

02-02 Mary Boyle

Father: Michael Boyle

Mother: Ellen (Howe) Boyle

Birth: May 18, 1860, Garryowen, Jackson County, Iowa

Death: February 6, 1946, St. Louis, Missouri

Burial: St. Peter Cemetery, Kirkwood, St. Louis County, Missouri

Spouse:

Thomas Deluhery

Birth: March 8, 1835, County Cork, Ireland (1833 is also cited as possible date)

Married (1): Catherine Corkery (1834-1899), August 18, 1853, Alton, Illinois

Married (2): Mary Boyle, 1901, Sumner, Iowa (according to obituary)

Marriage license issued in Washington County, Arkansas. Thomas and Mary listed as living at the time in Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas. License issued March 29, 1901. Marriage took place on April 8, 1901.

Death: March 1, 1902, San Diego County, California

Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Westgate, Fayette County, Iowa

Children:

02-02-01: Ozzara Deluhery (1902-1983)

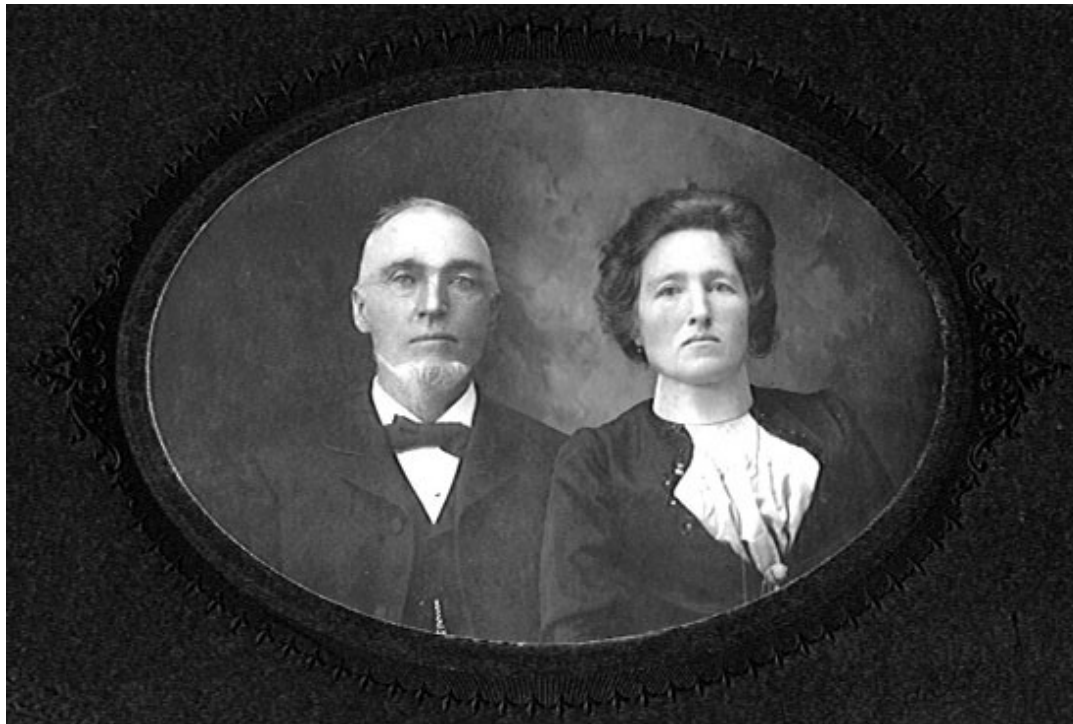


Photo of Thomas and Mary (Boyle) Deluhery, circa 1901.

Mary Boyle was the second child and eldest daughter of Michael and Ellen Boyle. Her marriage lasted less than a year, but it set the course for the rest of her long life.

Mary was born in 1860, not long after her parents set up their homestead in Garryowen, Iowa.¹ She remained on the farm until at least 1880, based on census listings. She also gets a mention along with her brother Austin in the *Cascade Pioneer* as being among visitors to Cascade coming in from Garryowen in 1891.² That suggests she was still in the area in the 1890s, even though we haven't definitively found her name elsewhere in records from that period.³

The turn of the century brought dramatic changes for Mary, sparked by her meeting with Thomas Deluhery. Thomas was a well-to-do farmer in his 60s who owned more than 1,100 acres of land in Fayette County, northwest of Cascade. He had 14 children by his first wife, Catherine, but Catherine died in August 1899.

"After Catherine's death, Thomas was somewhat lost," a descendant, Larry Deluhery, wrote in a biography. "His partner of 46 years was gone, and he was described as restless and homeless. He did some traveling, but there was little joy in his life."

A priest at Thomas' parish happened to know the Boyle family in Garryowen. "He introduced Thomas to Miss Mary Boyle, who was approximately 30 years younger than Thomas," Larry Deluhery wrote.

In March 1901, Mary passed on her share of her parents' Iowa estate to Austin for \$1 in compensation. A month later, she married Thomas in Arkansas, a place where Thomas spent time for his health, according to Larry Deluhery's account. Due to health concerns, Mary and Thomas avoided spending the following winter in Iowa and instead took up residence in sunny San Diego, California.

Their daughter – Elizabeth Rachel, better known as Ozzara – was born in January 1902 in Los Angeles. Ozzara was Thomas' 15th child, and 41-year-old Mary's first.

It should have been a joyful time. "But all was not good in the world," Larry Deluhery wrote. "Thomas' health problems had worsened, and he was feeling very ill."

In March 1902, Thomas died from an acute attack of appendicitis. His body was brought back for burial in Fayette County, and Mary returned to Iowa as well. Thomas' obituary noted that Mary's siblings, Austin and Rose, attended the funeral services in Sumner.

William Deluhery, another descendant of Thomas Deluhery, recalled that there was some discord between Mary and the children from Thomas' previous marriage. But in

¹ Her gravestone indicates that she was born in 1864, but that is contradicted by census records beginning in 1860.

² *Cascade Pioneer*, August 7, 1891, page 8.

³ There was a Mary Boyle who was single, lived in Dubuque and worked as a seamstress in the 1880s, according to city directories. But there's no way of knowing whether she was the Mary Boyle we're focusing on. Also, a Mary Boyle is listed as being in the household of John Boyle in 1895, but this was John's wife, Mary Barnable Boyle.

his will, Thomas left Mary \$2,000, which was a significant sum in those days.⁴ Mary scrimped and saved, worked as a housekeeper and “devoted her life to Ozzara,” William Deluhery said.

By 1904, Mary was making her home in Cascade. The 1905 Iowa state census lists her and Ozzara as living with Mary’s youngest brother, Frank. The 1910 federal census makes clear that Mary rented her house at that time – and that Frank was a boarder, working as a clerk in a notions store. The 1915 state census reports that Mary owned a house that was worth \$1,200. (By that time, Frank had married and moved out.)

In 1920, Ozzara was at Mount St. Joseph College (later known as Clarke College, then Clarke University) in Dubuque, studying to be a teacher. That year’s federal census suggests that Mary was in Dubuque as well, working as a cook at Severance Hall at Dubuque College (now the University of Dubuque).

Ozzara graduated from college in 1922,⁵ and by around 1924, she had become the principal of East Cascade High School. Mother and daughter were once again living in Cascade, in a house valued at \$1,000, according to the 1930 federal census.

In 1930, Ozzara married John McCormack, who was born in Waukon, Iowa, but became an industrial chemist in St. Louis, Missouri. The newlyweds moved to St. Louis, and once again, Mary followed her daughter’s lead. In 1931, Mary moved to the St. Louis area,⁶ where she lived for the rest of her life.

One of Mary’s granddaughters, Maureen McCormack, recalled that “Nana” darned her socks – and that she was a great cook who used to bake stollen, a fruit bread that’s typically associated with Christmas.

Mary died in a St. Louis hospital at the age of 85 on February 6, 1946, “fortified with the sacraments of Holy Mother Church,” according to her obituary. Bronchial pneumonia, cardiac decompensation and uremia (a condition in which waste products build up in the blood due to kidney failure) were listed as the causes of death. She is buried alongside Ozzara and John McCormack in Kirkwood, Missouri.

⁴ According to William Deluhery’s account. \$2,000 in 1902 would be the equivalent of more than \$73,000 in 2024 dollars, according to Morgan Friedman’s Inflation Calculator:

<https://westegg.com/inflation/?money=2000&first=1902&final=2024>

⁵ Cascade Pioneer, June 8, 1922, page 5.

⁶ According to Mary’s obituary in the Cascade Pioneer, February 14, 1946, page 1.

**At right: Mary Deluhery with
twin granddaughters, Jean
and Janet McCormack.
Photo is dated May 24, 1932.**



**Below: Mary Deluhery with
Jean (left) and Janet
McCormack.**



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STATE OF ARKANSAS, }
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON. } To any Person authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between
Mr. Thomas Deluhery of Bareka Springs
in the County of Carroll and State of Arkansas aged 60 years, and
Miss Mary Boyle of Bareka Springs
in the County of Carroll and State of Arkansas aged 42 years,
according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties herein named.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 28th day of March 1901
Clifford P. Boles County Clerk.
D. C.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

STATE OF ARKANSAS, }
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON. } I, Reber Bandini Cath. Priest hereby certify
that on the 8th day of April 1901 189, I did duly and according to law, as
commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between the parties therein named.
Witness my hand this 8th day of April 1901 189
My Credentials are recorded in Recorder's Office, Chicot County, Ark., Book _____ Page _____
Reber Bandini
Filed and Recorded, this 24th day of April 1901 189
Clifford P. Boles Clerk.

Marriage certificate for Thomas Deluhery and Mary Boyle.

WRITE PLAINLY—USE UNFADING BLACK INK—MAKE A PERMANENT

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(If not in hospital or institution, write street number or location)

(d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution 32 Days (Specify whether)

In this community 5 YEARS (years, months or days)

3. (a) PRINT FULL NAME Mary Boyle Deluhery

3. (b) If veteran, name war _____

3. (c) Social Security No. _____

4. Sex Female / 5. Color or race White

6. (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced Widowed

6. (b) Name of husband or wife Thomas

6. (c) Age of husband or wife if alive 17 years (Month) (Day) (Year)

7. Birth date of deceased May 1864 (Month) (Day) (Year)

8. AGE: Years Months Days If less than one day

61 8 19 hr. min.

9. Birthplace Iowa (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

10. Usual occupation Nil

11. Industry or business _____

12. Name John Boyle

13. Birthplace UNKNOWN Ireland 4 (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

14. Maiden name Ellen Howe

15. Birthplace UNKNOWN Ireland 4 (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

16. (a) Informant Miss Agnes Mc Carmack

425 W. Madison Ave. Winwood Mo.

(If rural, give location)

(e) Citizen of foreign country? No (Yes or No)

If yes, name country _____

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

20. DATE OF DEATH: Month February day 6 year 1946 hour 1 (one) minute 15 P.M.

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from Aug 31 1944 to Feb 6 1946 that I last saw her alive on Feb 6 1946 and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.

Immediate cause of death Bronchial Pneumonia 4 Days

Due to Cardiac Decomensation 10 Days

+ Uremia 6 Days

Other conditions (include pregnancy within 3 months of death) 95

Major findings: Of operations _____

Of autopsy _____

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:

(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) _____

(b) Date of occurrence _____

PHYSICIAN Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

Missouri death certificate for Mary Boyle Deluhery. This record lists 1864 as Mary's birth year, but census records list 1860.

Thomas Deluhery Dead.

Thomas Deluhery was born in Ireland in 1835, came to America while a boy, was married in 1853 at Alton, Ill., to Miss Catharine Corkery, came to Independence in 1857, and ran the pumping station for the Ill. Cent. Ry. till 1861, when he came to Fremont township and bought the land and developed the farm on which he resided till 1897, when he and wife retired from the arduous labors of farm life and came to Sumner to live in their own town home for the remainder of their days.

Alas! how often our brightest dreams are turned to dark clouds of sorrow, for August 26th, 1899, death came to the Deluhery home and despoiled it by removing the wife and mother to her eternal home to be forever free from the vicissitudes of life and to enjoy the happiness of that glory land to which we all hope to go. From that time on Mr. Deluhery was homeless and restless, did some traveling, and finally sought surcease from his great sorrow by again marrying, Miss Mary Boyle, of Garryowen, Jackson county, the same taking place last April. After his marriage the second time he spent some time at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, for his health, and early the past winter he and his wife sought health and escape from an Iowa winter in San Diego, in the extreme south-western corner of California.

In the early morning of March 1st, 1902, Thomas Deluhery succumbed to the grim destroyer of us all, the result of an acute attack of appendicitis. The remains arrived in Sumner on the 8th, his 67th birthday. The funeral was held at the Catholic church in this city Monday forenoon, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Father Molloy, assisted by Father O'Connor, of Oelwein, and Father Slattery, of

New Hampton. After the celebration of mass, Father Molloy delivered an excellent sermon, practical and helpful to Christian living. The speaker paid a glowing tribute to the character and life of Mr. Deluhery, although his acquaintance was limited, he having met deceased but on two occasions, and one of these was when Mr. Deluhery stepped into the Father's study and wrote out his check for \$80 to pay for the two statues that now grace the altar of the church, the same being dedicated to the memory of his dead wife. The donor enjoined secrecy regarding this gift.

Mr. Deluhery was the father of fourteen children, two of whom (girls) preceded their parents in death. The children are named and distributed as follows: Mrs. Frank Rochford, Mrs. M. Wood, Thomas, Daniel, Timothy, Patrick, Will, all of this vicinity and present at the funeral; Mrs. Katie Burns, of Scranton, Green county, who came during the week, but was called home on account of sickness in her family; John, of Bridgewater; S. D.; Edward, away, and both of whom were not present; James, of Green Co., and a daughter in the Dubuque convent, both of whom were present. Besides these eight sons and four daughters, he leaves his young wife and a babe about four weeks old, all of whom will much miss his fatherly care. Austin Boyle, Miss Rose, of Garryowen, brother and sister of Mrs. Deluhery, were also present at the funeral. The church was packed on the funeral occasion, over half being people of the Protestant faith. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery at Westgate, where his former wife was buried. The day was an exceedingly bad one, rain falling most of the time. Under the adverse circumstances the large attendance attests the respect in which deceased was held.

Thomas
Deluhery's
obituary,
Sumner
Gazette,
Sumner, Iowa,
March 13,
1902.

BLESSED THE BELL.

The Ceremonies Were Interesting.

On last Sunday the new bell recently donated to the Catholic church was solemnly blessed. It is the largest that could be placed in the belfry and weighs about 1400 pounds. It has a fine sonorous tone and is the crowning feature of the improvements on the Catholic church property.

Although the weather turned out most unfavorable a large crowd of our citizens and a goodly gathering from the out missions attended the services. The beauty of the ceremony though somewhat marred by the unpleasantness of the weather impressed itself on the minds of all who witnessed it. The blessing of a bell is properly the duty of a bishop but in cases where he cannot attend he can appoint any priest to take his place. Very Rev. M. Cooney of Waterloo was Archbishop Keane's delegate on this occasion. He was assisted by Rev. P. S. O'Connor of Oelwein, who acted as Deacon and Rev. R. Slattery, of New Hampton, who acted as sub deacon. Rev. J. M. Malloy was Master of Ceremonies.

The ceremony of blessing a bell is very symbolical. As a child is made a Christian and an heir to heaven by the waters of baptism so the bell is dedicated to God's service by washing with water specially blessed for that purpose. A censer filled with burning incense is placed beneath the bell which symbolizes the heart of the true Christian filled with purity and God's love. During the blessing the consecration and assisting priests recite the 50th, 53rd, 56th, 66th, 69th, 85th, and 129th Psalms. Then a prayer is recited in which reference is made to the command of God to Moses to make trumpets for calling the people to service and begging that at the sound of the bell the devotion of the faithful may be enkindled. The bell is then anointed with Holy Oil in the form of a cross.

After the blessing Rev. Jas. Ryan, of Allison, preached a most eloquent sermon to an audience which filled every available space in the church. He began his discourse by giving a history of bells and their use with a full explanation of the ceremony of blessing.

As the chief use of the bell is to call the people to prayer he dwelt on the necessity of this duty. Our great end in life is to save our souls. To do this prayer is necessary. He proved this from the fact that the enemies of our salvation are most powerful. "Our wrestling is not against Principalities and powers etc." We have to fight against the false maxims of the world which are in direct opposition to the maxims of Christ's Gospel. We have to fight against our own evil inclinations and we have to battle against the Fallen Angel and his mighty hosts. We cannot battle effectually against these powerful enemies without God's help or grace. God will not give us this grace unless we ask for it. "You receive not because you ask not." "Ask and you shall receive."

Hence it follows that prayer is absolutely necessary in order to conquer enemies of our salvation and reach the end for which God has made us.

He then made a most eloquent appeal to his audience to raise themselves above the things of earth and look upward to the prize that awaits the earnest observer of God's law. Let the sound of the bell be God's voice calling us to his service and to receive his blessings; reminding us of the great majesty of the incarnation and the humiliation of the Son of God for us, and the sublime dignity of the Christian life.

The sermon was listened to with the closest attention and made a deep impression. Then followed the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At the conclusion of the services Father Molloy highly commended the generosity of the donor and announced that the bell was donated in memory of the late Thomas Deluhery who was one of the oldest pioneers of Catholicity in this part of the country. Though he is silent the bell shall long continue to call his children for many generations to the practice of the mysteries of that faith which he implanted in their hearts.

At left: Article in the Sumner Gazette, Oct. 16, 1902, about the dedication of a church bell donated by Thomas Deluhery.

Below: Mary Deluhery's obituary, Cascade Pioneer, Feb. 14, 1946, Page 1.

Mrs. Mary Deluhery

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Deluhery, former Cascade resident, who died at St. John's Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., were held from the Mittleberg Funeral Home in Kirkwood, Mo., to St. Peter's Catholic Church there Saturday morning at 9:30, with Rev. Father Westhoff celebrating the Requiem High Mass. Father Brauner gave the funeral sermon and assisted Fr. Westhoff at the graveside.

Mrs. Deluhery, the eldest daughter of the late Michael and Ellen Boyle of Garryowen, Iowa, was born May 18, 1860, in Garryowen. She was married to Patrick Deluhery at Sumner, Iowa, and later moved to Los Angeles, returning to Cascade about 1904 where she made her home until 1931.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. J. C. (Ozarra) McCormack, of Kirkwood, Mo., with whom she made her home since leaving Cascade. Surviving also are four grandchildren, Jean, Janet, Maureen and Mary Beth, of Kirkwood; one sister, Nellie; and two brothers, Austin and Frank J., all of Cascade. She was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Frank J. Boyle and Mrs. Orland Devaney attended the funeral from Cascade.