of his service in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Edisto (Ice Breaker) and USS Taluga (Tanker). His military service also included the U.S. Air Force. Dude was a lifelong painting professional, self-employed as C.V. Cain Painting. He enjoyed telling his life stories about the Navy, his world travels, and his many painting experiences.

Dude is survived by his brother, John W. Cain, Sr.; his special friends, Hannah Alt, Jasmine R.; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene; his parents, James and Maude; and six of his brothers and sisters.

Friends may call at Blaney Funeral Home, 1521 Shawano Ave, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Monday. Military Honors will follow the visitation at 6:30 Monday at the funeral home. Burial will take place in Fort Howard Memorial Park. To send online condolences please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staffs of both Unity Hospice and St. Vincent Hospital for all their compassion and caregiving.