

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ANDREW MCNALLY:
A FAYETTE COUNTY UNSOLVED MYSTERY

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Estate of Andrew McNally, a presumed decedent, in Orphan's Court of Fayette County, PA. Case # 161 -- September 1924 term:

Before James C. Work, President Judge, Monday, 15 December 1924, came B. W. McDonald, Esq., appearing for petitioners. Notice was published in the Daily News Standard regarding this case, November 4, 11, 18, and 25, 1924.

Mrs. Mary L. Bruce was sworn and examined by Mr. McDonald. She stated she lived at Allison. Her father's name was Andrew McNally, age 69, who lived at 19 Martha Street, North Union Twp., Fayette County. [Should be South Union Twp.] She is a petitioner in action to have him declared a presumed descendant.

Her father, Andrew McNally, left home September 1916 and has never returned home. He went to visit his son, her brother, William J. McNally, Swalwell County, Durham, England. Andrew went to New York and sailed October 16, 1916, on the SS Finland. He landed at Liverpool and was put up at the Steamship Boarding house. Three days later he was gone.

Letters from constables, heads of police in England, Scotland and the U. S. State Dept., who traced his movements, were entered into evidence.

Andrew McNally had suffered a stroke before his trip. His wife, Marjorie Mary MacKenzie McNally was living when he left, but had died March 17, 1922. She is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Route 88 South of Elco, Coal Center, PA. [Also in the same plot are her sons-in-law: Lawrence V. McGurk 1894-1913, her daughter, Mary L. Bruce 1869-1935, Mary Ellen Doolittle 1896-1964, George R. Doolittle 1888-1944 and Margaret Mangosh 1903-1936].

He left six living children, Mary L. Bruce, William J. McNally, Margaret Myers, Catherine Logan, Agnes Franklin and Ellen Ludwin. His deceased children left no descendants.

Also interviewed was his daughter, Margaret Myers, of 12 Martha Street, South Union Twp. She did most of the tracing of Andrew's whereabouts. The State Department investigation determined that he had been robbed in New York City. He finally sailed on the S. S. Finland on October 6th after the *Mauritania* was taken for military service. The State Department traced England, Scotland and Ireland with negative results. Andrew was initially refused admittance to England because he had no possible means of subsistence, having been robbed of his money. The refusal was later withdrawn and he was permitted to land and taken to the boarding house of the Steamship Company. Three days later he had disappeared.

William J. McNally personally searched Ireland, the land of his father's birth, Scotland, the land of his mother's birth, and England, where the family had resided before immigrating to the United States, to no avail. He also visited the family in Uniontown during the time between his father's disappearance and his being declared a decedent.

Andrew left two pieces of property on Martha Street, a lot with two houses, a five room dwelling and a four room cottage, and another lot with dwelling, a small bank account and household furniture. *[End of excerpt]*

Andrew McNally's will, dated September 20, 1916 and probated April 27, 1925 (# 72), found in Fayette County Will book 24, page 376, provides for his wife's support during her lifetime, and then names only his daughters Mary McGurk, widow, and Ellen Ludwin, wife of Stephen Ludwin, absolutely and in fee simply, share and share alike. None of the other children are named.

Andrew McNally was born 11 July 1847 in County Down, Ireland¹ and died, presumably, after October 15, 1916 in Liverpool, England.

He was the son of James McNally and Mary O'Neil. He married Marjorie Mary MacKenzie 7 January 1867 in Kirkealdy, County Fife, Scotland.²

In the book of marriages, District of Kirkcaldy, in the County of Fife is Andrew McNally, age 20, usual residence - Kinghorn, son of James McAnally and Mary (O'Neil) McAnally, and married to Marjory McKenzie, age 20, usual residence Kinghorn, daughter of Daniel McKenzie and Catherine (Millar) McKenzie.

Marjorie Mary MacKenzie was born 14 June 1851 in Kirkcaldy, Scotland³ and died 17 March 1922 in Allison, Fayette County, PA. She is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery Route 88 S. of Elco, Coal Center, PA. She was the daughter of Daniel MacKenzie and Catherine Millar.

The family appears in the 1910 Census on 15 April 1910 as: Andrew McNally, age 65, born Ireland, immigrated 1884, naturalized 1898 or 1901; Marjorie McNally, age 63, born Scotland of Irish parents - immigrated 1886 no rec. naturalization also residing a this residence; Christopher J. McNally, grandson, age 10.

Marjorie's obituary was in the *Morning Herald*, Uniontown, PA on 18 March 1922, "Mrs. Marjorie McNally, age 70 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Bruce, of Allison, Friday morning, 17 March 1922, at 1 o'clock of pneumonia. She had come to this country 25 years ago from England. Surviving are one son, William, in England, and five daughters, Mrs. James Bruce; Mrs. Patrick Logan of Pittsburgh Road; Mrs. Lawrence Myers of Martha Street, Uniontown; Mrs. Albert Franklin of LaBelle and Mrs. Steve Ludwin of Pittsburgh. Funeral services will be held from the home of the daughter at Allison, Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock, interment will take place at California, PA."

Her death certificate reads, "Marjorie McNally died 17 March 1922, age 70 years, 9 months, 3 days of broncho-pneumonia. The place of death was Luzerne Twp., Fayette County, PA, St. Thomas Cemetery. [Author's Note: actual place of burial Mt. Calvary Cemetery on Route 88.]

The children of Andrew McNally and Marjorie MacKenzie were:

1. William J. McNally who lived in England, married an unknown, and had one daughter named Meg.⁴
2. Mary Louise McNally, born in 1869 in Scotland and died 1 November 1935. She married first John McGurk about 1889 in England; married second Maurice

Landy about 1910; and married third James Lockhart Bruce on 13 June 1917 in Pittsburgh, PA.

All information about Mary Louise McNally came from a discussion on 5 March 1977 with Irene Landy Bruno, daughter of Mary Louise McNally: Mary Louise, born in Scotland, was raised by her grandmother O'Neill McAnally, and lived near Belfast. Mary Louise married John McGurk, a widower in England. They immigrated and lived on Craig Street, Uniontown, PA. Their children were John Jr., Mary Ellen and Andrew, who were all born in Uniontown, PA. John McGurk and son James, were killed in the Hill Farm (Dunbar) mine explosion. The next month Mary delivered a stillborn child. Four months later Andrew died of Brights Disease. Four or five years later, Mary Louise married Maurice Landy, son of William and Mary Grant Landy. They had a daughter, Irene, born at Ellsworth, Washington County, PA. Mary's third husband was James Lockhart Bruce, born about 1861, and died 8 January 1929 at Allison, Fayette County, PA.

Children of Mary Louise McNally McGurk Landy Bruce:

1. Francis McGurk, born in England
 2. John McGurk
 3. Andrew McGurk
 4. Mary Ellen McGurk, born 1896, died 1964, married George R. Doolittle who was born in 1888 and died in 1944.
 5. Irene Landy, born Ellsworth, Washington County, PA, married Diego Lino (Jack) Bruno
3. Andrew Patrick McNally⁵
 4. Agnes McNally who married Albert Franklin⁶
 5. Catherine (Kate) McNally, born about 1878 in England, died 1939 in Fayette County, PA, married about 1900 to Patrick Logan who was born about 1864 in Ireland and died 29 August 1933 in Fayette County, PA, and was the son of Thomas and Alice Logan.⁷

Children of Catherine (Kate) McNally Logan:⁸

1. Thomas H. Logan, born about 1901, died about December 1939, may be buried at Park Place Cemetery.
2. Alice M. Logan, born 3 January 1903, married James Jordan
3. George E. Logan, born about 1904 (apparently died childhood, may be buried at Park Place Cemetery).
4. Ruth E. Logan, born 2 April 1906, married Melbourne Robinson
5. John Patrick Logan, Sr., born 16 June 1908, married first Helen Defino, married second Cecilia Smerchek.

6. Edna M. Logan, born September 1910 in Fayette County, PA, married J. Richard Lowden.
 7. Eleanor Logan, born 1913, died 1975, married Clyde Harris.
 8. Katherine Logan, born about 1916, married Woody Green.
 9. Bernard J. Logan, born about February 1920, died 21 August 1920 in Uniontown, Fayette County, PA. [Obituary in the Morning Herald on 24 August 1920 states buried Park Place Cemetery. Survived by several older brothers and sisters: Thomas, Alice, Ruth, John, Eleanor, Edna and Katherine.]⁹
6. Margaret A. (Maggie) McNally, born 8 January 1880, New Castle on Tyne, County Durham, England, married Lawrence William Myers, died 20 February 1956 in Uniontown, Fayette County, PA. Lawrence William Myers was born on 7 November 1878 in Elliotsville, Wharton Twp., Fayette County, PA, died 2 January 1931 in Uniontown, Fayette County, PA. Both are buried in Sylvan Heights Cemetery.¹⁰

Children of Margaret A. (Maggie) McNally Myers:

1. Christopher (Christy or Kitty) McNally, born 23 December 1899, died 10 April 1963 in Allegheny County, PA, married to Clara Buzonas. They had no children.¹¹
 2. John D. Myers, born 22 December 1915 in Uniontown, PA, died 13 February 2000 in Washington, PA, married to Louise (Lucille) Lacarenza.¹²
 3. Margaret (Peg) Myers, born 28 February 1905 in Uniontown, PA, died May 1981 in St. Petersburg, FL, married to Joseph B. Van Swearingen.¹³
 4. William Andrew Myers, died 23 December, 1929, buried Sylvan Heights Cemetery.¹⁴
 5. Albert S. Myers, born 6 February 1908 in Uniontown, PA, died 10 December 1950 in Uniontown, PA and is buried at the Sylvan Heights Cemetery.¹⁵
 6. Lawrence Vincent Myers, born 16 December 1909 in Uniontown, PA, died 21 January 1967 in Columbus, OH and is buried at the Sylvan Heights Cemetery in Uniontown, Fayette County, PA, married to Marion Isabel Elleard.¹⁶
 7. Mildred (Midgie) L. Myers, born 11 May 1918 in Uniontown, PA, died 10 December 1990, married to Theodore C. Schriver, Sr.¹⁷
 8. James Myers, born 30 May 1921 in Uniontown, PA, died 10 March 1989 in Fairchance, PA, married to Martha Lehman.¹⁸
7. Ellen (Nellie) McNally, born 13 September 1887 in England, married Stephen Ludwin on 18 September 1905, died 27 February 1972 in Uniontown, Fayette

County, PA.¹⁹ Her baptism certificate gives her date of birth as 14 September 1887. Baptized 18 September 1887 at St. Mary Blackhill, County Durham, England. They had no children.

¹ Book of marriages, District of Kirkcaldy, in the County of Fife, Ireland: Andrew McNally & Marjorie McKenzie, 7 January 1867.

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⁴ Personal family knowledge.

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⁷ Personal correspondence with Kenneth L. Lowden

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¹⁰ Sylvan Heights Cemetery Records of Margaret A. & Lawrence William Myers.

¹¹ Obituary and Social Security record of Christopher McNally.

¹² Obituary of John D. Myers.

¹³ Social Security record of Margaret Myers Van Swearingen.

¹⁴ Sylvan Heights Cemetery Records of William Andrew Myers.

¹⁵ Sylvan Heights Cemetery Records of Albert S. Myers.

¹⁶ Marriage record of Lawrence Vincent Myers & Marion Isabel Elleard & Obituaries of Lawrence Vincent Myers & Marion Isabel Elleard

¹⁷ Social Security record of Mildred L. Myers Schriver.

¹⁸ Social Security record of James Myers.

¹⁹ Marriage record of Ellen McNally & Stephen Ludwin, 18 Sept. 1905.

SCRAPBOOK NEWS CLIPPINGS FROM 1885 - 1890, PART SIX

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Mrs. Marea Ramsey died at her residence Sunday morning at 2 o'clock and was buried in the Ross cemetery at 2 p.m. Monday. Services at her late residence by Rev. Beard. She was born April 22, 1809. Survived her husband over fifty years and left a son James, who was born February 11, 1832 (?) and from nervous defects was a charge on her all his life and is now prostrate. Her care of him through life is only an index of a mother's love. She was blessed with a good home, kind friends and ample means to secure all their wants and left all in the hands of her friends for the care and comfort of her son during his life.

HESS, Mary Hess Mary Hess was born July 13, 1817 and died Sept 1, 1896, aged 79 years, 1 month and 18 days. Her closing years were spent at Mr. Samuel Smock's where her sisters Maria Hess and Susan Smock patiently cared for her wants during her last illness. Her church life dates from 1859, when she united as the 13th charter member of the Pleasant View church. As a Christian lady, she was quiet, humble and unassuming. Her funeral services were conducted by her pastor, assisted the Rev. J.G. Patton, of Brownsville. The interment was in the Old Redstone grave yard. L.

Rankin Corwin Young Life Sketch of Former Centerville Man Who Died in Omaha.

--- --- South Omaha Methodist --- --- at the First M.E. church --- --- which has just been received in this city gives an extended obituary of Rankin C. Young notice of whose death was given in the Citizen. Mr. Young will be remembered as having made this city his home for several years during which time he was operator at the Rock Island depot and afterwards bookkeeper for (J?) .W. Williams & Sons. His picture was printed on the front page of the Methodist. The article is as follows:

Rankin Corwin Young was born in Washington county, Iowa, January 3, 1863 and departed this life April He was united in marriage to Miss Maggie (Bierson?), June 13th, 1888 at Centerville, Iowa and brought her to South Omaha immediately where they made their home. Brother Young has been in the employ of Swift Packing Company ... at the time the plant was located here and has always been one of their most thoroughly trusted employees. He was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal church when he was eighteen years of age and remained a worthy and active member until he was. . . .

Poundstone (almost totally illegible)

. . . true friend. . . at his home . . . Dec. 26 (or 28?). . . his remains were laid to rest in the Brownsville Cemetery. . . death is . . . the 16th of April, 1889. Mr. Poundstone was stricken with paralysis from which he recovered sufficiently enough to attend to a . . . On the morning of the 18th of December he was again stricken and death ensued at the time stated. He was kind to the poor and will be missed by them. May he rest in peace.

Mr. George Poundstone died in peace on Wednesday, December 3rd, 1884 at his home in German township. He was born in September, 1801, on the farm where he lived until he was called in his 84th year to his home above. Last spring his beloved and devoted wife who made his earthly home a paradise, died in her 78th year. Since that sad event he has manifested no concern to remain here below, but has patiently awaited the days of his appointed time, in hope of a glad and eternal reunion with her where parting shall be no more. Four daughters, named Mrs. D.R. Coffman, Mrs. Maggie Long of Freeport, Pa., Miss Lizzie and Miss Hannah Poundstone, and his aged sister, Mrs. Catharine Freeman, have the sympathy of the entire community as they mourn the loss of one whose place can never be filled. He was a most earnest and faithful member of the Lutheran church, and was baptized October 25th, 1801, by the Rev. John Stough, the pastor of Jacob's Lutheran church. In after years when he became a young man, he and his sister attended catechetical instruction with others under the ministry of the Rev. Henry Weygandt, by whom they were admitted to membership by the solemn rite of confirmation. Mr. Poundstone a few days before his death, informed the writer that Rev. Weygandt, who lived at Ginger Hill in Washington county, Pa., came over every four weeks on the Tuesday before his appointments in Jacob's church, to instruct the young people in the doctrines of the Church and that he continued his instructions until Saturday evening. The lectures and all the church services were conducted in the German language. He also told me that his father's house was the pastor's usual resting place when going to and

from the church. His father, George Poundstone, Sr., was one of the most active and liberal members of the congregation. The names of those who were members of the class held in the old log church he said, were Rev. Jacob Fast, who died a few years ago in Canton, O.; Barbara Hostetler, Rebecca Blackford, Susan Bowman (now Deffenbaugh), Henry Haus, Nancy Bowers, Barbara and Peter Waltzer, Joseph, Mattie and Henry Debolt, Catharine Poundstone, Elizabeth and Mattie Hugus, who came from Greensboro; also, Susan, Mary and Mattie Saddler, who rode from Morris X Roads, and seldom missed an appointment. Mr. Poundstone and his sister walked from home, six miles, and attended regularly. After appropriate funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. W.O. Wilson, on Saturday, the 6th, he was buried beside his wife in the Lutheran cemetery, where they shall rest until the morning of the glorious resurrection. The sentiment of the oldest citizens who attended the funeral, who have known him since the days of their youth, is that "a more honorable and honest Christian man has never lived in this or any other county and every member of his family. . . ."

A good man went to his ___ eternal reward when Caleb Antram died at his home here Thursday morning, Feb. 11, 1892 in the 87th year of his age. He lived the religion he professed every day of his life and the grave has no victory over him. Death had no sting for him for it ushered him into a more glorious life. . . . Besides his wife, deceased (he) leaves three children. Joseph D. Antram of New Salem, Robert Antram of Grand Ridge, Ill., and Mrs. Rebecca Porter. Mr. Antram was long a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and on Saturday the 18th after funeral services at his late residence conducted by Rev. A.J. Inskeep, his remains were interred in the C.P. cemetery.

Miss Ellazanna McWilliams aged 86 years died at her home in McClellandtown. She (illeg. line). She was a daughter of the late Samuel McWilliams and Sarah (Huston) McWilliams of Fayette county. Funeral from the home Thursday at 2 p.m. Interment at Church Hill.

James Hughes, one of the old residents of Appanoose county, died at his home on Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock. Mr. Hughes was at one time county recorder and also county treasurer. He was a good citizen and highly respected. (penciled margin, Mar 15, 1892). (Does not say what state?)

From our Masontown correspondent.

Mrs. Frances (Longanecker) Riley, widow of the late John Riley, deceased, died at her residence about one half mile east of town, on Sunday, September 18th, 1888, at four o'clock p.m. She survived her husband four years less six days. She was born July 30th, 1808. She had not enjoyed good health since the death of her husband, gradually growing weaker. About two year ago she lost her sight and what was remarkable in her case was, that occasionally it would return for a short time, when she could recognize a friend or member of the family a distance of one hundred yards. Her family antecedents were noted for longevity and she seemed to partake more of this lease than any of her sisters,

Mrs. Catharine Mack or Mariah Renshaw, or her brothers, John Longanecker and Joseph Longanecker, all of whom she survived. She left two half sisters, Mrs. Lydia Ball and Mrs. Nancy Mosier and one half-brother, Mr. Jacob F. Longanecker. Her daughter and only child, Hannah T. Johnson, died June 9th, 1874, leaving two sons, Riley and Lewis, these two young men being the nearest akin, though her circle of more distant relatives was very large. She and her husband were members of the German Baptist Church. She seemed well preserved in mind, recently having selected the text for her funeral sermon, "Be ye also ready," with the request that Rev. John Johnson of Uniontown preach it. Her desires were strictly filled, and after services at her residence, commencing at 10:30 o'clock a.m. on the 20th ult., her remains were followed to their present resting place - beside those of her husband, in Fairview Cemetery - by a large cortege of friends and relatives.

To Be Continued in October...

CHANGES IN PA VITAL RECORDS APPLICATIONS

<http://webserver.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?a=168&Q=233110> has more details. The new applications will be the only ones accepted and must be signed. Photo identification is required for public office, mail, facsimile and legislative requests. Telephone requests are no longer accepted. The above link will take you to online forms that you can print out, or you may request them by writing or visiting Division of Vital Records, 101 South Mercer St Room 401, PO Box 1528, New Castle, PA 16101. Phone: 1-877-PA-HEALTH or (724) 656-3100. Birth records are \$4 per copy; death records are \$3 per copy. These are certified copies. Birth & death records are not public information in PA, and the changes have been made to protect private information, due to an increase in personal identify theft cases in the Commonwealth.

LEWIS & CLARK BICENTENNIAL - LOCAL EVENTS

Scott Mandrell of the Lewis & Clark Center in St. Charles, MO, will portray Captain Meriweather Lewis in a horseback journey along the National Road (Route 40), arriving at Fort Necessity in Farmington, PA, sometime between July 12-15, 2003. This historical reenactment covers Lewis' journey from President Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello, in VA, to Pittsburgh, where Lewis arranged to have a boat built for his expedition. Mr. Mandrell will leave Monticello on July 5th. The original journey was made over the Braddock Road, however, Route 40 will be used in the reenactment for safety reasons. He will also visit Yough Lake during his journey.

The Corps of Discovery II, a national traveling exhibit, will be at Friendship Hill National Historic Site in Springhill Township in July. Albert Gallatin, whose home was Friendship Hill, was Secretary of the Treasury under President Jefferson and arranged the financing for the Lewis & Clark Expedition, as well as assisted with the planning. They honored him by naming Gallatin River in Montana after him.

More information about the entire Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Celebration can be found at <http://www.lewisandclark200.org/>

PITTSBURGH AREA EVENTS CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL:

From www.pghhistory.org

15 July - 31 August 2003- Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh, PA: "Starting in July of 2003, the spotlight of the Lewis and Clark Commemoration will be on Pittsburgh as The Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center hails the arrival of Captain Meriwether Lewis to this area where, in 1803, he supervised keelboat construction, expedition preparation and recruitment. The Corps of Discovery then launched its epic journey right here in Pittsburgh. Activities will take place daily at the History Center from Tuesday, July 15, through Sunday, August 31, 2003, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. They include:

~The Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, a Missouri-based corps of re-enactors who will retrace the journey of Lewis & Clark, will provide their replica keelboat for display at the History Center. A living history exhibit campsite will be installed around the keelboat and used by re-enactors and actor/historians to bring the expedition alive.

~Commissioned by the History Center, Captains Dan (owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers) and Art Rooney will rediscover America by following the trail of Lewis & Clark. The Rooney 32-member expedition will retrace the route of Lewis and Clark from Pittsburgh to Portland. The photos, artifacts, specimens and souvenirs they collect on their journey will be sent back to the History Center and exhibited with the 55-ft. replica keelboat.

~The History Center will host a lecture series featuring experts on the Lewis and Clark journey, including Dr. Gary Moulton, professor of history at the University of Nebraska and editor of the 13-volume set of "The Journals of Lewis and Clark."

~A series of festivals relating to everything Lewis and Clark (flora and fauna, military life, Native Americans, boat-building, food and medicine of the expedition, music and artwork of the period) are scheduled with 11 participating regional partners.

~Eugene Gass Painter, great-grandson of 1803 Expedition member Patrick Gass, will be on-hand for talks on Gass family history."

24-31 August 2003 - Elizabeth, PA - The River Journey Begins: "A week long celebration will begin with a parade, and concluding with the launching of the beginning of the Lewis and Clark Expedition from Elizabeth, PA on the Monongahela River by re-enactors of the Discovery Expedition Corps II of St. Louis, MO. The Discovery Corp have recreated the Pirogues and Keel Boats that were originally constructed in Elizabeth, PA and will launch and sail these boats following the course of Lewis and Clark. The National Park Service Museum with presentations of historical significance of the expedition will be presented, Time-Period Re-enactors of various militia and army groups, Indian Village and Crafts presented by the Pittsburgh American Indian Center, local resident time period crafts and food, Fireworks display, an Amphitheatre featuring plays of historical importance, Discovery Box, among many other items of interest during this week long celebration. This celebration is presented in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers, Elizabeth Township Historical