

## O'ROURKE FAMILY

Owen O'Rourke, 1853-1886, son of Richard and Ann O'Rourke

Margaret (Maggie) Wynn O'Rourke, 1860?-1890, wife of Owen,  
daughter of John and Rose Wynn

Children of Owen and Margaret O'Rourke:

Rose, 1877-1905

Richard John, 1879-1962

Mary Jane (Mamie), 1881-1938

Margaret (Maggie), 1884-1888

Catherine Caroline, 1886-1887

Catherine Wynn McStave, 1850?-1886, sister of Margaret Wynn  
O'Rourke,

Michael McStave, 1844?-1884, husband of Catherine

Children of Michael and Catherine McStave:

Cecilia, 1883-1884

Owen O'Rourke was born in Ireland in February 1853. His parents were named Richard and Ann. He emigrated to New York about 1870, at the age of 17. On November 21, 1875, he married Margaret (Maggie) Wynn, at St. Jerome's Church, 230 Alexander Avenue, in the Bronx. Margaret, born about 1860, was then 15 and Owen was 22. Margaret's parents' names were John and Rose. Like Owen she had come to the U.S. about 1870.

Margaret had a sister Catherine, born in 1850, and possibly a brother Patrick. (Catherine and Patrick Wynn are listed as the witnesses at her marriage.) Catherine married Michael McStave, born about 1844, and they had at least one daughter, Cecilia, born 1883. Michael McStave died of pneumonia in September 1884, at the age of 40. Cecilia died in

December of the same year, at the age of 10 months. Catherine purchased a grave in Calvary Cemetery for her husband, and Cecilia was also buried there.

Owen and Margaret had four children between 1877 and 1884: Rose, born 1877, Richard John, born 1879, Mary Jane (Mamie), born 1881 (christened November 29), and Margaret (Maggie), born 1884. They lived in Springhurst (Hunt's Point) in the Bronx, on Leggett Avenue. Owen worked as a laborer.

Owen O'Rourke died of pneumonia on August 10, 1886, at the age of 33. At the time the family was living at the southwest corner of 154<sup>th</sup> St. and Southern Boulevard. Catherine McStave, his sister-in-law, died of pneumonia the same day, at the age of 36. They were both buried in the family grave together with Michael and Cecilia McStave.

Margaret O'Rourke had her fifth child, Catherine Caroline, only a few weeks after her husband's death, on September 1, 1886. Catherine died on June 27, 1887, at the age of nine months. Young Margaret also died, at the age of four, in October 1888. Catherine Caroline and Margaret were buried in the family grave.

About 1889, Margaret remarried, to a man named Louis Burger, a jeweler, and moved to 408 E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street in Manhattan with her three surviving children. Margaret died of pulmonary tuberculosis on October 18, 1890, at the age of 30, and was buried in the family grave.

What happened to the children after their mother's death is not known. By 1900 Richard and Mamie were living back in Springhurst, in the same house (the other residents being Francis Duffy from Ireland and Jacob Sann from Germany), while Rose had married a man named Dunn.

In the early 1900s, Richard O'Rourke married Nora E. McCarty (her maiden name is partly illegible on the document), born in the U.S. They

had a daughter Margaret Mary, and a son, Richard Owen, who was born January 22, 1905 and died in infancy. According to the birth certificate, Nora's age was 36 at the time of her son's birth, and she had had five previous children, of whom three were still living. The family was living on Mohawk St. in Springhurst, and Richard was working as a bricklayer.

