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ANDREW DESMOND OF BRADFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Andrew Desmond, of Rome township, farmer and stock grower, P. O. Myersburg, was born in County Cork, Ireland, December 25, 1844, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Cotter) Desmond, both natives of County Cork, Ireland; his father was a farmer; he has two children, born in Ireland; Mary the eldest married Timothy Desmond; his parents are both living, and make their home with Andrew. His father's family came to this country in 1846, and resided in several different localities before coming to Bradford county to make their home; reaching this county on Friday, the day of President Lincoln's assassination, and located where they have since resided. Andrew spent his boyhood in Chemung and Lycoming counties, where he attended the public schools until nineteen years old, and then worked on the railroad two years; came to Bradford county, and now owns 100 acres of good land, all under cultivation; the house is a frame one with all the conveniences, two stories, and was built in 1867; the farm is well stocked. He was united in marriage in October, 1880, to Hannah, daughter of John and Hannah (Sullivan) Hayes. Her father and mother, who were born in Cork, Ireland, were married September 8, 1846, and had a family of fourteen children, viz.: Daniel, born July 6, 1847; William, born July 4, 1848; Michael, born February 24, 1850, died January 13, 1854; John, born January 11, 1852; Ellen, born January 18, 1853, married to Thomas Dolan; Mary, born February 24, 1855; Charles, born July 6, 1856; Hannah, born March 8, 1858; Elizabeth, born January 28, 1860, died in infancy; Julia, born April 17, 1861, married to Peter Hurly; Dennis, born April 2, 1863; Michael, born June 6, 1865; James, born May 6, 1868; and Catherine, born February 8, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Desmond have had born to them one child, Thomas, born November 6, 1883. The family are all members of the Catholic Church, of Towanda. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Farmers' Alliance. He is among the best farmers of this county, and came to this section when the country was almost a wilderness; yet, by untiring industry, he has carved from the dense hemlock forests a beautiful home, and with no assistance has secured a fair amount of this world's goods; he is looked upon as a model farmer and enjoys the love and respect of all who know him.

Source: H. C. Bradsby, *History of Bradford County, Pennsylvania* (Chicago: S. B. Nelson and Co., 1891), p. 770.

CHARLES B. DESMOND OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Charles B. Desmond has shown himself able and faithful in the discharge of his duties with the Standard Oil Company of Richmond [California], and has won the confidence and esteem of his employers and fellow men.

Mr. Desmond was born on March 27, 1868, in Syracuse, New York, where he was reared and educated in the public schools of that city. Laying aside his books, he started out in life and, like many young men, followed various occupations. He has been largely identified with the live-stock business throughout the East. He became associated with the Standard Oil Company at Whiting, Indiana, where he had charge of the company's horses. In 1901 he was transferred to the Richmond plant, where he has since resided. Mr. Desmond has charge of the road construction on the Standard's vast grounds, and personally has charge of all the teams. He has made many friends in Richmond, and takes an active interest in the Knights of Pythias lodge, of which he is a member in Richmond.

Source: *The History of Contra Costa County, California* (Berkeley, Calif.: Elms Publ. Co., 1917), p. 466.

CHARLES S. DESMOND OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Charles S. Desmond was born December 2, 1896 at Buffalo, New York to Patrick and Catherine (Jordan) Desmond. In Buffalo he attended Immaculate Conception School from 1902 to 1910, Canisius

H.S. from 1910 to 1913, and Canisius College from 1913 to 1917, receiving B.A., M.A., and LL.D. degrees. He served in the Marine Corps during World War I.

Mr. Desmond married Helen Ryan of Buffalo on June 26, 1928, and they had the following children: Charles Ryan (1929), Sheila (1931), Kathleen (1932), and Patricia (1938).

Mr. Desmond practiced law in Buffalo from 1920-1939, and served on the New York State Board of Social Welfare from 1935-1939, before being appointed to the New York Supreme Court in 1940. He was elected to the New York Court of Appeals and served from 1940 to 1954. Mr. Desmond has served as a lecturer and visiting professor at many U.S. law schools, including Cornell and Yale. He is the author of *Sharp Quillets of the Law*.

Sources: *The American Catholic Who's Who, 1950-51* (Detroit: Walter Romig and Co., 1950) p. 102 and *The American Catholic Who's Who, 1960-61* (Detroit: Walter Romig and Co., 1960) p. 104.

CORNELIUS DESMOND OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Desmond, Cornelius, painter, born in Boston, May 11, 1838. He was educated in the public schools of this city, and resides at the North End. He represented Ward 6 in the Legislature of 1877, '78, '79, serving as monitor, and also on the Committee on Library.

Source: James Bernard Cullen, ed. *The Story of the Irish in Boston together with Biographical Sketches of Representative Men and Noted Women* (Boston: James B. Cullen & Co., 1889) p. 352.

CORNELIUS F. DESMOND OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Desmond, Cornelius F., paymaster, born in Boston, Oct. 31, 1862. He attended the Quincy School, and at thirteen years of age entered the office of the Metropolitan Railroad as messenger. In 1878 he was promoted to the position of assistant paymaster, and later was appointed paymaster of the West End Street Railway. For ten years past he has been a member of the Young Men's Catholic Total Abstinence Society of St. James' Church, and represented Ward 12 in the Common Council of 1887, '88, '89.

Source: James Bernard Cullen, ed. *The Story of the Irish in Boston together with Biographical Sketches of Representative Men and Noted Women* (Boston: James B. Cullen & Co., 1889) p. 352.

D. C. DESMOND OF FLORENCE, KANSAS

D. C. Desmond, photographer, located here [Florence, Kansas] in August, 1882. He was born in Geneva, N. Y., November 8, 1853. Moved to La Salle County, Ill., when quite young, and remained three years. Then removed to Dubuque, Iowa, and remained until 1876, when he moved to Malvern, Iowa. He there learned the photographic art and traveled with a car though Iowa, Nebraska, Texas and New Mexico. He was married in April, 1881, to Miss Martha Billups, of Missouri.

Source: William G. Cutler, *History of the State of Kansas* (Chicago: A. T. Andreas, 1883), "Marion County, Part 7, Florence."

MOST REVEREND DANIEL FRANCIS DESMOND, BISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA

Daniel Francis Desmond was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts on 4 April 1884 to Daniel C. and Catherine (Lynch) Desmond. He earned his A.B. degree at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts and was ordained on 9 June 1911. Father Desmond served as curate at Beachmont, Massachusetts from 1911 to 1912, at Medford, Massachusetts from 1913 to 1916, and at Sommerville, Massachusetts from 1917 to 1932. While at Sommerville, he was Director of Somerville Catholic Charities, from 1926 to 1932 and served in the U.S. Army from 1918 to 1919 as a chaplain (1st Lieutenant). Father Desmond was consecrated as Bishop of Alexandria (Louisiana) on 5 January 1933 and was installed on 15 February 1933.

Source: *The American Catholic Who's Who, 1938-1939* (Detroit: Walter Romig and Co., 1938) p. 96.

DANIEL JOSEPH DESMOND OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Desmond, Daniel Joseph. Contractor and merchant. Res. 646 S. Oxford Ave.; office 307 Union Oil Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal. Born in Los Angeles, Cal., April 25, 1875; son of Daniel and Ellen (Daly) Desmond. Married to Alice Crichton in 1906. Educated in the public schools and St. Vincent's College of his native city. First employment was for Santa Fe R. R. during 1889; attended business college 1890; with Schrader & Johnson Hdw. Co. (now Union Hdw. & Metal Co.), Los Angeles, 1891-92; with L. A. Gas Co., 1893-94; in the employ of his brother, C. C. Desmond, 1895-97; formed a partnership with E. S. Shattuck in 1898, operating under firm name of Shattuck & Desmond; partnership dissolved, 1907; during this period had government contracts for providing refugees of the San Francisco earthquake with food and clothing. Became interested in public utilities and took L. A. Aqueduct contract, 1908; work to be completed 1913. Member of Jonathan, California, Country, and Athletic clubs, Los Angeles; Olympic and Family clubs, San Francisco; B. P. O. E., and Knights of Columbus. Roman Catholic.

Source: *Who's Who in the Pacific Southwest: A Compilation of Authentic Biographical Sketches of Citizens of Southern California and Arizona* (Los Angeles: *Times-Mirror Print. & Binding House*, 1913) p. 117.

DANIEL JOSEPH DESMOND OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Daniel Joseph Desmond, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., was a prominent lawyer, and from June 21, 1841, until about January 1, 1850, was consul general in Philadelphia of his holiness Pope Pius IX. The records of the state department show that he was appointed consul general June 21, 1841, and that the president recognized him as such by an act issued December 15, 1841. He married Pink Blyden, a daughter of Governor General Blyden of the West Indies. They had eight children, five of whom died in infancy. The three surviving children were: Mary Desmond, born September, 1833, in Philadelphia; Henry Desmond, correct birth date not known, died single, of pneumonia, in New York city in 1867; Edward Joseph Desmond, born November 12, 1846.

Daniel Joseph Desmond died in Philadelphia of cholera during the early fifties. Mrs. Pink (Blyden) Desmond died in New York city in October, 1868.

Edward Joseph Desmond, youngest son of Daniel Joseph Desmond, enlisted in the United States regular army November 16, 1865, and re-enlisted on November 16, 1868. He died January 3, 1908. His widow is still living in Virginia.

Source: *Genealogy, a Journal of American Ancestry*, vols. 1 & 2, 1912, Lyman Horace Weeks, ed. (New York: *William M. Clemens*), p. 165.

FELIX DESMOND OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Sacramento County may well be proud of its efficient public officials, men and women of wide experience and unquestioned and non-challengeable integrity of dependability, among whom is Felix Desmond, the popular superintendent of the Sherman Island State Farm. He is a native son, and first saw the light at San Francisco on October 15, 1857. His father, Michael Desmond, was a native of County Cork, Ireland, and he married Miss Anna Darley of the same place. He came to California in the early fifties, and rendered excellent service here as an experienced and hard-working carpenter, more than willing to assist others to get homes and headquarters; and when he and his good wife, who preceded him to the great beyond, closed their earthly careers, they rounded out a record such as anyone might be proud of. The parents of Felix Desmond died when he was a baby and he never knew what it was to have a real father and mother. He was reared by a Mr. McRae, a teamster of San Francisco, and was the third-born in a family of four boys: John, William, Felix, and James.

Felix Desmond attended the school of his locality, and when a lad started to make his own way in the world. He received at first two dollars a week, and his job was to thread needles in a carpet factory run by John C. Bell. He then worked for a while in a candle factory, and after that, when he was able to handle horses, took up teaming, and drove for three companies in San Francisco, those of McKinnon,

Ayers, and Messrs. Lyons & Collins. He then left San Francisco and went to Stockton, where he worked for George Harris, on a ranch near Oakdale.

Leaving Mr. Harris, where he had become invaluable through his work and his fidelity, Mr. Desmond entered the service of the state of California, and he has been at the State Farm for the past fifteen years. He is now foreman in charge of their ranch of 250 acres on Sherman Island, Sacramento County, which is a part of the State Farm; a self-supporting institution, with about twenty-five inmates from the asylum, the temporarily insane and ailing to a still lesser degree. These (male) inmates do all the work required to operate the farm, which is devoted to the raising of asparagus and vegetables. Mr. Desmond is a Republican, but first, last and all the time, he is a loyal American, enthusiastic for the Golden State.

At San Francisco, on February 28, 1885, Mr. Desmond was married to Blanche Paul, who was born on March 16, 1868, at San Francisco, the daughter of Horatio Paul; and two sons and one daughter have blessed this union, Harry, Roy and Vera. Both sons responded for service in defence of their country in the World War, Roy joining the Pacific Coast Guards, but he was not accorded the privilege of getting to France. He resides in San Francisco. Harry enlisted in the army, on the other hand, trained at Camp Lewis, and crossing over to France, served in the Evacuation Hospital, No. 16. He is married and resides at Cle Elum, Wash., and has one daughter, Elizabeth. Vera married Otto Boyer.

Source: G. Walter Reed, ed. *History of Sacramento County, California* (Los Angeles, California: Historic Record Company, 1921) p. 954.

FRANCIS J. DESMOND OF NEWCASTLE, NEW BRUNSWICK

Francis J. Desmond, M.D., CM., a popular physician and surgeon of Newcastle, N.B., was born in Buctouche, Kent County, October 7, 1862, a son of Patrick and Sarah (Fitzpatrick) Desmond. His paternal grandfather was John Desmond, who emigrated from Ireland when Patrick was fourteen years of age, settling first at Douglstown, N. B., and later removing to Kent County.

Patrick Desmond, born in Cork, Ireland, on attaining to years of maturity engaged in business as a millwright in Kent County. After following this occupation for some time he became proprietor of a hotel at Buctouche, Kent County, which he managed for several years. He then went into business as a merchant and as a manufacturer and dealer in lumber, and subsequently for some years he devoted his energies to ship-building. His wife, Sarah, was a native of Chatham, N.B. and a daughter of Luke and Mary (O'Leary) Fitzpatrick, who came to New Brunswick from Wexford, Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Desmond were the parents of eight children, two of whom are now living, namely: Mary Ellen, wife of Captain William Beynon; and Francis J., the subject of this sketch. Luke, the eldest son, was a sea captain. He sailed from Limerick, Ireland, in January, 1888, on a vessel called the "Borzone," which was never more heard from. The others died in childhood. Patrick Desmond died in 1880, at the age of fifty-four years.

Francis J. Desmond received his elementary education in the common schools, and subsequently attended St. Michael's College, Chatham, where he took a commercial course. He then began the study of medicine with Dr. I. B. Freeman and Dr. R. McLearn, of Fredericton, receiving the benefit of their instruction for two years, during eighteen months of which time he was employed in a drug store. He had previously, after leaving St. Michael's College, taught for a year in St. Louis' College, Kent County. He matriculated at McGill College in 1884, and graduated March 31, 1888, with the degree of M.D., CM. In the following June he entered upon the duties of his profession in Newcastle, where he has since remained, having built up a large and lucrative practice. He is a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Quebec, Canada, of the New Brunswick Medical Society, the British Medical Association, and the Canadian Medical Association.

Source: Isaac Allen Jack, *Biographical Review* (Boston: *Biographical Review Publishing Co.*, 1900), p. 152.

FRANK DESMOND OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Frank Desmond, a prominent citizen of the village of South Range, Douglas county, is one of the oldest members of the county board of supervisors. He is a native of Maine, born in Springfield, March 23, 1853, a son of Timothy and Mary (Finn) Desmond.

Timothy Desmond was born in County Cork, Ireland, and came to the United States while a young man. After coming to Maine he settled on a farm, being also engaged to some extent in lumbering. In the fall of 1855 he went to Wright county, Minn., where he took up a preemption claim. This he gradually developed into a fine farm, and spent the balance of his life there, passing away when eighty-four years old. His widow, who survived him for a few years, died when seventy-five. She was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland. Both were members of the Catholic Church and helped to organize St. Timothy's Church in Wright county. Twelve children, seven of them sons, were born to Timothy and Mary Desmond, as follows: Timothy, Jr., of Maple Lake, Minn.; James (deceased) of Buffalo, Minn.; Daniel, of Minneapolis; William, (deceased), of the same city; Zachariah, who died in Wright county; George, of Minneapolis; Frank; Eliza, who married J. M. Baldwin, of Minneapolis; Lucy, now Mrs. William Knight, of Monticello, Minn.; Ellen, (deceased) wife of William Hawn, of Wright county; Margaret, (deceased) wife of A. E. Philbrook, of Superior; and Maria, married to D. E. Slipp, of Brainerd, Minn.

Frank Desmond spent the most of his boyhood in Wright county, where he attended the public schools, usually for three months in the year, helping his father on the farm for the rest of the time. When twenty-one years old he left home and secured employment on the river and in the lumber regions, remaining in Minnesota until 1882, when he located at Superior. For several years he continued to work at lumbering but in the year 1884 he settled at South Range, where he has since resided. He was employed for some time in the saw mill of K. G. Staples. At intervals Mr. Desmond has invested in real estate until he now has 260 acres of land, from which he has cut and marketed the timber, together with forty acres adjacent to the village of South Range, and fourteen acres enclosed and under cultivation. He has raised successfully all kinds of grain and vegetables except maize. In 1902 he planted two acres of sugar beets for a factory in Minneapolis, as an experiment in the culture of that crop in Douglas county. Since 1892 Mr. Desmond has represented the town of Superior on the county board and is now the oldest member of the body in continual service. He has served on the committees on finance, sheriffs and courts, roads and bridges, and the county poor.

Mr. Desmond has always been a Democrat in principle but is too intelligently interested in public affairs to be a partisan. He enjoys the confidence and good will of all his associates, regardless of party affiliations.

Mrs. Frank Desmond was a Miss Margaret L. Cunningham, daughter of Patrick and Ann Cunningham, of Wright county, Minn. She was married to Mr. Desmond Nov. 24, 1891, and has borne him three children, Morris Edward, Walter Eustace, and Anna Marie. The family are prominently connected with St. Francis' Catholic Church of Superior. [Includes portrait.]

Source: *Commemorative Biographical Record of the Upper Lake Region, Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens and Many of the Early Settled Families* (Chicago: J. H. Beers and Co., 1905) pp. 304-5. (See Timothy Desmond of Wright County, Minnesota below.)

H. E. DESMOND OF ATCHISON, KANSAS

H. E. Desmond, M. D., physician and surgeon, came to Kansas in the spring of the year 1873, and located in Grenada, Nemaha Co., and remained there until spring of 1879, and then moved to Lancaster, Atchison Co., where he lived until the spring of 1882, when he removed to the city of Atchison, where he resides at present; is engaged in practicing his profession. Dr. Desmond was born in Boston, Mass., December 18, 1849, and lived in his native city, where he remained until his eleventh year, when he removed to St. Louis, Mo., where he lived until the year 1869, and then removed to Rockport, Atchison Co., Mo., where he lived until he came to Kansas. Dr. D. graduated in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the Ohio Medical College, in the fall of 1871, and has been practicing his profession continually since, and is well known as a successful physician and surgeon. He was married October 2, 1878, in Atchison County, to Miss Alice M. Streeper, a native of New Jersey.

Source: William G. Cutler, *History of the State of Kansas* (Chicago: A. T. Andreas, 1883), Atchison County, Part 15, <http://www.kancoll.org/books/cutler/>

HUMPHREY E. DESMOND OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Desmond, Humphrey E., publisher; b. Milwaukee WI, Aug. 14, 1900; s. Humphrey J. and Susan (Ryan) D.; A.B., U. Wise. 1922; wed Janet Johnston, June 26, 1926; ch.- 3 sons, 4 daus. Pres. Citizen Co.; v. pres., pub. Cath. Herald Citizen; dir. Milw. and Suburb. Transport Co., and other corps.; adv. bd. dirs., St. Mary's Hosp.; hon. bd. trustees Marquette U. In SATC 1918-19. Clubs: Milw. Country, Serra, University, Sigma Chi, Beta Gamma Sigma, Cath. Press Assn. (pres. 1946-48). H: 2170 N Prospect Av, Milwaukee WI 53202

Source: A. E. P. Wall, ed., *The American Catholic Who's Who*, Bicentennial Edition, 1976-1977, Volume 21 (Washington, D.C.: NC News Service, 1975) p. 231.

HUMPHREY J. DESMOND OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Desmond, Humphrey J., Lawyer, journalist, author; b. 1858, in Ozauku County, Wis., where his grandfather settled in 1840; m. Susie Ryan, of Oshkosh, graduate of the Wisconsin State Normal School; ed. at Wisconsin University (A.B.) ; Notre Dame University (A.M., 1895). Served on the Milwaukee School Board, 1883-90; elected to the State Legislature, 1890; while a member of the Milwaukee School Board he organized the movement for manual training in the public schools of Milwaukee. Was counsel before the Wisconsin Supreme Court in the famous Edgerton Bible case; in the Legislature of 1891, he acted as chairman of the Committee on Education and drew the Compulsory Education Law which was enacted in place of the Bennett law; also drew up and had enacted, the Wisconsin Freedom of Worship Law. He was one of the founders of the Western Catholic Summer School, now located at Spring Bank, Wis. Is editor of the *Catholic Citizen*, Milwaukee; proprietor of the *Northwestern Chronicle*, St. Paul, Minn.; and the *New Century*, of Washington, D. C. He helped to organize the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin. Author of *Mooted Questions of History*; *The Church and the Law*; *Chats Within the Fold*; *Outlooks and Insights*; *A History of the Know Nothing Party*; and *Ways of Well Doing*; has contributed to the *North American Review*, *Century*, *Forum*, *American Catholic Quarterly Review*, *Library of the World's Best Literature*, and the *Catholic Encyclopedia*. Made two trips to Europe. Member of the Knights of Columbus. Clubs: Milwaukee Athletic; University Press; Old Settlers; Sunset (chairman). Address: 612 Newberry Blvd., Milwaukee, Wis.

Source: Georgina Pell Curtis, ed., *The American Catholic Who's Who* (St. Louis: B. Herder, 1911), pp. 151-2.

HUMPHREY JOSEPH DESMOND OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Humphrey Joseph Desmond, author, publisher, lawyer, and political reformer, was born on September 14, 1858 outside Cedarburg, Wisconsin. He was the eldest son of Thomas and Johanna Bowe Desmond.

He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1880 with a B.L. and set up a law practice in Milwaukee in 1881. He was regarded by his associates as one of the finest lawyers in the Wisconsin bar. He served on the Milwaukee School Board from 1883 to 1890 and was a member of the Wisconsin state legislature from 1890 to 1891.

In 1891, Mr. Desmond became editor of the *Catholic Citizen*, a Catholic newspaper published in Milwaukee. He, eventually, became owner and acquired ownership of other Catholic newspapers in Washington, D. C., Memphis, Tennessee, and St. Paul, Minnesota. He was the first president of the Irish-American Association and wrote many articles exposing the oppression of Catholics in the U.S. Many of his articles were published in *The North American Review*, "*The Forum*," "*The Century*," and other leading magazines of the day. He was, also, a special contributor to *The Library of the World's Best Literature* and *The Catholic Encyclopedia*.

He was the author of many books on history and ecclesiastical law, including *Curious Chapters of American History*, *Mooted Questions of History*, *The Church and the Law*, *The A.P.A. Movement*, *The Know-Nothing Party*, and *Why God Loves the Irish*. In 1905, he published his tribute to his father, *A Memoir of Thomas Desmond*, a biography.

Mr. Desmond married Susan Ryan in Milwaukee. They had six children: Dorothy Louise, Humphrey Earl, Katharine Grace, Marion E., Thomas E., and John Desmond. Following his death in 1932, his son Humphrey Earl Desmond succeeded him as editor and publisher of *The Catholic Citizen*.

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J. J. DESMOND OF CORRY, PENNSYLVANIA

Manufacturer of sole leather; born in Corry, Pa., April 23, 1872; son of P. B. Desmond and Margaret (Heib) Desmond. He was educated in Corry High School. He married in Corry, June 28, 1900, Florence E. Kibler, and they have two children: Laurence, born in 1902, and Marjorie, born in 1905. Mr. Desmond is treasurer of the J. W. and A. P. Howard Co., Ltd., Beck Tanning Company, director of the Citizens National Bank, and president of the Corry Fair and Driving Park Association. He is a Republican in politics, and a Roman Catholic in religious views; president of the Chamber of Commerce. Address: Corry, Pa.

Source: *Who's Who in Pennsylvania, a Biographical Dictionary of Contemporaries*, John W. Leonard, ed., 2nd edition (New York: L. R. Hamersly & Co., 1908), p. 197.

JEREMIAH DESMOND OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Desmond, Jeremiah, brass-worker, born in Boston, May, 1853. He was educated in the public schools of Boston, and commenced to learn his trade when eleven years of age as a brass-worker. From 1885 to 1887, inclusive, he represented Ward 16 in the Legislature, and served on the Committees on Printing, Manufacturing, and Street Railways.

Source: James Bernard Cullen, ed. *The Story of the Irish in Boston together with Biographical Sketches of Representative Men and Noted Women* (Boston: James B. Cullen & Co., 1889) p. 352.

JEREMIAH JOHN DESMOND OF PLACER COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Among the industrious farmers who have given material assistance in developing and advancing the agricultural prosperity of Placer County [California] is Jeremiah John Desmond, whose finely cultivated ranch of ninety acres lies in the vicinity of Ophir. When he bought the property twelve years ago it was still in a wild state; he cleared and planted forty acres to orchard, which is showing a fine growth; the balance of fifty acres is still undeveloped. In partnership with W. R. Monahan, Mr. Desmond has developed another orchard property of fifty acres adjacent to Ophir.

Mr. Desmond was born in Philadelphia, Pa., a son of John and Hannah (Foley) Desmond, both natives of County Cork, Ireland. The father, John Desmond, came to the West in 1875 and located at Virginia City, Nev., where he remained for one year; then he located in Lassen County, Nev., where he engaged in farming for about forty years; he passed away at Reno, Nev., aged seventy-six years; his wife was sixty years old when she died. They were the parents of two children: Jeremiah John, the subject of this sketch, and Mrs. Anna Casey, who resides at Auburn, Cal.

J. J. Desmond was reared on his father's farm in Lassen County and there received what schooling was available in the district schools. In 1901 he removed to Reno, Nev., where he worked for about six years, when he returned to California and settled in the Ophir district of Placer County, in 1907, which has since been his home.

In April, 1906, at Sacramento, Mr. Desmond was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Monahan, a native of Butte County, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth F. Monahan, early pioneers of Placer and Nevada Counties.

Thomas Monahan engaged in mining for a number of years. About fifty years ago he settled near Ophir and engaged in the orchard business, and at one time he owned one of the largest cherry orchards in this vicinity. Mrs. Desmond is the youngest of three children, the others being William R. and Lewis C., the latter residing at Winthrop, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Desmond are the parents of one son, John, who is associated with his father on the home ranch. In politics Mr. Desmond is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Auburn council No. 1226, Knights of Columbus.

Source: William B. Lardner & M. J. Brock, *History of Placer and Nevada Counties California* (Los Angeles: Historic Record Company, 1924), pp. 1178-9.

JEREMIAH JOSEPH DESMOND OF NEW LONDON COUNTY, CONNECTICUT

Hon. Jeremiah Joseph Desmond, one of the most eminent attorneys of New London county, many times a public servant, and for two years mayor of Norwich, Connecticut, is a figure of more than usual prominence in the city in which he has resided for thirty-four years.

Timothy Desmond, Mr. Desmond's father, played a large part in the development of the railway facilities of Western Connecticut. He was born in 1800, in County Cork, Ireland. He received his early education in the National schools of that country, after which he became a farmer, and followed this calling until 1848, when he came to the United States, locating in Boston, Massachusetts. There he became associated with Lynch Brothers, contractors and builders, whose sister he had married a number of years before coming to this country.

About 1850 Lynch Brothers secured a contract to build a section of the New London & Worcester railroad, between Norwich and Allen Point, near New London, Connecticut. Mr. Desmond held the position of assistant manager and bookkeeper on this contract. Not long after the completion of this stretch of road a more important contract was taken by the Lynch Brothers, namely, the building of a section of the Hartford & Providence branch, between Willimantic and Baltic, Connecticut. At that time the brothers bought a farm near Windham, Connecticut, and Mr. Desmond took charge of it, housing all the laborers. He conducted this farm until the contract was completed, then hired a farm in the town of Preston, where he remained until 1866, then bought a farm in the town of Mansfield, Connecticut, where he engaged in general farming until 1875. He then retired from active work, selling the farm and moving his family to Norwich, there to spend his declining years. He died there in 1891, at the advanced age of ninety-one years. His wife, Julia (Lynch) Desmond, was also a native of Ireland; she died in 1887. They were the parents of fifteen children, of whom the Norwich attorney was the fourteenth.

Jeremiah Joseph Desmond was born in Windham, Windham county, Connecticut, on April 4, 1856. He received his primary education in the district schools of the town of Preston, and later attended school in Mansfield. In 1870 he entered the Nicolet Preparatory College, at Nicolet, in the Province of Quebec, Canada. In 1871 he was ready for his higher course, and entered the Montreal College. In 1875 he entered the Holy Cross College at Worcester, Massachusetts, taking the academic course, and in 1878 was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the same year he came to Norwich. For one year he studied law with Wait & Green, then went to Columbia University Law School, New York City, to complete his studies. He received the degree of Master of Arts from Holy Cross College. In November, 1880, he was admitted to the bar, and in the same year opened an office in Norwich.

Mr. Desmond's legal career may be summed up in the statement that he has practiced in Norwich from that date to the present. But this says nothing whatsoever of the struggles and triumphs through which he has passed, nor of the meaning which his name has come to possess to his friends, to the general public, to the community. By political affiliation a Democrat, he has served the city in many ways.

Mr. Desmond was corporation counsel from 1888 to 1890, and was chairman of the Democratic Town Committee for many years. He served as secretary of the Greenville School Board for eight years, and was on the School Board of the Central District for several years. This was before the consolidation of the schools now in force. In 1918, Mr. Desmond was elected mayor of the city of Norwich, and served in that capacity for two years. He is a member of the Catholic Benevolent Legion; of the Foresters of America; and of White Cross Council, No. 13, Knights of Columbus. Mr. Desmond is now county coroner of New London county.

Mr. Desmond married (first), in June, 1896, Marguerite A. Cunningham, of Norwich. Two children were born of this union: Thomas G., v/ho was graduated from the Catholic University of America, at Washington, D. C, in June, 1920; and Catherine G.. now a student at New Rochelle College, New Rochelle, New York. Marguerite A. (Cunningham) Desmond died on June 16, 1906. Mr. Desmond married (second), in 1911, Catherine C. Somers, of Norwich. The family have always been devout members of the Roman Catholic church.

Source: Benjamin Tinkham Marshall, ed., *A Modern History of New London County Connecticut*, 2 vols. (New York: *Lewis Historical Publishing Company*, 1922), vol. 2, pp. 98-9.

JOHN DESMOND OF CASS COUNTY, IOWA

John Desmond is a native of Henry county, Illinois, born in 1845. He removed to Rock Island county in the same State, and then to Linn county, Iowa. He came here from the latter place in 1874. In May of that year he purchased a farm of eighty acres in section 34. This he improved and lived upon until 1883. He then bought of F. H. Whitney, adjoining land in the same section to which he removed. He now has one hundred acres of land, all of which has been improved by himself, and is a valuable and highly desirable place. Mr. Desmond was married to Ellen Dugan, a native of Illinois. They have six children — William, Mary, John, Margaret, Catharine and Francis.

Source: *History of Cass County, Iowa* (Springfield, Ill.: *Continental Historical Co.*, 1884), p. 574.

JOHN DESMOND OF FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

Desmond, John, collector of customs, is a son of Dennis and Mary (Desmond) Desmond and was born in Fall River, August, 1857. He received his education in the public schools and was first employed in a provision store. He later engaged in that business for himself in Fall River. When the city store department for the relief of the poor was originated in Fall River, during the mayoralty of Dr. John W. Coughlin, Mr. Desmond was elected to the office of superintendent. He remained in that position, doing excellent service, until he was appointed collector of customs for Fall River by President Cleveland in 1895. He has filled this position with great credit. Mr. Desmond was a member of the City Council in 1882 and 1883 from Ward 8.

Source: Alanson Borden, *Our County and Its People, a Descriptive and Biographical Record of Bristol County, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (Boston: *Boston History Co.*, 1899), vol. 2, p. 75

JOHN DESMOND OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

John Desmond, practicing at the bar of Rochester, his prominence indicated by the fact that he is vice president of the New York State Bar Association, was born in the town of Parma, this state, April 15, 1854, his parents being Bartholomew and Nancy (Foley) Desmond, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father settled in Monroe county, New York, in 1849. He was a farmer by occupation and for many years carried on that pursuit, his death occurring in 1892. His wife survived him for about ten years, passing away in 1902. They had a family of eight children, five of whom are living.

John Desmond was reared upon the old homestead place and attended the country schools, wherein he mastered the elementary branches of English learning. He afterward entered the Brockport Academy and taught for several years in the country and village schools, but he regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor and in 1876, at the age of twenty-two years, he took up the study of law, being admitted to the bar on the 4th of April, 1879. He immediately began practice in the city of Rochester, where he has built up a large clientele. As the years have passed he has been associated with several partners, but is now alone. The zeal with which he has devoted his energies to his profession, the careful regard evinced for the interests of his clients and an assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all the details of his cases have brought him a large business and made him very successful in its conduct. His arguments have elicited warm commendation, not only from his associates at the bar, but also from the bench. He is a very able writer; his briefs always show wide research, careful thought and the best and strongest reasons which can be urged for his contention, presented in cogent and logical form and illustrated by a style unusually lucid and clear. His standing among his professional brethren is indicated by the fact that they have honored him with election to the office of president of the Rochester Bar Association, in which position he served from December, 1904, until December, 1905, while at the present writing he is vice president of the New York State Bar Association. He was one of the committee and also a member of the subcommittee of the state bar association that investigated the charges made against Judge Warren B. Hooker, one of the most famous investigations that has occurred here for many years.

On the 18th of August, 1880, Mr. Desmond was married to Miss Flora Butts, of Greece, Monroe county, and they have one daughter, Laura M. Desmond. The family are [*sic*] connected with the Unitarian church and Mr. Desmond is a gentleman of broad humanitarian principles as is proven by his

active co-operation in many movements to alleviate or ameliorate the hard conditions of life for others. He was manager of the State Industrial School for five years, from 1891 until 1896, and is a member of the Genesee Valley Club. In citizenship he is public-spirited and while holding high ideals he has always recognized the practical utility of the opportunities at hand. His time and energies have naturally been given most largely to his profession and he has met with splendid success therein. Well versed in the learning of his profession and with a deep knowledge of human conduct, with great sagacity and marked tact, he stands as a peer of many of the ablest members of the New York bar and is an honor to the profession which has honored him.

Source: William F. Peck. *History of Rochester and Monroe County New York, from the Earliest Historic Times to the Beginning of 1907*, (New York: Pioneer Pub. Co., 1908), 2 vols., vol. 2, p. 699.

LOUIS A, DESMOND OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Louis A. Desmond, of Highland, was born at Wilmington, Will County, Illinois, September 12, 1859. He was the son of Timothy and Hanna Fineran Desmond, his father a native of New York City and a contractor and builder by trade. Louis A. received a common school education in his native town and learned telegraphy. He became a fireman on the Wabash road and was for fifteen years in the railway service. He came to California in 1887, and was for four years station agent at Anaheim. He was the first agent at Highland, opening the office August 17, 1891. There was then no town here, only two houses in the place, — Wolsey residence and the S. L. Grow house were the only residences. Mr. Desmond soon afterward started a lumber, hay and grain business. He has continued a resident of the town and one of its best known business men. He has been for six years a member of the school board and is a leading member of the M. E. church and superintendent of its Sabbath school. He has also been justice of the peace and notary public.

In 1885 Mr. Desmond was married to Miss Cora, daughter of Mrs. L. V. Jones, now of Highland, at Ritchie, 111. They have four living children, Edna, Mable, Argyle and Harold.

Source: L. A. Ingersoll, *Ingersoll's Century Annals of San Bernardino County, 1769 to 1904* (Los Angeles: L. A. Ingersoll, 1904), p. 720.

M. F. DESMOND OF CASS COUNTY, IOWA

M. F. Desmond settled in the spring of 1878, on the east half of the northwest quarter of section 35. He purchased this farm of John B. Strator, who made the improvements upon it. Mr. Desmond was born in McHenry county, Illinois, in 1846. He was there reared to the occupation of farming. He removed to Rock Island county with his father, Cornelius Desmond, about 1862. The latter, in the fall of the following year, returned to McHenry county where he resided until his decease in 1869. M. F. Desmond went to Chicago in 1873 and for three years was a member of the police force of that city. He then came to Cass county. Mr. Desmond was married to Mary Calahan, daughter of Bartholomew Calahan. John Desmond, a brother of M. F. Desmond, resides in Pymosa township, where he owns a farm of eighty acres. (See John Desmond of Cass County, Iowa above.)

Source: *History of Cass County, Iowa* (Springfield, Ill.: *Continental Historical Co.*, 1884), p. 574.

MICHAEL J. DESMOND OF SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Michael J. Desmond, who for the fifth consecutive term is filling the office of city clerk of Sacramento and is one in whom the public trust is well reposed because of his unquestioned loyalty to the municipal welfare, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1861, his parents being William and Ellen (O'Leary) Desmond, both of whom were natives of Ireland and came to the United States in their childhood days, settling in Boston in 1851. They were reared in the same locality on the Emerald Isle and after attaining to years of maturity they were married. The father was a blacksmith by trade, and about the close of the Civil war he came to California, locating first at San Francisco, where he conducted a smithy for some

time. He was joined in 1868 by his family, his children being three in number, two sons and a daughter, of whom Michael J. is the eldest.

Between the ages of four and seven years Michael J. Desmond pursued his education in Boston and afterward attended the public schools at Sacramento, the family removing to this city in 1871. He left school at the age of fourteen years, and was then apprenticed to learn the boilermaker's trade, at which he became an expert workman. He was employed in that capacity for eighteen years or until 1894, when he was elected clerk of the police court of Sacramento, and served in that office for two years. In 1896 he was again called to public office, being elected city clerk and re-elected in 1898, 1900, 1902 and 1904, so that he is now serving for the fifth consecutive term, which will cover an incumbency of ten years without interruption. He is careful and methodical in the discharge of the duties of the office, and the work is done with a scrupulous regard to exactness and detail that makes his administration of the office a model one.

In the year in which he was first elected city clerk Mr. Desmond was also married, his union being with Miss Mary Morley, a native of New Jersey and a daughter of William and Mary Morley, who came to California in 1877, locating in Sacramento. They have two children, Gerald and William. Mr. Desmond is a member of the Elks lodge and also is connected with the Woodmen of the World, while in his political affiliations he is a Democrat. In the city which has been his place of residence for a third of a century he is widely known, and his large circle of friends, found among all classes of people, indicates that his life record is one that commands for him regard and good will.

Source: *History of the New California Its Resources and People*, Leigh H. Irvine, ed., 2 vols. (New York; *The Lewis Publishing Company*, 1905), vol. 1, pp. 502-3

THOMAS DESMOND OF BRISTOL COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

Desmond, Thomas F., a prominent member of the Bristol bar, was born in Limerick, Ireland, June 17, 1851, and removed to this country when but a boy, settling in Braintree, Mass. He attended the public schools of that town and also the State Normal School at Bridgewater. He began the study of law in the office of Asa French in Boston, and in June, 1872, was admitted to the bar. For three years subsequent he was in the office of Edward Avery. He began his present practice in New Bedford in April, 1879, and has since won a high reputation, especially as a criminal lawyer. Mr. Desmond was registrar of voters for five years, four of which he was chairman of the board. He has also served as city solicitor and in that capacity exhibited vigorous and fearless methods in the performance of his duties. He acquired considerable distinction from the correct position he took regarding the police tenure of office.

Source: Alanson Borden, *Our County and Its People, a Descriptive and Biographical Record of Bristol County, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (Boston: *Boston History Co.*, 1899), vol. 2, p. 274.

Thomas Augustin Desmond of Brooklyn, New York

Desmond, Thomas Augustin, importer, was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Nov. 24, 1884, son of Frank and Katherine (Coffero) Desmond. His father emigrated from Italy and settled in Brooklyn where he was a cabinetmaker.

Educated in Brooklyn public schools, Thomas A. Desmond was employed at the age of fifteen as an office boy by Francis H. Robinson, owner of the New York city rubber importing firm of Robinson & Co. After advancing through a number of positions, Desmond withdrew from the firm in 1917 to organize T.A. Desmond & Co., importers of crude rubber. When the company was incorporated Desmond became president and a director, continuing as such until his death. While the firm was primarily engaged in importing rubber, it also imported various other commodities, including Panama hats and braids. Desmond was one of the founders in 1926 of the New York Rubber Exchange, which in 1933 was merged into the New York Commodity Exchange.

During the Second World War he was a Member of the Selective Service Board of Appeal, Essex County, N.J. He was a member of the Downtown Athletic Club of New York city, BPOE, and the Montclair (N.J.) Athletic Club. His religious affiliation was with the Roman Catholic church. In politics he was a republican. Collecting coins was one of his chief hobbies.

Thomas Augustin Desmond was married in Brooklyn N.Y., July 1, 1907 to Adele, daughter of Peter J. Lopez, an engineer of Brooklyn, and had three children: Adele, Thomas Augustin, and Frank.

His death occurred in Summit, N.J., Sept. 19, 1948.

Source: *The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography* (New York: James T. White & Company, 1927).

THE THOMAS DESMOND FAMILY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

The residence of the Desmond family in Milwaukee covers a period of seventy years, beginning during the territorial era of the state. The first generation was characterized by the labors and accomplishments of a pioneer settler. The head of the next generation, the late Thomas Desmond, was for nearly half a century well known in business and educational circles in Milwaukee, while the sons of Thomas Desmond have, as worthy representatives of an honored father and grandfather, borne distinctive parts in life in the law, education, in authorship, in various lines of business enterprise, and in civic and social work. The Desmond family is of Norman-Irish ancestry. A large province in southern Ireland was once known as "Desmond," and the "Earls of Desmond" played an important part in Anglo-Irish history.

The late Thomas Desmond was born in 1833 near Little Falls, New York, where his father had settled about one hundred years ago. In August, 1842, when the history of Wisconsin as a territory had yet six years to run, Humphrey Desmond, father of Thomas Desmond, came west and settled upon several hundred acres of land about twenty miles north of Milwaukee near the present city of Cedarburg. With him were three sons and three daughters.

Thomas Desmond, the youngest son, was then nine years old. He attended district schools, and at the age of seventeen began to vary the duties of farm life by teaching during the winter in near-by schools. Years of self-education and a natural leaning towards educational work led later to his identification with the Milwaukee public schools in administrative capacities. From 1866 to 1880 he was secretary of the school board. All his nine children completed high school courses in Milwaukee, finishing in normal schools or the State University. During the last twenty years of his life Mr. Desmond was state manager for one of the large eastern life insurance companies. At the time of his death in May, 1901, many tributes to his life and character were paid by prominent men of the city and state. This passage from a letter published in one of the Milwaukee dailies fairly summarizes the esteem in which he was held: "I have known Thomas Desmond since my boyhood, and a more consistent, conscientious, honorable man I have yet to meet. He was courteous, kind and affable. The dominant trait in his character was justice."

Thomas Desmond was survived by his widow, whose maiden name was Bowe, and who had been a resident of Milwaukee since 1854, and was in all respects the ideal of a true wife and helpmate. Their oldest daughter, Dora A. Desmond, who was for many years identified with educational and charitable work in Milwaukee died in 1909. Mary Desmond, the second daughter, was also a teacher in the Milwaukee schools for a number of years, but is now engaged in literary work and is active in several women's organizations of the city. She with her sisters Julia and Theresa Desmond, reside with their mother at the family home, 810 Van Buren Street, Milwaukee.

Humphrey J. Desmond, the oldest son of Thomas Desmond and who is regarded by his associates as possessing one of the finest minds in the Wisconsin bar, entered the legal profession after his graduation from the University of Wisconsin. He was a member of the Milwaukee school board from 1883 to 1890, and of the Wisconsin legislature during 1891-92. As a member of the school board he is credited with initiating the industrial training movement in the schools of Milwaukee, and of the Charter Convention of Milwaukee, and an incorporator of the City Club. He was especially identified with the inception and promotion of the Non-Partisan and the Home Rule laws for cities, in which movement Milwaukee has led the way.

Frank B. Desmond, the third son, is officially connected with the First National Bank of Milwaukee. He is widely known in business circles, and is a director in several corporations. Thomas A. Desmond, fourth among the sons, has built up a very substantial educational publishing business of national scope. He is also vice president of the Citizen Company, which publishes a number of newspapers in various parts of the United States.

Joseph G. Desmond, the youngest of the sons of the late Thomas Desmond, has specialized in advertising, and has charge of the advertising department of the several publications controlled by the Citizen Company. He is also secretary of the latter corporation.

Source: Ellis Baker Usher, *Wisconsin It's Story and Biography, 1848-1913*, 8 vols. (Chicago and New York: *The Lewis Publishing Company*, 1914), vol. 6, pp. 1621-3.

THOMAS DESMOND, IRISH PATRIOT AND SHERIFF OF SAN FRANCISCO

Thomas Desmond was born in Cobh, County Cork, Ireland, in 1838, and immigrated to the United States in 1854. He was a member of the famous Irish Nationalist Expedition that liberated six Irish Republican prisoners from Freemantle Prison in Australia in 1875. As a member of the Fenian Brotherhood, he felt the injustice of the six remaining prisoners held by the British for participating in the Fenian Uprisings of the 1860s. With a group known as the Clan na Gael, they raised funds to charter an American flag vessel known as the Catalpa, which was sailed to Australia to free the Irish prisoners.

Prior to running for the office of Sheriff, he worked as a wheelwright and carriage maker. He was elected on the Workingman's Ticket in 1880. He died in 1910 and is buried in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Source: *Sheriffs of San Francisco, California* at http://www.sfgov.org/site/sheriff_index

THOMAS A. DESMOND OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Desmond, Thomas A., Founder and publisher of The Catholic School Journal, Milwaukee, Wis.; b. in Milwaukee, Wis.; ed. in Catholic schools and at the University of Wisconsin, where he specialized in history, pedagogy, literature, and journalism. While at the University he was editor of the students' newspaper, The Daily Cardinal, and the literary monthly, The Wisconsin Aegis. After leaving the University, he was for two years editor of the Green Bay (Wis.) Daily Gazette, and also connected with the Associated Press. In 1901, he established The Catholic School Journal, a monthly magazine of methods, aids, and current educational topics for teachers and directors of parochial schools and academies. Address : 14-15 Evening Wisconsin Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.

Source: Georgina Pell Curtis, ed., *The American Catholic Who's Who* (St. Louis: B. Herder, 1911), p. 152.

THOMAS CHARLES DESMOND OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK

Desmond, Thomas Charles, engineer, was born at Middletown, N.Y., Sept. 15, 1887, son of Thomas Henry and Katherine (Safried) Desmond. He was graduated A.B. (*magna cum laude*) at Harvard University in 1908, and B.S. in civil engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1909.

During 1909-1914 he was employed in engineering work in thirty-six states, acquiring a varied experience in bridge, railroad, subway and heavy building construction as well as in the financing of engineering projects.

In 1914 he established and became president of the firm of T. C. Desmond & Co., engineers and contractors, New York city. At the request of ex-Pres. Roosevelt, he organized a regiment of engineers for service in the event the United States entered the war, and enrolled 3,000 engineers and construction men for service in France, but the U.S. government declined to use the division. He then assisted in organizing the Newburgh Shipyards, Inc., which built a shipyard on the Hudson river near Newburgh, N.Y., and of which he was president and chief engineer until 1920. The company constructed twelve 9,000 ton steel merchant ships for the U.S. Shipping Board, and five large ships for private account, 3,500 men being employed in the work.

Since 1914 Mr. Desmond's company has obtained contracts for more than forty-five million dollars' worth of engineering construction work, consisting chiefly of building large factories, apartment houses, group housing developments and ocean-going ships. In 1923 the twenty-story Park Lexington office building, covering an entire block on Park Avenue between 46th and 47th streets in New York was erected by Mr. Desmond. Its construction presented the most difficult engineering problems as it was built over two levels, express and suburban, of the New York Central railroad tracks.

Mr. Desmond is also president of the Newburgh Housing Corporation, president of the Colonial Terraces Corporation, and a director of the City Housing Corporation. A Republican in politics, he was a member of the Republican county committee of New York during 1915-1927. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the National Civic Federation, and his clubs are University, Union League, and National Republican clubs of New York City, and the Newburgh City and Brooklawn Country clubs. He is also a director of the National Security League, and a governor of the Harvard Engineering Society.

He was married, Aug. 16, 1923, to Alice Beardsley, daughter of Lewis Beers Curtis, a banker and manufacturer of Bridgeport, Conn.

Source: *The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography* (New York: James T. White & Company, 1927).

THOMAS H. DESMOND OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK

Thomas H. Desmond, superintendent of the rolling-mill of the National Saw Works at Middletown, was born December 6, 1855, in Coatesville, Chester County, Pa., and is the son of John and Catherine (David) Desmond, the former born near Philadelphia, and the latter in London, England. She died in Coatesville, some years ago, leaving three children, of whom our subject is the only one living. The name Desmond is of Norman origin. John Desmond, the father, has always been connected with the rolling-mills, and has been boss roller and foreman of the rolling-mill at Coatesville since 1850. However, he is now living a retired life.

Thomas H. Desmond was reared in his native town, and was educated in the high schools of that place. From early boyhood he has worked at the iron and steel business, which he learned under the instruction of his father, in the works at Coatesville. From that place he went to Chester, Pa., with John Roach, the great ship-builder, and for seven years was foreman in his establishment. He then went to Philadelphia, and entered the employ of S. Robbins & Sons, of the Philadelphia Rolling-mill, as superintendent for two years, when, in 1883, he accepted his present position as superintendent of the rolling-mill of the National Saw Works. They manufacture sheet steel for saws only, and for their own use exclusively. They also manufacture the best grade of crucible steel, and give employment to seventy-five men.

Mr. Desmond was married in Philadelphia, Pa., to Miss Kate Safried, a native of that city. Five children were born unto them, four of whom are living, viz.: Ella, Charles, Catherine and Kenneth. Josephine died at the age of six-and-one-half years. Fraternally Mr. Desmond is a member of Hoffman Lodge, F. & A. M.; Midland Chapter, R. A. M.; the Consistory of Middletown; and Lancelot Lodge, K. of P. In politics he is a Republican and a strong advocate of the principles of that party.

Source: *Portrait and Biographical Record of Orange County, New York, containing Portraits and Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens of the County, together with Biographies and Portraits of all the Presidents of the United States* (New York & Chicago: Chapman Publishing Co., 1895), pp. 1155-6.

TIMOTHY DESMOND OF WRIGHT COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Timothy Desmond, retired, Maple Lake, was born in Montpelier, Vt., May 26, 1835, son of Timothy and Mary Quinn, natives of Ireland. The father came to America as a young man, lived in Vermont for a time, then went to Maine, and in 1856 came to Wright county, and located in Monticello township, where he and his wife both died. In the family there were twelve children: Eliza, Timothy, Lucy (deceased), James (deceased), Margaret (deceased), Daniel, of Minneapolis, William (deceased), Frank, of Superior, Wis., Ellen (deceased), Zachariah (deceased), George, of Monticello township, and Maria.

Timothy Desmond was reared in his native state and as a young man engaged in the lumber business in Maine with his father. He came to Wright county with his parents, and in 1862 enlisted in Company E, Eighth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. After his discharge in 1865 he took up farming in Wright county. He was unusually successful, and at one time owned half a section of land. In 1903 he retired and moved to Maple Lake village, where he now resides. In addition to his farm holdings, he is interested in the First State Bank of Maple Lake. He is a prominent member of the G.A.R. post at Buffalo.

The family faith is that of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Desmond married Nancy Blakely, who died January 1, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Desmond were blessed with six children: John married Agnes Connis. They live in Duluth and have one son, Connis. Grace married Thomas Madigan, banker, of Maple Lake. They have two sons: Timothy Irving and Paul James. Timothy Irving is a champion lightweight amateur wrestler. Blanche married J. E. Madigan, attorney and statesman, of Maple Lake. They have five children: Mark, Frances, Harriett, Russell and Faith. Vivian married Patrick O'Laughlin. They live at Northome, Minn., and have five children: Pearl, Grace, Daniel, Patrick and Nancy. Mabel married John Connole. Their home is at Sherwood, N. D. They have a daughter, Catherine. Maude married Raymond Kelley. They live at St. Paul and have four sons: Harold, Gerald, Regis and Morris. (Mabel and Maude are twins).

Source: *History of Wright County, Minnesota*, 2 vols., (Chicago: H. C. Cooper, Jr. & Co., 1915) vol. 1, p.520. (See Frank Desmond of Douglas County, Minnesota above.)

TIMOTHY JOSEPH DESMOND OF CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Timothy Joseph Desmond—As one of the heads of the widely known Desmond Coal Company and Desmond Fisheries the man whose name we have just written stands forth so prominently, not only among his neighbors of Dunkirk, but also among his fellow-citizens of Chautauqua county, as to render any words of introduction not only unnecessary but wholly superfluous. To say that Mr. Desmond is known in his town and county is distinctly an understatement, inasmuch as his name, from its connection with a great fisheries concern, is familiar in many states of the American Union.

Timothy Joseph Desmond was born in Buffalo, and is a son of Timothy and Ellen (Harrigan) Desmond, both natives of Ireland, but married in the United States. The educational facilities of Timothy Joseph Desmond were limited, and he was early obliged to become a wage earner. His business ability being above the average, and his industry and energy equal to it, he found himself, when in the prime of life, one of the proprietors of two great concerns, the Desmond Coal Company and the Desmond Fisheries. The founding and maintenance of either of these enterprises would have been sufficient to place Mr. Desmond among the foremost business men of Western New York. The Desmond Coal Company handles all kinds of coal and gives employment to ten men. It owns its trucks and carries on a very extensive business. The Desmond Fisheries own five steam tugs and miles of nets, employing twenty-eight men on their own boats. It works by contract twelve other steam tugs and gasoline motor boats on which they employ eighty-four hands. They own their cold storage, packing and fish houses, employing in these forty hands. Their catch averages 1,200 tons annually and is shipped into the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska, New Jersey, West Virginia and Maryland. During the busy season they employ 162 men and their pay-roll exceeds \$107,000 annually. Politically Mr. Desmond is a Democrat. He is a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, Dunkirk Club, C. and B. A. He is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Desmond married in Buffalo, N. Y., Mary, daughter of Cornelius and Margaret (Darcy) Corcoran, and they became the parents of three children: Margaret, at home; John, married Lucile Frey, and they have two children, William and Lamar; Timothy Joseph, Jr., married Irene Findley. All these children were educated in Dunkirk. Mrs. Desmond, who was a devoted wife and mother, passed away April 15, 1919.

Cornelius William Desmond, son of Timothy and Ellen (Harrigan) Desmond, and brother of Timothy Joseph Desmond, was born in Buffalo, and is the partner of his brother in the Desmond Coal Company and the Desmond Fisheries. The political principles of Mr. Desmond are those supported by the Democratic party. He occupies a seat in the Chamber of Commerce, and affiliates with the Catholic Benevolent Legion. He is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Desmond married Agnes, daughter of Thomas and Mary Cleary, and they have five children living, all of whom were educated in Dunkirk with the exception of the two eldest who received their educations in Buffalo: Thomas, Elinor, Agnes, Elizabeth, and Margaret. One child, Mary, is deceased.

The great business which these two brothers now successfully conduct had a small beginning, but has been gradually built up by their combined talent and aggressiveness to its present large proportions. Their record is of value to their descendants and this, together with the fact that it contains a salutary lesson for young men starting in life, should insure its careful preservation.

Source: John P. Downs and Fenwick Y. Hedley, eds., *History of Chautauqua County New York and It's People*, 3. vols. (New York: American Historical Society, Inc., 1921) vol. 3, pp. 329-30.

WALTER J. DESMOND OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Desmond, Walter J. Attorney. Res. Long Beach; office 607 South Hill St. Born Feb. 3, 1876; son of Timothy and Ellen (Meade) Desmond. Married to Margaret Lyons in 1906. Educated at classical high school, Worcester, Mass.; Harvard Univ.; graduated from Harvard Law School; admitted to the bar Suffolk Co., Mass., in 1901; practiced there until 1906; moved to Los Angeles in 1906 and was immediately admitted to practice; commissioner of public works. Long Beach, 1908-10; member Probation Committee of Los Angeles Co., having been appointed to succeed Judge Henry C. Dillon, deceased; member Harvard Club of So. Cal; Knights of Columbus; B. P. O. E.; Virginia Country Club. Democrat. Roman Catholic.

Source: *Who's Who in the Pacific Southwest: A Compilation of Authentic Biographical Sketches of Citizens of Southern California and Arizona* (Los Angeles: Times-Mirror Print. & Binding House, 1913) p. 117.

WILLIAM DESMOND OF GREENBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

William Desmond, a citizen of the "Old Dominion" and an expert plumber of Greensburg, is a son of Morris and Honora (Hurley) Desmond, and was born at Alexandria, Virginia, November 8, 1859. Morris was born in county Cork, Ireland. He crossed the Atlantic and settled in Virginia, where he soon engaged in the paving business. Being a fine paver his services were soon secured by the United States government contractors, and he has been in government employ ever since. He is a democrat and a member of the Catholic church. He owns property of considerable value at Alexandria, Va., where he now resides. He married Honora Hurley, by whom lie has had four children, of whom two are William and Kate S. Mr. Desmond has been successful in various business enterprises in which he has been interested at different times.

William Desmond was reared at Alexandria, where he attended private schools and St. John's Academy. Leaving school, he learned the trade of plumber with Joseph Higgins, and worked for some time at the plumbing business in his native town, where he averaged two thousand dollars worth of work per year. He came to Greensburg and entered the employ of the firm of Stark Bro's, general contractors and builders.

On January o, 1887, Mr. Desmond united in marriage with Amanda R. Smith, of near Greensburg. In politics he is a democrat, and has always yielded his party a hearty and faithful support. He is a skilled and experienced workman, and has been successful in his particular line of business, and at Greensburg and throughout Westmoreland county his social and business standing remain unimpeachable.

Source: *Biographical and Historical Encyclopedia of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania*, (New York: John M. Gresham & Co., 1890), p.79.

WILLIAM DESMOND OF MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

William Desmond, one of the prosperous farmers of McHenry County, is an honored resident of Woodstock, and one of the substantial men of his locality. He was born at Hartland, Ill., July 1, 1849, a son of Cornelius and Hannah (McEniry) Desmond, natives of Ireland, where the former was horn in 1799, and the latter in 1811. The father was a farmer, who came to Illinois in 1836, and was employed in the construction of the old Illinois & Michigan Canal. He came to McHenry County in June, 1838, and took up a government claim on section 29, Hartland Township, where he remained until his death, February 8, 1871, with the exception of one year which was spent on a farm in Rock Island County, that he bought in 1866. The mother came to the United States in 1843, landing at Syracuse, N. Y., from whence she came to Chicago, and in 1844, to Hartland Township. In 1850 the father was appointed one of the first judges of elections in Hartland Township, and he also served as a commissioner of highways for several years.

William Desmond attended the district schools of his native township, and two years at the Harvard High School. His first work was done on his father's farm, and after completing his studies, he taught in the district schools of the county for twelve years, when he resumed his farming. He now owns 200 acres of land on sections 29, 31 and 32 Hartland Township, and his home at No. 845 Clay Street, Woodstock. In politics Mr. Desmond is a Democrat, and he served as assessor of Hartland Township from 1877 to 1891; as supervisor from 1891 to 1912, during which time he was chairman of the board for three years, and in 1902 was elected by a large majority representative in the lower house of the State Assembly, and he served as a member and clerk of the board of review for seventeen years. His fraternal connections are with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the Catholic Order of Foresters. Mr. Desmond belongs to the Catholic church.

On June 6, 1876, Mr. Desmond was married at Harvard, 111., to Margaret Nolan, born in Hartland Township, October 9, 1848, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Nolan, the former born in Ireland in 1800, and the latter born in Ireland in 1818. Mrs. Desmond attended the district schools of the county, and the Woodstock and Harvard High Schools, and for fifteen years taught schools in the McHenry County schools. Mr. and Mrs. Desmond became the parents of the following children: Cornelius C, who was born May 25, 1877; Thomas H., who was born March 31, 1879; William W., who was born September 24, 1880; Daniel H., who was born March 21, 1882; John J., who was born July 31, 1885; Margaret E., who was born February 24, 1887, and May E., who was born May 11, 1890.

Source: *History of McHenry County Illinois*, 2 vols. (Chicago: *Munsell Publishing Co.*, 1922) vol.2, pp. 543-4.

REVEREND WILLIAM PATRICK DESMOND OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA

Probably no man has done more to promote the spread of the Catholic religion in Cherokee county or to advance the cause of Christianity in this part of Iowa than Rev. William Patrick Desmond, who since 1908 has been pastor of the Immaculate Conception church in Cherokee. He was born in County Cork, Ireland, April 3, 1865, and is a son of Patrick and Mary (Barry) Desmond, also natives of County Cork, where the father engaged in farming.

Rev. William Patrick Desmond began his education in the national school at Neucestown, Ireland, and afterward attended St. Finbar's Seminary at Bandon. He was ordained to the Catholic priesthood on the eve of All Hallows in Dublin in 1892 and shortly afterward came to America, where he was appointed assistant at St. Coulumbkill's church, West Hill, Dubuque. He was afterward sent to Bryant, Clinton county, Iowa, as the first pastor of St. Mary's church and was transferred from there to the Sacred Heart church in Alford, Lyon county, this state. He was later pastor of St. Mary's church at Doon until December 1, 1905, when he came to Cherokee as pastor of the Immaculate Conception Congregation. He has since held this position and has accomplished a great deal of earnest and consecrated work among his people. In 1907 the magnificent new church was erected and in 1908 the convent was built, the work being initiated and carried forward to successful completion by Father Desmond.

Father Desmond is a member of the Knights of Columbus and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He is widely and favorably known in Cherokee, holding the respect and confidence of people of all denominations. His warmest friends are the members of other churches, who appreciate the great effort he has put forth in a worthy cause and speak of his accomplishments in terms of the highest praise.

Source: Thomas McCulla, *History of Cherokee County*, 2 vols.(Chicago: *S. J. Clarke Pub. Co.*, 1914), vol. 2, p. 255.