

## St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Tama, Iowa 2025 Self-Guided Tour



**St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery main gate circa Memorial Day 2012**

### **Regarding the tour and the program handout.**

For the tour, there are small flags placed in the center part of the cemetery with numbers that correspond to this handout's subjects. The subjects are placed somewhat in a numerical order as you might drive through the cemetery. The hand out includes a map with each grave marked with the corresponding number.

**The numbered flags will be in place between July 2, 2025 and July 15, 2025 then taken down.**

If you cannot find the grave and have a smart phone or device, you can download the findagrave app free. Once installed, you must set up a user account. Once done, look for cemeteries and a map will come up, click on the St. Patrick's dot and it will bring up that cemetery where you can search the name you are looking for. We have set GPS coordinates for each of the subjects and if you click on the GPS coordinate for that person in the app on findagrave, it will show where you are in relationship to grave.

There is also an index in the back referencing the names used for this program and the page they are on.

Thank you to St. Patrick's Catholic Church for their diligence over the many years of keeping their history up to date. And we thank them for letting us using their beautiful and well-kept cemetery for this year's tour.

Sources used were records & family files at the Tama County Historical Society Museum's library, the subject's obituaries, published Tama County Histories, St. Patrick Catholic Church histories, local newspaper articles as well as some online family trees.

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See the next page for a St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery map.





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### A brief history of St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Tama, Iowa and the Catholic Churches in the Tama & Toledo, Iowa area.



**St Patrick's Catholic Cemetery's south main gate on Memorial Day 2012. The surrounding metal work is no longer in place.**

St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery is located on the east side of State Street between Tama & Toledo, Iowa and set in a beautiful location. Even though there were Catholic services in the early 1860's in Toledo, there was no specific Catholic burial ground in the immediate area for several years. If a family wished their loved one buried in a Catholic Cemetery, they were buried elsewhere such as Stayskal Cemetery in York Township in eastern Tama County.



**Stayskal Cemetery in York Township looking west from east side. Taken Memorial Day 2012. This is where many of the early Tama and Toledo Catholics were first buried.**

In 1863, the land for Stayskal was sold by Mary Boyer and early records noted that 5 acres

were conveyed to the Roman Catholic Church but there were no names on the deed relating to anyone from the Catholic Church such as the then Bishop John Hennessy of the Dubuque Diocese. No one is sure when or who the first burial was in Stayskal Cemetery.

One of the early churches built in Toledo, Iowa was a Catholic church. Services were organized in Spring 1859 by Father William Emonds who came up from his parish at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Iowa City, Iowa. At first, the area Catholics met in homes of their members. The first mass was held in William & Kate (Shrader) Roderig's home who are buried in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery. Early records have the surname as Roderick but his stone is inscribed as Roderig.



**Father William Emonds**

Father William Emonds was born in Bielefeld, Germany 13 Jun 1830 and ordained in Dubuque, Iowa 19 Dec 1852. As a pastor in Saint Mary's in Iowa City, he started many mission churches in eastern Iowa including the one in Toledo, Iowa. There is conflicting information regarding where they built the first Catholic church in Toledo. The 24 May 1956 *Tama News Herald* has some articles about St. Patrick's Church due to the celebration of Father Joseph R. **Goodman's** 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest. According to them, the first Catholic church in Tama & Toledo was built in 1864 at the corner of Ross and Main Street and it was named St. Boniface. However, in a book called *Century of Catholicity in Southwest Tama County, Iowa, 1864-1964*, it says the Toledo Catholic Church was located at the corner of Marshall and Main Street. There is also an article in the Cedar Rapid's

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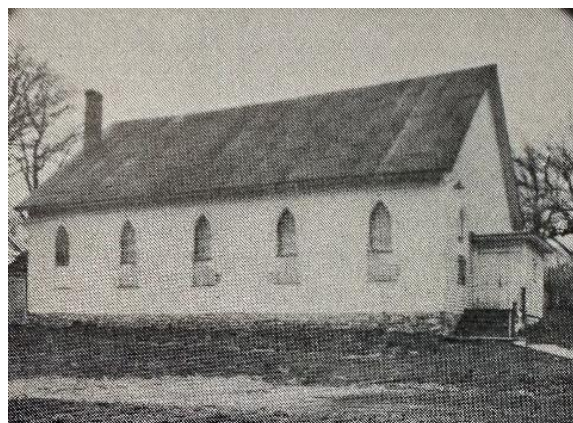
*Gazette* published 16 May 1964 about St Patrick's centennial, says that Father Emonds bought a plot in Toledo from William & Valeria A. (Ladow) Blodget on 30 Mar 1861.

St. Boniface, the Toledo Catholic Church, was built in 1864 and measured 20' x 30' and built on a stone foundation. It seated 125 and cost \$1,000 which included furnishings. In 1883, the membership was at 102. This parish closed several years after St. Patrick's in Tama was started. Then in 1902, the original Toledo Catholic Church building was sold to J.J. McMahon who was editor of the *Tama County Democrat* published in Toledo, Iowa. It is said that the building was moved and still in use somewhere in Toledo, Iowa.

Known early members of St. Boniface in Toledo (in alphabetical order) were; Mr. & Mrs. John Boyer, Adam & Mary Eva (Mathern) Brecht, Phillip & Mary (Hagerty) Enright, Mr. & Mrs. John Feeley, Dennis & Margaret (Sullivan) Haggerty (Hagerty), John & Mary (Shea) Haggerty (Hagerty), Mr. & Mrs. Jaquog, Mr. & Mrs. T. McDermott, Donald & Sarah (Dimond) McDonald, John, Joseph, & Anthony Menton (believe this should read Mathern), John Meyer, Dennis & Mary (Dermody) O'Connor, Mr. & Mrs. Anton Reusch, Max & Anna (Shrader) Reusch, William & Kate (Shrader) Roderick (should read Roderig), Madison & Margaret (Mathern) Schrader (Shrader), Mr. & Mrs. Sharey, and John & Elizabeth (Shumberger) Youngman. These names are from the *History of Tama County*, published by Union Publishing Company of Springfield, IL in 1883 and on pages 1049-1050 but I added the name of the wife and her maiden name if available.

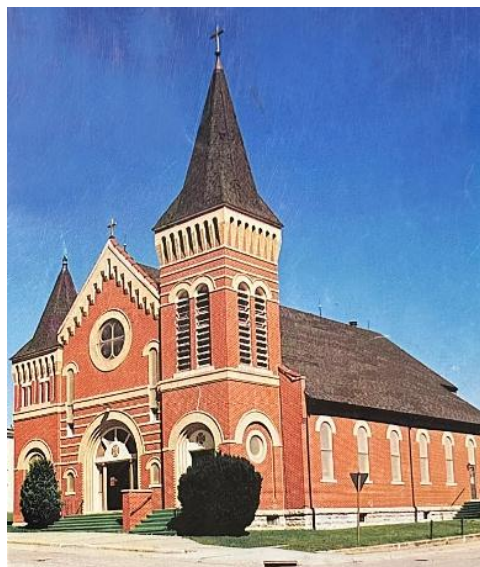
Eventually with the advent of the growth of the railroad in Tama and other industry, a Catholic Church was started in Tama. Around 1875 a church building was built on the NE corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Oswego Streets. Father Charles **McCabe** was the first resident priest at that time.

Evidently at one time, the Toledo Church was considered the "German" one and Tama's considered the "Irish" one.



**Original St Patrick's Catholic Church in Tama. It was located where the 1900 church was later built and still standing.**

The original Tama Catholic Church building was moved to an area by the Catholic School then called St. Mary's Catholic School, also called St. Mary's Academy, to make way for a new and larger church. The original church was used as an auditorium and called Carroll Hall for Father Patrick J. Carroll.



**Former St Patrick's Catholic Church built in 1900 at 600 Oswego Street in Tama, Iowa. Looking northeast.**

The new St. Patrick's Catholic Church was built on the same northeast corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Oswego around 1900. It cost \$20,000. It is still



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standing and was sold recently to become a private school.

Recently, a new St. Patrick's Catholic Church was built at 900 Park Street in Tama, Iowa and attached to former St. Patrick's Catholic School. It is also a beautiful church in a beautiful area.



**St Mary's Academy, Tama, Iowa. From northeast looking southwest. Approximately in area of what is 705 Park Street-**

As for the Catholic school, it was first located on the west side of Park Street at about 705-711 Park Street. The buildings were demolished after the school moved to its new building at 900 Park Street.

After a successful fundraising effort, a new school with a gymnasium/auditorium was built around 1959. The school closed in the 1960's but the building was remodeled when the new St. Patrick's Catholic Church was built and still in use today.



**St Patrick's Catholic School & Parish Center at 900 Park Street before new church was built. From southwest looking east/northwest to the east side.**

In the earlier years, there was also a rectory and convent on Oswego Street but they are now owned privately and used as residences. As for today, there is no longer a convent but there is a rectory on the property at Park and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets in Tama, Iowa.



**Former rectory at 606 Oswego Street, Tama. Looking northeast to the west and south side of the building.**



**Former convent at 708 Oswego Street, Tama. Looking to the west and north sides of the building.**



**Current St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Parish Center at 900 Park Street in Tama, Iowa. From southwest looking east/northwest to the east side.**

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Memorial Day 2012 SE of main gate, looking SE

As for the start of the St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, it did not begin until 1880. Up to that time, Tama & Toledo area Catholics were buried elsewhere and if they wanted a Catholic Cemetery, Stayskal Cemetery in York Township was one location. There are variations of how St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery came about from different sources. Basically, it was noted that when Mary Connell Whalen died in childbirth on 15 Feb 1878, one source states, "Her grave was prepared in the cemetery "over east" by friends of the family. However, when the funeral procession arrived for the grave-side services they found the gate barred. The men lifted the coffin over the fence and completed the burial rites." The other says, while her friends were digging her grave, "The caretaker appeared, protested the burial, and barred the gate. Not to be denied, they lifted the coffin over the fence and went ahead with the burial."

Evidently, bad feelings arose from this with the result of the start of St. Patrick's Cemetery. I cannot find any mention of this in the local newspapers so it could have come down to basic convenience. St. Patrick's Catholic Church was growing and their members wanted a cemetery to bury their family member closer to home.

In 1880, Mike **Brick**, Phillip **Enright**, John **Hagerty Sr.**, Thomas **Ribby**, Jerry **Sullivan**, and Pat **Whalen** bought where the original part of St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery is now located for \$200. All of them are buried in this cemetery.

For the next two years, John **Connell** along with Jerry and Mike **Sullivan**, did remove several

previous burials from the cemetery "over east" (Stayskal Cemetery) and re-buried them in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

While researching for this program, I did come across some articles noting that Michael Sullivan was a bit fond of alcohol. Kind of makes you wonder, was there were beverages involved in the moving of the remains from one place to another?

According to one source, they moved:

Dowd, Sarah, d 04 Apr 1871, age 54y, wf of Patrick

Egan, Rose, d 07 Oct 1876, age 31y

Hagerty, Mrs. Mary, d 08 Dec 1876

Hagerty, Nora E., d 09 Apr 1880, age 25y 8m 25d

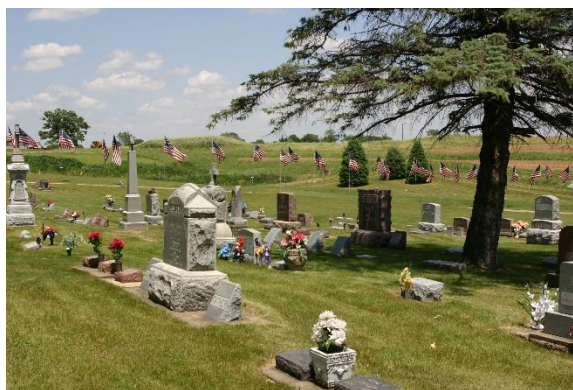
Kearney, John, d 05 Aug 1878, age 62y

Mathern, John; 28 Dec 1801 – 20 Jan 1880

McDermott, Richard, d 29 Feb 1876, age 50

Whalen, Mary E., wf of Patrick, d 15 Feb 1878, 34y 1m 9d.

There could have been more bodies moved but that is all that I could find.



Memorial Day 2012 east of main gate looking northeast.

The first burial in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery was John W. **Hagerty Jr.** who died on 14 Nov 1880. He was 22y 2m and the brother of Nora E. **Hagerty** who was one of the bodies later moved from Stayskal Cemetery to St. Patrick's Cemetery.

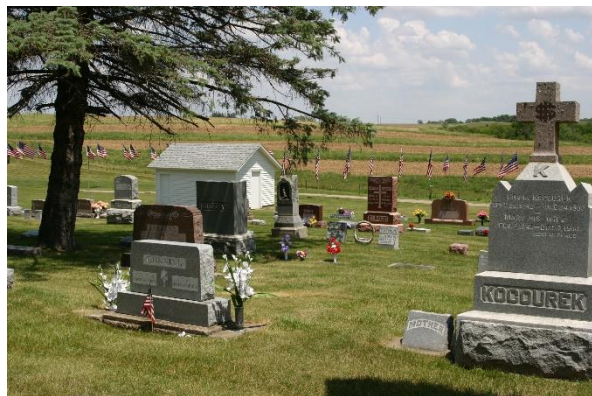
There are other Hagerty family members that might still be buried at Stayskal Cemetery such as Margaret Hagerty who died 22 Jun 1868 who is recorded in the WPA Cemetery Project during the



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Depression as being buried there as well as others.

As the years went on, additional property was bought and the cemetery was added onto with other improvements such as paving the drives. St. Patrick's Catholic Church are the caretakers of this cemetery and keeps all records pertaining to the burials. They provided a copy of their records of burials through 1987 to the Tama County Historical Society and family researchers are welcome to review this copy. As for the originals and subsequent burials, please contact St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Tama. Special thanks to Dan & Micki Ferris for helping in locating some graves. They currently oversee those records.



**In center sections looking east toward storage building. Taken May 2012.**

For the cemetery tour, we are featuring a cross section of the some of the earlier Catholic area families. For their grave locations, we placed numbered flags throughout the cemetery with numbers that correspond to this handout's subjects. The subjects are placed somewhat in a numerical order as you might drive or walk through the cemetery. The hand out includes a map on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page noting these numbered grave locations.

Thank you to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parish and Father Michael McAndrew for working with us and allowing the Tama County Historical and Genealogical Society to present this program featuring their cemetery. We hope you will enjoy your tour in this beautiful and well-kept cemetery.

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Next year our plans are to feature Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo, Iowa.



**St Patrick's Catholic Cemetery's south drive looking east during Memorial Day 2012.**

### **1 & 2 – William & Katherine (Shrader) Roderig**



Starting our tour, it is appropriate this is the first grave to stop at since their home was where the first mass was practiced in Toledo, Iowa. It was at the home of William & Katherine Roderig and mass was done by Father William Emonds. There is no stone for William but cemetery records show he is on the north side of his wife Katherine's grave pictured above. It is on the right of the main drive.

Several sources spell William's last name as Roderick but his burial record and his will give his surname as Roderig. William was born 8 Apr 1820 in Germany. He married Katherine Shrader in

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1858 in Toledo, Iowa. Katherine was born in 1825 in Germany.

Katherine came to the Toledo area in 1858. She had a brother Madison Shrader and a sister Anna Mary Reusch who also lived in Tama County. William worked as a laborer and at a shoe store in Toledo. William & Katherine did not have any children. A few years after William's death, she remarried John Smith. Both William & Katherine are buried at St. Patrick's. Her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband John Smith is buried at Crystal Cemetery north of Toledo.



**John Mathern & wife Appolonia (Kreber) Mathern**

### 3 – John & Appolonia Mathern Family



To the right of the William Roderig's and Katherine Smith's graves is another of the original St. Boniface's members then with St. Patrick's Catholic Churches. They were John Mathern and his wife Appolonia Marie (Kreber) Mathern. They came to United States from Alsace, France in the mid 1840's to Dresden, Muskingham Co., OH.

It appears they had 11 children; Anthony Andrew, Michael, Franklin Joseph, Catherine, Mary Eva, Sophia, twins Elizabeth & Mary Ann, Martha "Mattie" Evelyn, and Philomenia Mathern. John farmed in Dresden and sometime before 1860, came to Tama County and settled in Howard Township. They and their children families lived in Sections 18, 19, 29, & 30 that runs along the west side of Howard Township (250<sup>th</sup> & 260<sup>th</sup> streets along H Avenue).

John lived from 1801 to 1881 and Appolonia 1808 – 1888. Both are buried in St. Patrick's as well as their son Anthony and his first wife Francisca but in a different section. Anthony and Francisca are featured toward the end of the tour.



**Above is a picture of John & Appolonia's surviving Mathern children; front l-r is Mary Brecht, Anthony Andrew "Andy," & Martha E. Brecht. Back row l-r is Elizabeth Mechnig, Mary Ann Reiner, Joseph, Sophia Strohmeyer, & Philomenia Schwenk.**

### 4 – Puth Family



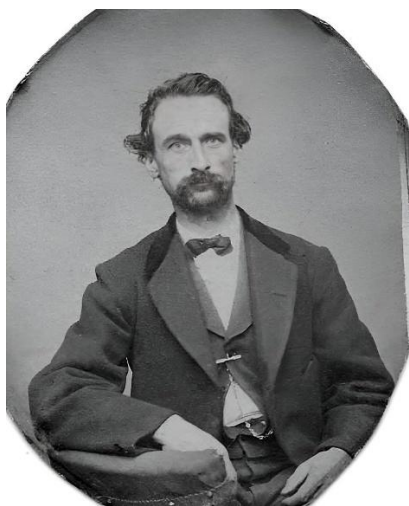
**Jodok & Mary Puth stone with son Phillip Puth's stone**

Further to the south about two lots, are Jodok & Mary (Bauer) Puth graves with son Anthony's to the left. Jodok, pictured on the left,



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was born in 30 Jan 1835 in Gappenach, Germany and immigrated to the United States. Mary Teresa Bauer was born 29 Jun 1844 in Bohemia. They were married in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin where there two of their children, Anton & Albert, were born. Their children were; Anton, Albert, August Joseph, Mary T. (married Joseph Svacina), Lucy A. (married Benjamin Weber), Elizabeth Ann (married to Charles Brooks), & Phillip A. Puth. Jodok died 6 Dec 1899 in Tama, Iowa and Mary died 1 May 1884 in Tama, Iowa.



Jodok Puth

### 5 & 21 – Tony and August Puth's graves



Anton "Tony" Puth and his brother August "A.J. aka "Bud" Puth were both long-time volunteer Tama firefighters. Both are honored at the Iowa Firefighters Memorial Wall in Coralville, Iowa.

Tony was featured in news articles in 1953 when he was the United States' oldest fireman at the age of 87 years! He joined the Tama fire department in 1882 and at age 87 years he had volunteered for 71 years. Tony died 15 May 1960 at 93.



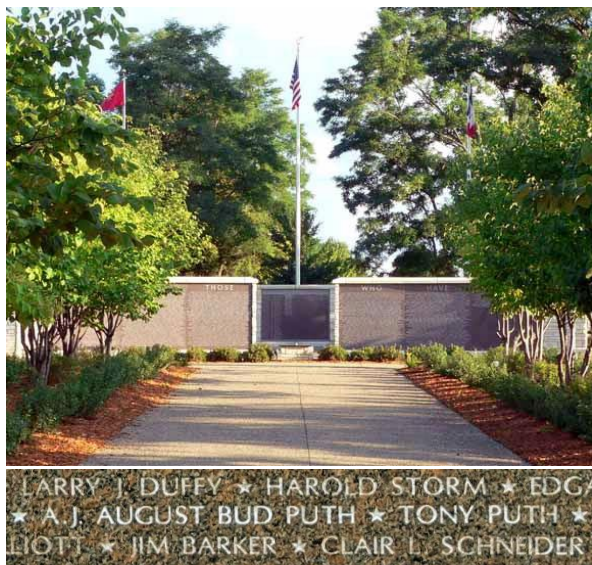
**Anthony "Tony" Puth dress Tama Fired Department fire uniform & hat that has Tama embroidered on it. The uniform is a dark green with dark red trim and gold braiding. It is hanging in the "Professionals Room" in the Tama County Historical Society's Museum in Toledo, Iowa.**

Tony never married but August, his brother, married Frances Margaret Carroll in 1901 and had several children; Donald, Helen (who died as an infant), L. Carroll, Ilene M (married Howard Sturdivan), Eshter Frances (married Don Groves), Erwin, Lucille E (married Joseph Videtich), and Mary Grace Puth (married Edward Pitkel).



**Brothers Anton "Tony" and August Puth**

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**Iowa Firefighters Memorial in Coralville, Iowa.**  
Below is a close-up of A.J.'s and Tony's inscribed name on Panel D, Line 40.



**August and Frances Puth's grave is towards the end of tour and flag.**

### 6 – Enright Family



Another early member of Toledo & Tama's Catholic churches was Phillip & Mary (Hagerty) Enright. They, as others in Tama County, came from Ireland settling in the Brandon, Vermont area. Then they moved to Jo Davies County, Illinois before coming to Tama County in early

1860. They settled in the Columbia Township area and raised their 10 children; Dennis, Margaret "Maggie", Mary, John P., Maurice, Anastasia, Nellie, Hanora "Nora", and Phillip Jr. Enright. Their grandson Dennis Edward Enright, died in WWI who will also be featured here but his buried elsewhere in the cemetery with his parents John P. & Mary (Doran) Enright.

### 7 – John Hagerty Sr.



John Hagerty Sr was noted earlier as one of the six who contributed to purchasing the land for the start for this cemetery. His son John Hagerty Jr was the first burial as noted in several sources. Their stone is pictured on the right and

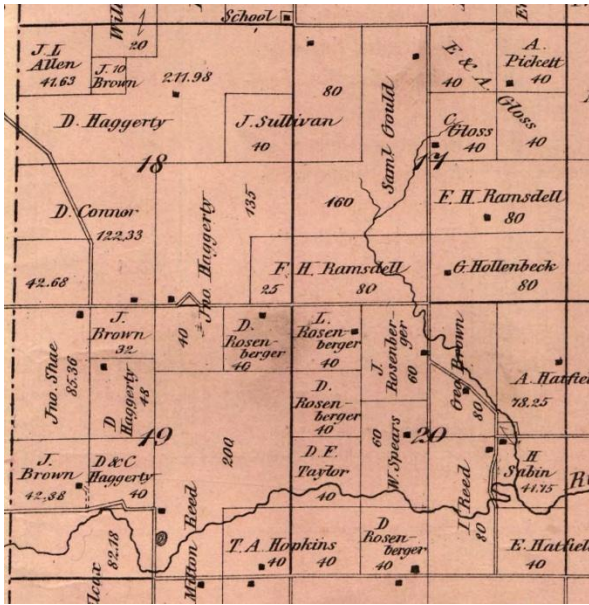
includes inscriptions for:

- John W. (south side), son of John & Mary (Shea) Hagerty
- Nora E. (south side), daughter of John & Mary (Shea) Hagerty
- Mary (north side), wife of John Hagerty Sr.
- John Sr. (west side)
- Cornelius (east side), son of John & Mary (Shea) Hagerty

The son, John Hagerty Jr., was born 14 Sep 1858 in Richland Township in Tama County to John & Mary (Shea) Hagerty. He died 14 Nov 1880 approximately 22 years old. His sister Nora died 9 Apr 1880 and she was buried first in Stayskal Cemetery and later moved to the new St Patrick's Catholic Cemetery where her brother was buried. John and Nora had six more siblings; Margaret, Mary who was married to Patrick Ryan, Daniel, Ella, Cornelius, and Anna Hagerty who was married to John Doran. Margaret died in 1868 and is recorded as buried in Stayskal Cemetery.



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**1875 Tama County Map of Richland Township  
with the Hagerty families living  
in Sections 18 & 19.**

As for their parents, John Hagarty Sr was born 1 Feb 1822 near Kenmare, County Kerry, Ireland to Daniel & Margaret (Sullivan) Hagerty. He married Mary Shea in 1846 in Ireland. They moved to Brandon, Rutland County, Vermont as did several others buried here at St. Patrick's. There they lived until coming to Tama County, Iowa in 1856 where they were recorded in the Iowa 1856 State Census living in Richland Township. Their children, Margaret and Mary were born in Brandon, VT and Hanora "Nora" was born in Illinois. The rest of their children starting with Daniel, were born in Richland Township.

John Sr died in 1910 and his wife Mary in 1894. Both are also buried in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery as are all their children except for Margaret who as noted before, is apparently still buried in Stayskal Cemetery.

## 8 – Dennis & Mary (Sullivan) Hagerty Family




**John Francis Hagerty lot. From left to right;  
Mary A. Moyer Hagerty 1856-1960, John F.  
Hagerty 1854-1919, Dennis Hagerty 1820-1884,  
Mary Sullivan Hagerty 1824-1868, Dennis  
Hagerty 1857-1926, & D.L. Hagerty 1888-1978.**

There is also a Dennis Hagerty born 1820 in Ireland buried at St Patrick's. Their family plot is pictured above. This Dennis died in 1884. He was married to Mary Sullivan. They had two sons; Dennis L. Hagerty and John Francis Hagerty who married Mary Enright. Their children were Margaret Marie who married James Duffy, Dennis L., John Phillip, and Mary who married Charles Mishek.

There are many Hagerty descendants living in this area and more Hagerty plots south of these featured Hagertys.

### 9 & 10 – Donald & Hugh McDonald



Donald was born 7 Oct 1829 in Banffshire, Scotland to James & Mary McDonald. Sarah was born 15 Aug 1837 in Ireland the daughter of William & Margaret (Kearney) Dimond. They married in 1866 in Portage, WI and had four children; Mary (married Huston Cooper), Hugh James, Sarah (married Martin Cooper) & Rosanna "Anna" McDonald (married John Ferry). Donald died in

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1907 and Sarah in 1912 and both are buried in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery as well as all their children.



The picture did not identify who was who, but based on age appearances; front l-r is Donald McDonald & daughter Rosanna. Back l-r is siblings Sarah, Hugh, Mary, and the mother Sarah Dimont McDonald.



Hugh McDonald, son of Donald & Sarah (Dimond) McDonald, was born in Indian Village Township in Tama County. He married Ella Florence Hamill 6 May 1903 in Tama. Their children were Donald Francis, Ethel Marie, James Hugh, Sarah Marjorie, and Vincent Patrick McDonald.



From left to right and probably near the time of the explosion is Hugh, Vincent, and Ella (Hamiel) McDonald.

Hugh is the only person who was killed in the 6 Jun 1936 gas explosion in the former Gambles store in downtown Tama and buried in the Tama area. Hugh and his youngest son Vincent were in the store when it happened. According to a news article, Hugh was standing by the front door and was completely covered by the debris and the last to be removed from the building. He was taken to St. Thomas Hospital in Marshalltown where he later died. Vincent had minor injuries.



South side of 100 block of W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street looking SE.

The explosion leveled the building that was located at on the south side of W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Tama. The buildings affected were near the area of the empty lot at the SE corner of W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & McClellan Street and east.



Gamble store debris from south side looking north about 131/133 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.



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Two other people died in the explosion Antonia Dorothea "Nina" (Nolta) Mooney buried in Clemons, Iowa and Lester Frank Haas who is buried in National Cemetery outside of Vining, Iowa. There several others injured, some severely. You can read articles about it at [tamacounty.advantage-preservation.com](http://tamacounty.advantage-preservation.com) where all newspapers available from Tama County, Iowa are digitized online from the Tama County Historical Society.



**South side of debris looking north to north side of 125/127 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.**

Robert "Bob" Walton, who was 9 years old at the time wrote an article about seeing the aftermath. He and his dad had just left the store and back in Toledo a few minutes later when they heard about the explosion. They went back to down and he writes about the devastation. You can find the article at: <https://www.tamatoledonews.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/2011/06/21/walton-had-just-left-when-tama-building-exploded/>

You can also find more pictures regarding the gas explosion in Tama at I Grew Up in Tama-Toledo County, IA Facebook group as well as more information at the Tama County Historical Society's Museum.

### 11 – Father Joseph Raphael Goodman



In 1951, Father Goodman became the pastor for St. Patrick's in Tama as well as for St. Boniface in Garwin.

He was well-known and active throughout the area and was with the parish for many years. He was instrumental in the construction of St. Patrick's Catholic School in Tama.

In 1964, he wrote a booklet entitled *Century of Catholicity in Southwest Tama County, Iowa*. It is an excellent outline of the history of the Catholic Church in our area and one of the sources for information for this program. The Tama County Historical Society has a copy for researchers to review.

Father Goodman retired in 1969 but continued to assist with Masses.



**Rev. Father Joseph Raphael Goodman**

He was born 5 Sep 1905 on a farm near State Center, Iowa to Joseph C. & Elizabeth (Westendorf) Goodman. He attended Loras Academy and Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. He died 15 Jul 1970 in Marshalltown, Iowa and is buried here at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery. He was survived by two brothers; Arthur Goodman and Vincent Goodman and two sisters; Sister M. Adaland and Julia Pille. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Elmer Goodman.

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There are two other priests buried in St. Patrick's; Father James P. Hamill (Flag 13) and Father Francis Mulligan (Flag 15). Both are buried in family plots and noted further in this program.

### 12 & 14 & 19 – Loftus Family

Flag 19 for John Loftus Sr is across the road to the north near the shed but his son's Ward's Flag 12 is next and further down the row going north is Flag 19 for John Jr.



**John Sr & Mary Jane Loftus graves.**

John J. Loftus, son of Martin & Ellen (McCormick) Loftus who were first of Ireland, then of Greene County, Iowa, was born in 1877 in Iowa City, Iowa. John married Mary Jane Lynch in 1896 in Greene County, Iowa. They moved to Tama, Iowa in 1905. He worked at agricultural implement business became a partner with Irving and Wesley Hardon creating the Hardon, Loftus & Hardon Implement business. It was located on State Street, south of the NW Railroad tracks on the west side. Approximately where Bear OK Tire Store is located today.

John & Mary had two children; John Joseph Jr and Ward Martin Loftus. Both John and Mary and their children were members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. John died in 1926 and Mary died in 1976, living to almost 101 years. Both they and their two sons are in this cemetery.



John Jr. was born in 1897 in Greene County, Iowa and attended St. Mary's Academy in Tama as well as Loras Academy in Dubuque, Iowa where he graduated. John married Arvilla E. Goodall on 5 Feb 1918 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Tama, Iowa. She was born in 1897 in Petersville, Iowa to Arthur & Alice (Aldrich) Goodall. She too went to St. Mary's Academy later graduating from Lady of Angels Catholic School in Clinton, Iowa.

John and Arvilla had 5 children; Mary Alice Yvonne who was born in 1918 and died in 1921 of diphtheria, Gloria Helen, John "Jack" Arthur, Richard Joseph, and Patrick Arthur Loftus.



John Jr, picture on the left, first started with working with the Chicago Northwestern Railway until 1932 then became an engineer with the Tama Paper Mill. He retired in 1968. However, about 1949, he and Arvilla bought 701 Siegel Street that was a house with an attached grocery store which they called Loftus Grocery. They lived in the house. John took over managing the business then and worked there until a few months before his death. Also, Arvilla's obituary notes that she was "very active in their grocery business" as well.

Also involved in working at the store was their daughter Gloria and her husband James B. Kirkaldy who born in New Jersey. Gloria was first married to Harold Yoergler and they had a son Harold "Corky" Yoergler Jr. They divorced. Gloria next married Harold McCall and they had twin daughters Patricia and Margaret.



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**701 Siegel Street looking from corner of 7<sup>th</sup> & Siegel looking northwest to the south and east sides of the buildings.**

Many of us who lived in the area and attended the school buildings near the store, have fond memories of "sneaking" off school property during the day to go to Loftus Grocery for a treat. After the school day was over, even more went there to get candy. Sad to say neither the house or the store remains since both were demolished. Good memories for many of us.

### LOFTUS GROCERY

DIAL 4-4040 FOR FREE DELIVERY

### SPECIALS

Wilsons Picnic Hams. . . . .	1b. 49c
Wilsons Thrift Bacon. . . . .	1b. 59c
Chopped Ham. . . . .	1b. 89c
Hen Turkeys. . . . .	1b. 39c
Long Horn Cheese. . . . .	1b. 79c
Velvetta Cheese. . . . .	2 lb. box 99c
Butter-nut Coffee. . . . .	2 lb. tin \$1.49
Pepsi. . . . .	.6 pack 49c
Wilsons Chili with beans - . . . .	15 oz. can 29c
Welch Grape Jelly . . . . .	.32 oz. jar 49c
Keeblers Cookies . . . . .	3 Pkgs. - \$1.00
Fudge sticks, Choc Chip, Oat meal, Raisin Bar, Fig Bar	
Bordens milk. . . . .	.gal. 89c
Strands Sandwich Bread. . . . .	loaf 29c
Crystal Park Grass Seed. . . . .	.5 lb. bag 99c
<b>BEER SPECIALS</b>	
Your choice of any 6 pack. . . . .	\$1.19
Storz. . . . .	12 pack \$1.59
Grain Belt. . . . .	12 pack \$1.89

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**Loftus Grocery advertisement from a *Tama News-Herald*, Tama, Iowa.**



John Sr. & Mary Loftus' 2dn son, Ward Martin Loftus, was born in 1908 in Tama, Iowa. He too attended St Mary's Academy and attended Loras Academy in Dubuque, Iowa then Loras College. He married Betty Ruth Garner in 1930. He worked at the Tama Paper Mill before enlisting in the US Navy during WWII. He came back to the Tama Paper Mill then later became the commandant of the Iowa Veteran's Home in Marshalltown. He and his family then moved to Marshalltown where they were active in St. Mary's Catholic Church.



**Ward and Betty (Garner) Loftus**

Ward & Betty had [four children; Mary Jo, John Douglas, William "Butch" Garner Loftus, & Lillian "Sue" Kay Loftus](#). Ward & Betty are buried at St. Patrick's in Tama.

### 13 – Father James Patrick Hamill



**Hamill Family plot with Father James stone.**

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FATHER JAMES HAMILL

Father James was born 27 Apr 1893 east of Tama, Iowa to Patrick H. & Mary Ann (Casey) Hamill. He died in a collision with a train in Dougherty, Iowa on 18 Apr 1945.

He graduated from Toledo High School and attended Loras College in Dubuque later completing his education for priesthood at St. Paul's Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

He served in Catholic churches, in Mason City, Parkersburg, Allison, Edgewood and Daugherty, Iowa.

He came from a large family. His parents Patrick & Mary Ann married in Brooklyn, Iowa at the Catholic church in 1881. They eventually settled in Otter Creek Township east of Tama and had 9 children. They were [Ella Florence](#), [Catherine D. "Katie"](#), [Mary Anne](#), [Thomas Michael](#), [Anna Agnes](#), [Margaret W.](#), [James Patrick](#), [Laura Rose](#), and [Joseph J. Hamill](#).



**Patrick & Mary Hamill's 8 of their 9 children. 1<sup>st</sup> row l-r; Margaret, Laura, Joseph, Anne, & Katie. Back row; James, Ella, & Thomas. Anna Agnes is missing from picture.**

James' sister Ella was married to Hugh McDonald who we just featured. James is buried with his parents and some siblings.

### 15 - Rt. Rev. Monsignor Francis Mulligan



**Daniel & Margaret (Ribby) Mulligan family plot**



Father Francis Mulligan was born 1 Jun 1896 in Traer, Iowa to Daniel & Margaret (Ribby) Mulligan. He

went to Loras College and took seminary training in Louvain, Belgium where he was ordained in 1919. He went on to do graduate work at the Catholic University in Washington DC and completed his doctorate in canon law in 1932 at the Gregorian University in Rome

He taught at Loras College, was the archdiocesan director of cemeteries and served as a member of the matrifocal court. He then became a pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Dubuque and received the title of Right Rev. Monsignor. After a lengthy illness, he died in Dubuque 25 Aug 1952 and is buried with his parents and family at Tama's St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery.

His parents Daniel Mulligan was born in 1856 in New York City to Patrick & Sarah (White) Sullivan. The family came to Tama when he was 6 years old. His father worked on the railroad and later started farming. Daniel married Margaret Ribby in 1881 in the first St. Patrick's church in Tama, Iowa. They farmed near Traer and later

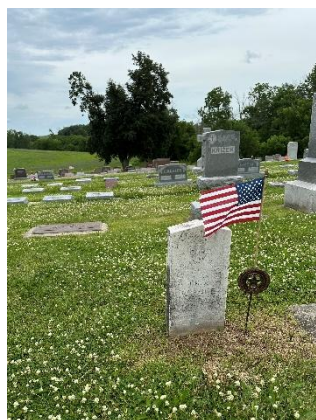


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bought a farm east of Tama on what was later called Lincoln Highway.

Daniel & Sarah had nine children; Ellen Gertrude, James Andrew, Harry Leo, Daniel Patrick, Mary Catherine, Francis, Clarence Thomas, Earl John, and Mildred Josephine Mulligan. Daniel and Margaret are buried in their plot at St. Patrick's as are his parents Patrick & Sarah Mulligan.

### 16 – Stephen & Catherine (Brannon) Whitty



Stephen is someone we are often asked about at the museum and usually around Memorial Day. He is one of the many veterans that has a flag put up every Memorial Day but, in his case, it is a Confederate flag.

Stephen Whitty was born in Ireland in 1840 and came to Savannah, Georgia in 1855. He enlisted in the Confederate Army and served until his capture at Kenesaw Mountain and was a POW until the end of the war. During the war he went from a Private to Full Corporal 3rd Class. He was with the Georgia Inf, Co A, Unit 1

He married Catherine Brannon/Brennan 4 Nov 1865 in Savannah. She was the daughter of John & Ann (Grady) Brannan of County Sligo, Ireland and born in 1846 in Savannah, Georgia according to her obituary. In 1865 he was recorded as a City Policeman in Savannah.

Stephen & Catherine came to Clinton, Iowa in 1871 and as so many who came to Iowa, worked on the railroad. They were in that area until around 1881, when they moved to Tama, Iowa. He worked for the Chicago & Northwestern for 34 years according to his obituary retiring with a pension.



Stephen & Catherine had several children; Anna Cecilia (m William Collins), Mary Ellen (m Thomas Keefe), Catherine "Katie" (m John Geshner), Agnes C (m Daniel Young), Alice, Rose (m Peter Kearns), Maggie (stillborn), Nell V (m Charles Jayne), and Esther "Essie" (m Frank Gerome). There was another son John "Johnny"

who died at 3 years of age of scarlet fever.



On Stephen's memorial on findagrave.com, it notes that "the girls fell in love with a boy on the orphan train platform so Stephen and Catherine adopted Edwin Charles Whitty who was born 20 Sep 1886 in NY.

Catherine died in 1901 in Tama. Stephen died at his daughter May Ellen Keefe's home in Eagle Grove in 1906. His obituary notes even though he had served in the Confederate Army, he was thoroughly "reconstructed" and fraternized with the veterans of the Union Army. The local T.F. Bradford Grand Army of the Republic Post #24 escorted his remains to the home of William Conn and attended his funeral and burial the following day "and paid the last tribute of respect to one who had been an enemy in time of war and a friend in the later days of peace." from [tamacounty.advantage-preservation.com](http://tamacounty.advantage-preservation.com).

In 2003, there was a dedication for his grave done by the Iowa Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans & Reenactors. To read about this news story and more about Stephen, please go to his findagrave memorial at: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/13204925/stephen-whitty>

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Photo by John Speer taken of volleys fired for dedication for Stehen Whitty.

### 17 – George W. Youngman and parents

### 20 – John W and Elizabeth (Mecka) Youngman

The first grave of the Youngman's is George W. & Elizabeth Youngman. His parent's graves are to the north later in the tour.

The Youngman family were some of the earliest settlers of Tama County, Iowa. John Youngman was born in Alsace, France as were several other families that settled in Tama, Iowa area including the Mathern family. His parents were George W. & Elizabeth (Mecka) Youngman. According to a history of the Youngman family printed in the 1883 History of Tama County, John's father, George W., was a general under Napoleon and later Louis Philipe. He lived until 1862 living until he was 127 years old. He was reportedly a giant, standing 6' 11" tall.

When John W. died in 1911, he was 100 and the oldest man in Tama County. His pallbearers included his five living sons and his son-in-law William Walz.

Growing up, he followed in his father's footsteps by attending cadet & military schools and in 1832 entered the service until about 1846. He enlisted under Lafayette but came to New York and became a member of the United States military and raved fought in the Mexican War. After the war, his obituary notes he visited all the states in the US, 22 at the time. In Greenfield, Ohio he married Elizabeth Shumberger who was born in Bavaria to George S. & Eva (Hop) Schumberger. There are several spellings of the Shumberger name.

John taught school in Greenville then in Pittsburg. John came to Tama County in 1852 settling in Otter Creek Township east of what is now Tama, Iowa but shortly after went to Rock Island and lived for two years working in a jewelry store. He came back to Otter Creek Township with his family living on the farm until 1875. He built a building in Toledo and opened a mercantile business retiring in 1882.

John & Elizabeth had 9 children; John E. (d at 13y), James L., Mary Elizabeth (m Sylvester Aldrich), George Washington, Margaret M. (m William Walz), Leon M., Raymond Thomas, & Lee Max (died at 1y 2m) Youngman. Both John and Leon are buried in Stayskal Cemetery in York Township in Tama County, Iowa.



John & Elizabeth Youngman monument and John W Youngman.



George W. & Elizabeth (Weber) Youngman



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John's one son George Washington Youngman (**Flag 20**) was born in Otter Creek Township in 1859. He married Elizabeth Weber born in 1857 in Henderson County, IL to Jacob & Walberga (Shadel) Weber. Both Jacob Weber and George Youngman built homes at 1107 and 1115 McClellan Street.

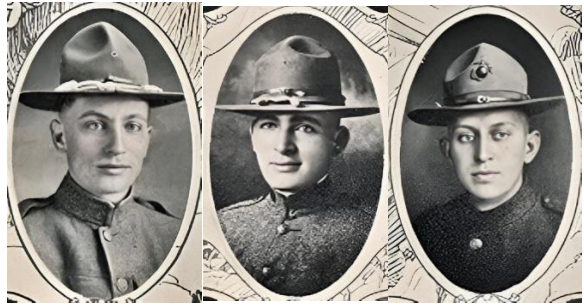
George and Elizabeth had 8 children; Joseph Lee (d 7y), John William, Kathryn Luella, (m Alfred Hutchison), Maude Elizabeth (m Edward Broderick) Edward Jacob, Ralph Weber, Arthur Ray, and Anna May Youngman (d young).

George W Youngman was a farmer, business man, landlord. He also had a livery barn and stable in Tama, Iowa. It was eventually bought by Joseph Dolash who had it torn down and built a new building. Today this building is now known as the Carriage Apartments.



Northeast corner of W 4th and McClellan Streets in early 1900's. Looking northeast to the south side of building. The right side of the photo shows another livery where NAPA is now. The smoke stack to the right would be the steam laundry that was just North of the Soleman Opera house. Information from 1906 Sanborn Fire Map.

Three of their sons served during WWI: Edward, Ralph & Arthur.



L – R; Edward, Ralph, and Arthur Youngman.  
Their WWI photographs.



1107 McClellan Street. Looking west to the east side of the house.

1107 McClellan Street built about 1898 by Jacob Weber & 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Mary R. Pryne Weber.



1115 McClellan Street built by George W & Elizabeth M (Weber) Youngman about 1893. Looking southeast to the south and north sides of the house.

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### 18 – Patrick & Mary Connell Whalen



According to what was noted earlier, Mary was the reason that St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery came about. When she died 15 Feb 1878, there might have been problems with her burial at Stayskal

Cemetery resulting in hard feelings between those with Irish heritage and those with German heritage. The picture is of her stone where she now is in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery where her body was moved to.

Also buried there is her husband Patrick as well as their 5 children.

Patrick & Mary were born in Ireland and immigrated to Canada where they married 1859. Mary's parents were Lawrence & Bridget (Buckley) Connell. They too are buried at St. Patrick's. Patrick's father was Thomas Whalen. In the early 1860's, Patrick & Mary, along with their children, eventually moved to Columbia Township, Tama County, Iowa where they lived the rest of their lives.

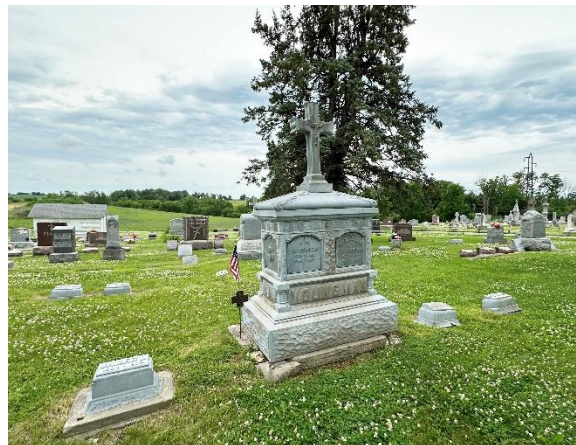
Their children were John Francis, James William, Elizabeth who married John Vail, Edward W., & Mary E. who married Frank McKenna.

### 19 – John Sr & Mary Jane (Lynch) Loftus graves



See under Flag 14 re John Loftus Jr and family biography.

### 20 – John W. & Elizabeth Youngman's graves



See under Flag 17 re Youngman Family. Also buried with John & Elizabeth is son James to the left.

### 21 – August J & Frances Puth graves



See under Flag 4 & 5 re Puth Family.

### 22 – Dennis Edward Enright and his parents John P. & Mary (Doran) Enright

Dennis is one of the two who the Tama American Legion is named for; Enright-Schrader Unit 73. He died in Saint-Mihiel, France 13 Sep 1918 during WWI. His body was brought back and buried in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in August 1921. Dennis was born 23 Sep 1892 in Tama, Iowa to John P & Ellen M. (Doran) Enright.



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**Picture of Dennis Enright from Tama County World War I Soldiers and picture of Dennis' military marker.**



John P. Enright was born in Columbia Township, Tama County, Iowa, and married Ellen M. Doran in 1891 and they had five children, Dennis Edward, Mary A. Enright Cahill,

Kathryn Olive Enright Brady, Agnes L. Enright (1901-1903) and Gertrude Enright. John P., along with his brother Daniel, had an implement business in Clutier, Garwin, Gladbrook, and Tama.

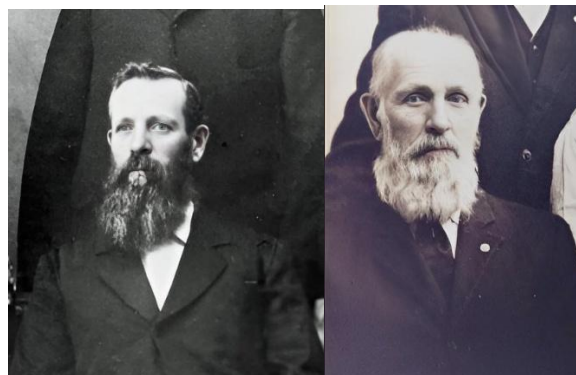
John & his wife Ellen along with Dennis and two sisters are buried in the same location at St. Patrick's.

### **23 – Anthony Mathern Family and the Tama City Brewery**



The eldest son, of John and Appolonia Mathern, featured under Flag 3, is Anthony, Mathern. He married Francisca "Frances" Brecht in 1853 in Muskingum Co., OH. According to Frances' obituary,

they had 8 children; Mary Elizabeth, John William, Clara E., Franklin "Frank" A., Phebe Alberta, Andrew, Christina Josephine "Josie", and an infant boy. Frances died in 1899 and he remarried to Theresa Louise Schoeder in 1903. At the time of their marriage, he was 70 and she was 24. They had 4 children; Anthony Joseph, Dorothy Louise, Benjamin Louis, and Marion Mathern.



**Anthony Andrew "Andy" Mathern at different times.**

Anthony evidently took over his father's farm and his parents lived with him and his first wife Francisca until their deaths. In 1875, he was living in Section 30 in Howard Township in what today would be on the south side of 260<sup>th</sup> Street between G & H Avenues.

Later, he moved to Tama where he built a brewery at 702 Siegel Street in Tama, Iowa. The building still stands today. The first building was in 1877 with an addition in 1879. Then in 1880, they added on to the building again. It is said that each floor was lined with iron below the flooring.

After he sold the business many years later, it was used for many purposes including a soda pop manufactory, a potato chip factory, and miscellaneous other enterprises. It is now used as a residence/apartment.

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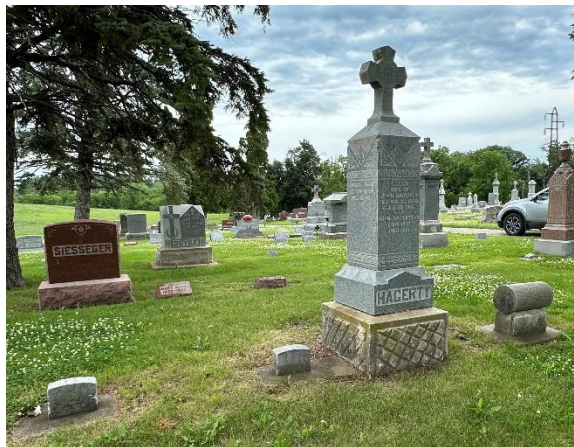


702 Siegel Street looking northeast to the west and south sides of the building.



Interior view of the brewery at 702 Siegel Street in Tama, Iowa.

### 24 – John Jr. Hagerty and wife Ellen Hagerty



John & Ellen's family plot.

This John Hagerty Jr. was born in Ireland in 1835 and came to the United States at 16 years of age. According to his obituary, he came through Castle Garden in New York.

He lived in Illinois then to Tama County settling in Columbia Township. He married Ellen Hagerty in 1862. Ellen was born in County Kerry in Ireland to Daniel Hagerty and his wife Margaret Sullivan Hagerty. They came with their family to Vermont then on to Jo Davies Co., Illinois. Her siblings, also buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, were Mary, who was married to Phillip Enright (Flag 6), Cornelius Hagerty who married Catherine O'Connor, John Hagerty Sr. (Flag 7) and Daniel Hagerty who married Mary Shea (they are buried in Stuart, Iowa).

As for John Jr. and wife Ellen, it appears they had 8 children; Michael, [Daniel](#) who married Mary Moyer, [Ellen](#) "Nellie", [Margaret](#) "Maggie", Katie, [Nora](#), [Patrick](#) John, and [Cornelius Hagerty](#).

This ends our self-guided tour of St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery. We hope you enjoyed this tour. Please let us know if there are any errors and we will make the needed corrections.

Thank you, from the Tama County Historical & Genealogical Society.

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