

MAURICE HICKEY

Maurice (or Morris) Hickey was a farmer's son — the child of Thomas Hickey and Ellen Allen. He was born in 1838 in a small thatched cottage on a farm by Lough Gur. The cottage where he was born is not still standing, but the land is still owned by the Hickey family today.



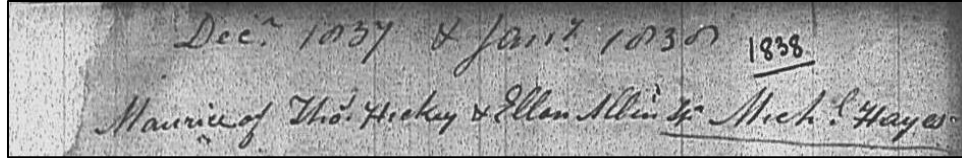
*The Hickey land in Lough Gur -
the foundation of the old house, covered by foliage*

The land has belonged to the family as far back as anyone can remember, and the Hickeys are thought to be one of the oldest families in the town. Lough Gur is a magically beautiful lake and a townland in the parish of Knockainy in County Limerick.



Lough Gur

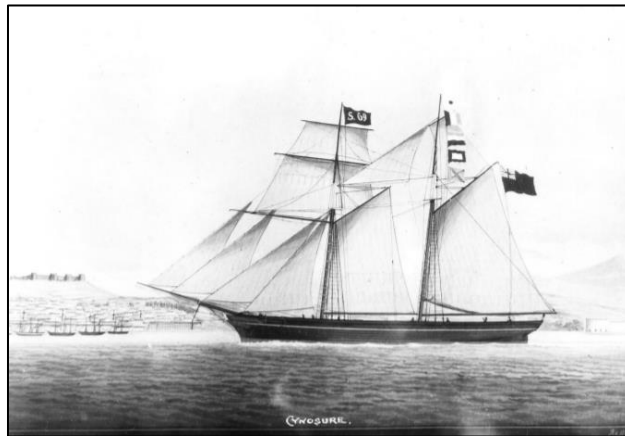
Maurice was christened in the parish church of Knockainy on December 26, 1838. He had three brothers - Patrick, Thomas, and John; and five sisters — Mary, Catherine, Bridget, Mary, and Ellen.



*Baptism record for Maurice Hickey in Knockainy:
"Maurice of Thos Hickey & Ellen Allin sp Michl Hayes"*

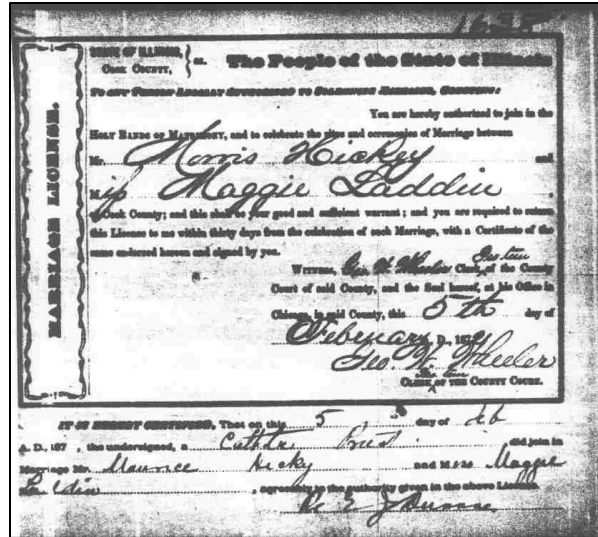
At age 20, Maurice left for America. He sailed on the ship *Cynosure* with his younger sister, Ellen. The passenger list shows:

*7 September 1857 Cynosure Liverpool to New York
Maurice Hickey, age 20, shoemaker, Ireland
Ellen Hickey, age 12, servant, Ireland
Source: Ancestry.com*



Cynosure

They came to Chicago in 1857 and Maurice found work as a laborer on the railroad. His older brother, Thomas and his family had settled in Chicago earlier.



Marriage certificate for Maurice Hickey and Margaret Leddin

Maurice married Margaret Leddin on February 5, 1872 in Chicago. They had four children — Ellen, Mary, Margaret, and Joseph. Maurice's sister, Bridget also came to Chicago, and married John Farrell. Ellen Hickey and John Hickey also acted as sponsors at the baptisms of Maurice's children.



Pueblo, Colorado

Maurice's work on the railroad took him to Pueblo, Colorado, to build a spur line. The couple were saddened when their four-year-old daughter, Ellen, died there. His daughter, Mary was born there in 1878.

	Name of Street.	House Number.	Families numbered in order of visitation.		The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Color—White, W.; Black, B.; Mulatto, M.; C. Indian, I.	Sex—Male, M.; Female, F.	Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If years, give months in fractions, thus, 25 1/2.	If born within the Census year, give the month.	Relationship of each person to the head of this family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.
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1	83	173	312		Wickey Morris	M	40			
2					Margaret	F	32			Wife
3					Mary	F	1			Daughter
4			313		Morgan Patrick	M	30			
5					Katherine	F	30			Wife
6					John	M	16			Son

1880 census, Chicago



Chicago in the 1860s

The family returned to Chicago by 1880 and Patrick and Mary Ellen (Margaret) were born there, and baptized in Providence of God Church. The family lived at 55 Wright in Chicago. Maurice became a naturalized citizen.



Chicago, 1906

By 1900, they moved to 403 W. Polk Street. Mary worked as a cashier at Marshall Fields, Margaret was a dressmaker, and Joseph was a laborer like his father.

July 2 " Maurice Hickey County Hosp. 77 Blood Poison John J. Kearne Calvary

Record of Interment, Presentation of the Virgin Mary parish: "July 2, 1914; Maurice Hickey, place of death: County Hosp, age 77, cause of death: Blood Poison, priest: John J. Kearne, cemetery: Calvary"

Maurice returned to Lough Gur in Ireland only once, to see his family and friends. He died on July 1, 1914, at the age of 76, in Cook County Hospital, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery.

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH—HOSPITAL FORM
REGISTERED NO. 19402
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CITY OF CHICAGO

CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF DEATH

1. FULL NAME: *Maurice Hickey*
 2. SEX: *M*
 3. DATE OF BIRTH: *July 1, 1838*
 4. AGE: *77*
 5. PLACE OF BIRTH: *Ireland*
 6. PLACE OF DEATH: *Cook County Hosp*
 7. DATE OF DEATH: *July 1, 1914*
 8. TIME OF DEATH: *11:00 AM*
 9. PLACE OF BURIAL: *Calvary*
 10. HIGH SCHOOL: *1104 S*
 11. RESIDENT IN CITY: *1104 S*
 12. HOW LONG IN CITY: *40 yrs*
 13. NAME OF FATHER: *John Hickey*
 14. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER: *Ireland*
 15. MOTHER'S NAME: *Ellen Hickey*
 16. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER: *Ireland*
 17. U.S. CITIZENSHIP: *None*
 18. NATIONALITY: *Ireland*
 19. ADDRESS: *403 W. Polk St*
 20. CITY: *Chicago*
 21. STATE: *Ill*
 22. COUNTY: *Cook*
 23. ZIP CODE: *60608*
 24. UNDERTAKE: *M. Langlais*
 25. ADDRESS: *1101 Broadway*
 26. CITY: *Chicago*
 27. STATE: *Ill*
 28. COUNTY: *Cook*
 29. ZIP CODE: *60604*
 30. TELEPHONE: *404 Haines*

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF DEATH

I hereby certify that I examined the body of *Maurice Hickey* on the *1* day of *July* 1914 that he died on the day and at about the hour stated above and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the cause of his death was as hereunder written (if under one year old state how long):

(a) CAUSE OF DEATH: *Chronic Nephritis*

(b) CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) CAUSES: *arteriosclerosis, diabetes, hypertension*

(c) SIGNATURE: *J. Crayston*
 DAY OF: *July* 1914 ADDRESS: *Cook Co Hosp*

Death certificate for Maurice Hickey

Obituary notice of Maurice Hickey (Chicago Daily Tribune, Thursday, July 2, 1914):

HICKEY—Maurice, beloved husband of Margaret (nee Ledden), father of Mrs. J. J. Carey, Margaret and Joseph Hickey. Funeral Friday at 9 a. m. from late residence, 3634 W. Polk-st., to Presentation church; carriages to Calvary.

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Maurice was buried in Calvary Cemetery:

NAME		PART OF LOT	LOT	BLOCK	SECTION
HICKEY, Maurice		South 1/2	27	4	E
DATE OF PURCHASE	JUNE 20, 1868	NO. OF GRAVES	3	TYPE OF CARE	
				PERPETUAL LAWN CARE	
SIZE OF LOT	6 x 10	NO. OF SQ. FT.	80	SEE FILE #1184	
DATE OF BURIAL	NAME OF DECEASED	TYPE AND SIZE OF BOX	LOCATION		
7/5/14	Maurice Hickey 7/1/14 (97)	Cork County Hospital			
7/21/15	Margaret Hickey 7/19/15 (75)	6243 Glenwood	North Line		
6/5/29	Joseph Hickey 6/2/29 (42)	Cement	South Line Cork County Hosp.		
7/11/1868	Margaret Hayes (82)	29sp Prem	N.L 6412 No. Talman Avenue		
2/23/1879	Ellen Hickey (4-6-0) 2/6/78	Public, Colo.	No other interment. Removed from Old Cemetery		
11/30/1868	Thomas Hickey & 5 others				
1/25/1910	David Hayes (86)	#28 Sp. Prem.	Center 6268 No. Bell Ave.		
			60607		
	The parishes near 758 Bunker	were Holy Family,	1019 South May St.		
	and St. Francis Assisi, 813	West Roosevelt Road,	60608.		
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Cemetery records from Calvary show that Maurice was buried with his wife Margaret, son Joseph, daughters Ellen and Margaret, and Margaret's husband David Hayes. There is also a note that "Thomas Hickey & 5 others" were moved here from the Old Cemetery. Thomas is Maurice's brother. No other information is available about the five others buried there, who were moved there 30 November 1868 from the Old Cemetery, so must have died before 1868.



This may be a photograph of Maurice Hickey. The photo was taken by John J. Carey, Maurice's son-in-law. John took pictures of his family in Chicago from the time he got his Brownie box camera in 1900 until he moved to San Francisco in 1919. John and Maurice's daughter, Mary became engaged in 1903 and they were married five years later. John took many pictures of his family, and also pictures of Mary's mother and sister. Carey family members have been able to identify most of the family photos printed from the negatives, but not this one, making it more likely that it was a member of Mary's family. The negatives from this early photography were inherited by James A. Carey, Maurice's grandson. The negatives, of course, were not marked, so it has not been possible to obtain a positive identification. Maurice died seven years before James was born, so he never met his grandfather. The three-piece style of suit is appropriate for time period of 1900-1914, possibly purchased in the 1890s. The brick building in the background is much more likely to be in Chicago, as brick buildings were less common in San Francisco in the years after the 1904 earthquake. The man in the picture was older, and may have had mobility problems, necessitating the cane. John's father died in 1897 at the age of 56, before John purchased the camera, and this man seems to be older than 56. This man is more likely to be in his late sixties or seventies. Since Maurice died in 1914 at the age of 76, he was of the correct age to be the man in the photo. His facial bone structure is similar to his daughter Mary's, and grandson James. It seems likely that John would have taken a picture of his father-in-law, as he took many pictures of other family. The identification is not certain, but all of these factors point to the man in the photograph being Maurice.



Great-grandpa is that you?