

MARY JOSEPHINE HICKEY



Mary Josephine Hickey was born October 17, 1878, in Pueblo, Colorado, to Maurice Hickey and Margaret Leddin. The Hickey family usually resided in Chicago, Illinois, but Mary's father was a laborer for the railroad, and the family was in Pueblo while he helped lay track for a spur line. Mary was christened at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Pueblo, on December 1, 1878. Mary had an older sister, Ellen (or Nell), born in Chicago, who died before Mary was born. Ellen died at the age of 4 1/2 in Pueblo, on May 6, 1878. Mary also had a younger red-headed sister christened Mary Ellen and called Margaret, who married David Hayes. There was also a younger brother, Joseph Patrick, who never married.



Mary about age 16

The family was poor, but proud. Mary's mother, Margaret Leddin Hickey, taught the girls to act like ladies, and would not allow them to associate with any of the local "rowdies". (Mary's husband, John Carey, called her "The Lady".)

Mary completed the eighth grade at St. Aloysius' grammar school, a Catholic parochial school in Chicago. She won an award for her penmanship, and was proud of her composition book, containing her year's best work. This beautifully handwritten and decorated book is in the possession of her granddaughter, Gail.



Mary and Margaret

Mary worked, while a teenager, as a cashier at Marshall Field's, a department store in Chicago. She was very proud of her job, because it was a very good job for a woman in those days. She had to dress up for work, wearing a hat and gloves. A cashier earned about \$14 a week.

	Annie	Wife	W F	June	1844	21	13	00	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
90	Hickey	Mother	W F	May	1846	21	78		Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
	Margaret	Wife	W F	May	1849	21	28	43	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
	Mary	Daughter	W F	Feb	1879	20			Colorado	Ireland	Ireland
	Margaret	Daughter	W F	May	1880	19			Illinois	Ireland	Ireland
	John	son	W M	Mar	1883	17			Illinois	Ireland	Ireland

1900 census in Chicago for the Hickey family

Mary married John Joseph Carey in 1908, after a five-year engagement. She then called herself Mae, because she didn't want to be called Mary Carey. John had a Brownie box camera during the time they dated and marriage, so there are many wonderful photos of Mary.



Mary's sister Margaret was a dressmaker, and may have made some of the dresses in these pictures.



John and Mary on their honeymoon

John and Mary had three sons, John, Jr., Thomas Ignatius, and James Aloysius. The family moved to San Francisco in 1919, and to Berkeley two years later.



Mary with son John



Mary with sons John and Tom



Mary with son James

Mary was very involved in community and church affairs. She was president of the Berkeley City Women's Club when it was started. She was also president of the parish branch of the Ladies Aid Society. She was State Secretary of the Catholic Daughters. Mary knew *Robert's Rules of Order* cover to cover. Her son Jim remembers her attending a Catholic Daughters convention in Colorado Springs in 1933. He was about 13 years old. He went with her on the train, and then he traveled on to Chicago to stay with relatives, and see the World's Fair. Mary went to the convention, and to Pueblo to see where she was born. She joined Jim in Chicago four days later.

Mary (or Mae) was often mentioned for her charity work in the local newspapers.

**Women of St. Joseph's
Will Give Whist**

BERKELEY, Nov. 14.—As the last card event, before the holiday season, the women of St. Joseph's Parish will give a Thanksgiving whist party Monday evening, November 23 in St. Joseph's Auditorium. Mrs. Mary A. Scanlon is general chairman of the event and will be assisted by the following committees:

Tables, Mrs. Mae Carey, Mrs. Mary Mikesell, Mrs. Anes Rogers, and Mrs. K. Patrick; cards, Mrs. Tillie Levy, Mrs. A. A. McMillen; prizes, Mrs. V. Scholz, Mrs. B. Curran, Miss Margaret Barrett, Mrs. J. Toben, Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. William Snyder, Mrs. George Gelder, Mrs. James Flynn, Mrs. J. Bronner and Mrs. Mary Scanlon. The game will start at 8:30 o'clock.

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Mary was a member of the Tables committee for a whist party for St. Joseph's Parish.

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Mary was chairman of the fall festival bazaar for St. Joseph's Parish. John Carey is also involved, in the Automobile booth committee. Proceeds from the six-day event were used to reduce "parish indebtedness and finance necessary improvements".

**BERKELEY PARISH
TO HOLD BAZAAR
SEPTEMBER 27**

**St. Joseph's Church Women
Prepare for Week of
Fall Festival.**

BERKELEY, Sept. 19.—The annual fall festival of St. Joseph's Parish is announced for the week beginning September 27. The bazaar will be supplemented with dinners served daily in the school cafeteria. Committees of women are assembling novelties which will be offered in the various concessions. Two large halls in the parish auditorium will provide accommodations for the pre-holiday fair. Proceeds from the six-day benefit will be applied to the parish indebtedness and used to finance some necessary improvements.

Mrs. Mae H. Carey is chairman of the general committee on arrangements. Assisting her are Mrs. E. Hobson, acting as secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Thomas Kearns as publicity director.

The booth committees follow:

Apron—Mrs. A. Sullivan, Mrs. M. Beauchamp, Mrs. C. Perkins, Mrs. G. Guthrie.

Automobile—J. J. Carey, Miss Rose Curran, Miss Marie Curran, Mrs. E. Rush, W. J. Shanahan, Edward Curran, Thomas Dowd, William Snyder, M. S. McKenna, Charles Scanlon, Charles McCullough, M. Martinez, T. Mulligan, H. W. Fenmore, William Erving, W. P. Grant, F. McGowan, Ashton Flinn, Wallace Grant, Colin Grant, Frank Gallagher, T. Benn, P. J. Freeman, Edward Dufort, Frank Murphy, C. Perkins, Richard Chalmers, Harry Johnston, Homer Zelt, Frank Cornish, H. F. Mikesell, Thomas Kearns, Philip Ryan, Dan Begley, B. J. Suderland, J. V. Snellenberg, Frank Duffy, John Frick, Herbert Brennan, William Meinhel, Richard Garrett, Joseph Bronner, Jack Smith.

Candy—Miss Sylvia Batdorf, Camp Fire Girls.

Country Store—Mrs. B. N. Curran, Mrs. George Gelder, Mrs. Robert Hall, Mrs. George Gray, Mrs. R. W. Miller.

Dolls and Toys—High school girls.

Fish Pond—Mrs. J. Allington.

Fancy Work—Miss M. Barrett, Mrs. T. Dowd, Mrs. L. Felgenbaum, Mrs. J. J. Sullivan, Mrs. J. Flinn, Mrs. M. Piercey, Mrs. K. Bronner, Mrs. H. Brennan, Mrs. F. Zelt, Mrs. Bardet, Mrs. Klatt, Mrs. K. P. Orth.

Homemade Cakes—Mrs. Charles Scanlon, Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. F. Elwell, Mrs. Robison, Miss Sinnott, the W. C. O. F.

Dinner—Mrs. Frances Doyle, Mrs. M. Briscoe, Mrs. Bruchman, Mrs. E. Allen, Mrs. F. Brennan, Mrs. C. Burt, Mrs. A. Dwyer, Mrs. Carroll M. Beauchamp, Mrs. J. R. Fahy, Mrs. George Gelder, Mrs. M. Houser, Mrs. Malley, Mrs. Mannaugh, Mrs. L. Martinez, Mrs. F. D. Maggio, Mrs. G. Miller, Mrs. J. White, Mrs. J. D. Wightman.

Ice Cream—Mrs. M. Ackerman, Miss C. Ackerman, Mrs. Perry.

Tea Room—Mrs. Thomas Kearns, Mrs. A. Moore, Mrs. L. Bardorf, Mrs. H. Tobin, Mrs. T. Cavanaugh.

Soft Drinks—Boy Scouts.

Hepe Chest—Zavrians.

Fortune Tellers—Mrs. M. Patrick, Miss I. Hunt.

Aluminumware—Knights of Columbus.

Young Ladies' Institute.

Dancing—Robert Rooney and the Zavrians.

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To celebrate its third initiation since organization a few months ago, Court Berkeley 1049, Catholic Daughters of America, will hold a meeting this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the K. C. clubrooms, 2108 Shattuck avenue, Berkeley. Guests from the various courts about the Eastbay, San Francisco and peninsula will be in attendance to assist in welcoming new members into the ranks of the Catholic Daughters.

Rev. T. J. Breman, chaplain of Court Berkeley, and Rev. John Culen, state chaplain, will be among the speakers, while the degree work will be exemplified by members of Court Berkeley, among them Mae H. Carey, grand regent; Mrs. D. C. Hillman, vice-grand regent; Mrs. Margaret Gray and Mrs. Eleanor Kearns, chairman; Mrs. Eleanor D. Daley, Mrs. Sadie Conlin, Mrs. Nellie Rooney, Mrs. Anna L. O'Brien, Mrs. Margaret Houser, Mrs. M. Ackerman, Mrs. Emma Loveland and Mrs. Eugenia Monahan.

A musical program will be presented by Mrs. Helen Toben, assisted by Mrs. Emma Quillinan, Mrs. Margaret House and Mrs. Sadie Conlin.

Oakland Tribune, 23 October 1927

Mary was mentioned in an article about the Berkeley chapter of the Catholic Daughters of America, as grand regent.

Catholics to Honor Leader At Banquet

The Rev. Joseph P. Mulkern, director of Affiliated Catholic Charities of Alameda County, will be honored guest at a reception and banquet at

the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, tomorrow evening at 6:30 o'clock. The affair will be held under the auspices of combined branches of the Catholic Ladies Aid Society of San Francisco and Alameda counties. Rev.



Mulkern **MRS. MAE H. CAREY** has recently been appointed state chaplain of the society by Archbishop John J. Mitty.

Father Mulkern has served as assistant in various parishes in San Francisco and the Eastbay, prior to going to New York, where he studied for two years in the New York School of Social Work. He was an assistant at St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, until his appointment as director of the Affiliated Catholic Charities of Alameda County.

Sharing honors will be Mrs. Mae H. Carey, recently re-elected grand president of the Catholic Ladies Aid Society for California. Mrs. Carey is connected with various Catholic organizations, but has been particularly active in the work of the Catholic Ladies Aid Society and the Catholic Daughters of America and the National Council of Catholic Women. Mrs. Carey was the assistant organizer of the Berkeley Court of the Catholic Daughters and served four years as State secretary of the organization.

Mrs. Agnes McSherry, first grand vice-president of the society, is chairman. She will be assisted by the board of grand directors in welcoming the guests.

Oakland Tribune 14 October 1935

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In 1941 as World War II in the Pacific began, Mary had two of her three sons in the Army. Her youngest son Jim was sent to fight in the Pacific, and the family did not think he would survive. Mary would send him cereal when he was in the Aleutians. Both Jim and Tom survived the war.

Mary continued her involvement in Catholic charities.

**St. Albert's Guild
Sets Card Party**

Climaxing a season of successful benefits for St. Albert's College, St. Albert's Guild will entertain, Wednesday afternoon at a card party for members and their friends who contributed time and money on the previous occasions.

Mrs. Mae H. Carey, general chairman, will serve refreshments with the assistance of Mesdames Anna DeLuca, Mary Holland, Paul McGuire, Lucy Coyne, Margaret Wallace, M. W. White, W. M. Hartlein, F. C. King, D. J. Campbell, Mary Kropp and the Misses Marguerite Graham, Anne Sinnott and M. E. Goodwin.

Hand made gift articles will be on display for early Christmas shoppers.

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Mary was general chairman for St. Albert's Guild for a card party.

FAMILY LIFE COUNCIL TOPIC

"Catholic Family Life" will be the theme for Tuesday afternoon's meeting of the Alameda County Council of Catholic Women, to be held at 1 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall.

Members of St. Anne's Confraternity, of which Mrs. William Dooms is president, and the Mothers Club, headed by Mrs. John J. Tobin, will be hostesses for the afternoon.

Assisting Mrs. William J. Reilly and Mrs. Peter E. Tehaney, co-chairmen, will be Mrs. Chester Effinger, Mrs. James L. Bent, Mrs. B. L. Kenny and Mrs. Donald Pearce.


Mrs. Kenneth C. Wilson, archdiocesan chairman of family and parent education, will be honor guest, and will address the group on the theme topic. Other speakers will include Miss Elizabeth Creed, who will summarize the latest issues of "Catholic Action;" Mrs. Mae Carey, who will report on the Eastbay Motion Picture Council; Mrs. A. H. Horsell, speaking on "The Legion of Decency;" Mrs. George Garside, on legislation, and Miss Marguerite Graham, who will give her monthly review of leading current Catholic books.

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Mary was a speaker at the Alameda County Council of Catholic Women, reporting on the East Bay Motion Picture Council.

Mary's three sons married, and started having children. Her grandchildren remember Mary's crocheting, her little presents, and her always smelling like lavender. She loved beautiful clothes. Her granddaughter, Gail remembers her love of elegant, expensive hats. In her later years, after her husband died, she lived with her son John and his family.



John and Mary at son James' wedding in 1950

Mary died, following a stroke, at Brookside Hospital in San Pablo, California, on January 28, 1966. She was 87 years old. She is buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery in San Pablo, California.

