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[Rick Prucha notes in square brackets. A “/” in a tombstone inscription text indicates a line separation]

Sent: Friday, June 23, 2006 3:13 PM

To: Prucha, Rick

Subject: Genealogy Request - Brennan & Meehan

Dear Rick, Here is the information I found.

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY

Section 1 - Block 4 - Lot 13 -

In this particular lot, there are several burials for which specific graves are not listed so I will just list names and information for them.

It was not uncommon in years past to bury more than one child in same grave or a child with an adult or vice versa or to bury infants and small children on either side of a monument.

Grave 1 - unclear exactly who is buried here [No tombstone marker]

Grave 2 - Agnes C. Brennan - age 70; died 3/17/1962; buried 3/19/1962 from St. Cecilia Church; John A. Gentleman Mortuary handled the services.

[Agnes Catherine Brennan, daughter of Edward J. and Bridget (Dowd) Brennan, sister of John Austin Brennan (“Pa”); born 3 Jul 1891, NE. Tombstone: Pink and black granite, 24”x12” flush with ground, Inscription: AGNES C. BRENNAN / 1892 - 1962]

Grave 3 - Mrs. Bridget Agnes Brennan - age 65; born at Ireland; died 7/13/1931; buried 7/15/1931 from St. Cecilia Church; Gentleman Mortuary.

[Bridget Agnes (Dowd) Brennan (“Gran”), wife of Edward J. Brennan, mother of John Austin Brennan (“Pa”); born 24 Sep 1864, Ireland. Tombstone: Pink and black granite, 24”x12” flush with ground, Inscription: MOTHER / BRIDGET A. BRENNAN / 1865 + 1931]

Grave 4 - Edward Brennan - age 50; born at Ireland; died 1/14/1903; buried 1/17/1903 from St. Bridget Church.

[Edward J. Brennan, husband of Bridget Agnes (Dowd) Brennan (“Gran”), father of John Austin Brennan (“Pa”); born ca 1855-1856, Ireland. Tombstone: Pink and black granite, 24”x12” flush with ground, Inscription: FATHER / EDWARD J. BRENNAN / 1855 + 1903]

Grave 5 - Mrs. Edward Brennan - moved to this location from a single grave on 10/6/1898. In researching the interment book to see if I could find exactly when she died I found the following information. HOWEVER, I do not know if this is the same individual or not and I have no way of determining this. Here is what I found:

Mary Brennan - age 23; born at Illinois; died 3/3/1885 and buried 3/4/1885. Cause of death was listed as childbirth. She was buried in a single grave. I found a prior entry for **John Brennan** - age 1 day; died and buried on 2/19/1885; cause of death premature birth. Of note, he was buried in a single grave and she was buried in the grave next to him.

[Possible 1st wife of Edward J. Brennan; born ca 1862 from age/death. No tombstone marker]

Grave 6 - John Austin Brennan - age 72; died 6/18/1966; buried 6/21/1966 from Holy Name Church. Gentleman Mortuary.

[“Pa”, father of Mary Margaret (Brennan) Prucha; born 4 Jun 1894, Omaha, NE. Tombstone: 1 marker for both John and Nora – Pink and black granite, 48”x14” flush with ground, Inscription: BRENNAN (surname centered on bottom portion of stone) JOHN A. / JUNE 4, 1894 / JUNE 18, 1966. Also centered on top portion of stone is an engraving of Jesus with outstretched hands held up with the caption “COME UNTO ME AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST”]

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY (cont.)

Section 1 - Block 4 - Lot 13 (cont.) -

Grave 7 - Nora C. Brennan - age 71; died 3/11/1967; buried 3/13/1967 from Holy Name Church.

Gentleman Mortuary.

[Nora Catherine (Meehan) Brennan ("Nee-Nee"), mother of Mary Margaret (Brennan) Prucha; born 14 Oct 1895, Omaha, NE. Tombstone: 1 marker for both John and Nora – Pink and black granite, 48"x14" flush with ground, Inscription: BRENNAN (surname centered on bottom portion of stone) NORA C. / OCT 14, 1895 / MAR 11, 1967. Also centered on top portion of stone is an engraving of Jesus with outstretched hands held up with the caption "COME UNTO ME AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST"]

Grave 8 - Edward A. Brennan ? - age 2 years, 10 months, 19 days - died 3/28/1899; buried 3/29/1899 from St. Agnes Church.

[Likely son of Edward J. and Bridget (Dowd) Brennan; born ca 9 May 1896 per above age/death. No tombstone marker]

Grave 9 - Francis J. Brennan ; age 10 months; died 6/25/1901; buried 6/26/1901 from St. Bridget Church.

[Likely son of Edward J. and Bridget (Dowd) Brennan; born ca Aug 1900 per above age/death. No tombstone marker]

Grave 10 - Ellen (Mary Ellen) Costello - age 80; born at Ireland; died 3/19/1946; buried 3/21/1946; Heafey & Heafey Mortuary.

[Unknown relationship to Brennans, Sister of Nanno [?] Costello on 1900 Census, Sister-in-law of Elizabeth C (Costello) and Frank Fogarty on 1910 and 1930 census; born 1865. Tombstone: Pink and black granite, 24"x12" flush with ground, Inscription: MARY E. COSTELLO / 1865 - 1946]

Also buried on this lot

Bridget Giblin - age 14; born at Ireland; died 12/10/1892; buried 12/12/1892 from Sacred Heart Church.

[Unknown relationship; born ca 1878 from age/death. No visible marker]

Charles Costello - age 78; born at Ireland; died 2/12/1901; buried 2/14/1901 from St. Agnes Church.

[Unknown relationship to Brennans, Uncle to Nanno [?] and Mary Ellen Costello on 1900 census; born Jun 1824 on 1900 census. No visible marker]

Mary Costello - age 38; born at Ireland; died 5/7/1918; buried 5/12/1918 from Sacred Heart Church.

[Unknown relationship; born ca 1880 from age/death. No visible marker]

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

Block 4 - Section 2 - Lot 4 - (no specific graves listed for the following) [This family lot has a surname marker with the names CLARK and McENERY, but there are no visible markers for individual graves. The surname marker is grey granite approximately 4 ft. tall and 2.5 ft. wide (did not measure) on a cement base.]

Patrick McEnergy - age 35; died 4/1/1913; buried 4/5/1913 from Holy Angels Church. (Records for Holy Angels are at St. Richard's Church).

[Son of Patrick & Mary McEnergy, Brother of Catherine (McEnergy) Meehan; born ca 1878 from age/death]

Mary McEnergy - age 79; born at Ireland; died 2/21/1914; buried 2/23/1914 from Sacred Heart Church.

[Wife of Patrick McEnergy (who died between 1880-1885), Mother of Catherine (McEnergy) Meehan; born ca 1835 from age/death]

Michael McEnergy - age 29; died 10/23/1888; buried 10/25/1888.

[Son of Patrick & Mary McEnergy, Brother of Catherine (McEnergy) Meehan; born ca 1859 from age/death]

Leo J. Clark - age 26; died 10/16/1939; buried 10/18/1939 from St. Adalbert Church. Gentleman Mortuary.

[Probable son of Thomas "Frank" & Elizabeth "Lizzie" (McEnergy) Clark (Elizabeth is a sister of Catherine (McEnergy) Meehan); born ca 1913 from age/death]

Richard Clark - age 3; died 9/6/1915; buried 9/8/1915 from Sacred Heart Church.

[Probable son of Thomas "Frank" & Elizabeth "Lizzie" (McEnergy) Clark; born ca 1912 from age/death]

Catherine Meehan - age 44; born at Ireland; died 1/15/1910; buried 1/18/1910 from St. Agnes Church.

[Wife of Patrick H. Meehan, mother of Nora Catherine (Meehan) Brennan ("Nee-Nee"), daughter of Patrick & Mary McEnergy;; born Oct 1865, England]

Joseph Clarke - age 2 days; died 7/19/1900; buried 7/20/1900 from Holy Family Church.

[Probable son of Thomas "Frank" & Elizabeth "Lizzie" (McEnergy) Clark; born 7/17/1900 from age/death]

John A. Meehan - age 19; died 4/7/1908; buried 4/9/1908 from St. Agnes Church.

[Son of Patrick H. and Catherine (McEnergy) Meehan, brother of Nora Catherine (Meehan) Brennan ("Nee-Nee"); born Jul 1888, NE]

Block 8 - Division North - Row 4 - Grave 45 (Single grave gotten at time of need)

Patrick H. Meehan - age 84; born at Massachusetts; died 11/23/1943; buried 11/26/1943 from Holy Angels Church. Gentleman Mortuary.

[Husband of Catherine Louise (McEnergy) Meehan, father of Nora Catherine (Meehan) Brennan ("Nee-Nee"); born 18 Aug 1859, MA. Tombstone: Grey granite, approx. 24" x 12", raised above ground at a slight angle. Inscription: PATRICK H. MEEHAN / 1859 + 1943]

Block 2 - Section 19 - Grave 14 (single grave)

Patrick Meehan - age 36; born at Ireland; died 7/23/1897; buried 7/25/1897 from St. Joseph Hospital Chapel.

[Unknown relationship; born ca 1861 from age/death. No visible marker]

Block 10 West - Division North - Row 2 - Grave 24 (single grave)

Patrick Meehan - age 47; born at Kansas; died at Kansas on 5/18/1936; buried 5/20/1936 from St. Agnes Church.

[Unknown relationship; born ca 1889 from age/death. Tombstone: Broken from base and laying flat. A brass (?) American Legion marker has been placed at the base. PATRICK J. / MEEHAN / ILLINOIS / PVT 67 FIELD ARTY. / 95 DIV. / MAY 18 1936]

I am mailing the maps of the cemeteries to you. The following resources may be of some help in your search.

Information in our records is minimal. Our cemetery records do not list family relationships and prior to 1990 no dates of birth or maiden names were recorded. Our records do not contain death certificates. Most often copies of the old interment records may be obtained through the W. Dale Clark Library or the Nebraska State Historical Society.

W. Dale Clark Library, 215 South 15 Street, Omaha, NE 68102. The Genealogy Department is located on the 3rd floor. Their phone number is 402-444-4825. Copies of obituaries (if available) may be obtained through them. Microfilm copies of interment records prior to 1980 are also available. Ask at the History Desk for the specific cemetery you wish to view.

An excellent resource for local genealogy is the Greater Omaha Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 4011, Omaha, NE 68104 or you may e-mail one of their members at omahamom@aol.com. They are a dedicated group willing to help with genealogy searches.

Also, the Douglas County Historical Society Library/Archives located at Fort Omaha, 30th and Fort Streets. Their phone number is 402-451-1013.

Nebraska State Historical Society, P. O. Box 82554, Lincoln, NE 68508. They are located at 1500 "R" Street in Lincoln and their phone number is 800-833-6747. They have copies of interment records of many cemeteries in Nebraska.

Union College Library, Building B, 3800 South 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506-4386. The phone number is 402-486-2514. Their library contains many sources for genealogy research.

Douglas County Health Department, Vital Statistics Bureau, City County Building, 1819 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE 68183. Their phone number is 402-444-7205. (This would be only for births, deaths, marriages that took place specifically in Omaha and Douglas County.) For Nebraska, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509.

Best wishes in your search.

Sincerely,

Marilyn

Catholic Cemeteries

Archdiocese of Omaha