

Baby Boy Humphrey
and his mom Ella Humphrey

Where does one begin. I have been, and still am, working on a cemetery project I call Block 12 Riverside. Block 12 is a pauper's site within Riverside Cemetery, Denver, Colorado. During my search I came across a sad discovery, Baby Humphrey was buried here in Denver, Colorado, and his mother, Ella, was sent back east to Kansas City, Missouri. Why? And where in Kansas City was Ella sent?

I suspect being an un-wed mom had something to do with the separation of mother and child. And, I suspect there may have been rules in 1914 about an un-wed parent being buried in a religious designated cemetery.

On 11 January 1914, Ella Humphrey died at Mercy Hospital, Denver, Colorado. Ella was in the hospital for seven days. I believe Ella died of what we now call preeclampsia. Her death record and mortuary record state that she died of Myocarditis. The baby, according to the mortuary record, died during 'instrumental extraction' and cause of death is listed as Stillborn.

Some time has gone by, and I have never forgotten Baby Humphrey or his mother; so many questions and no answers.

One day, while surfing around on www.findagrave.com, I came across an Ella Humphrey who died the same month and year as Baby Humphrey's mother. Could it be her?! I started to do some more digging.

I sent an e-mail to Mount Saint Mary's Cemetery asking for what they had on this Ella Humphrey. All they had was her burial date. Per my request, they also provided me with the names of other Humphreys buried in their cemetery. Lo and behold in the same lot, I found a John, an Ellen, and an Edward to name a few! If this Ella was truly Baby Humphrey's mother, then I also had the location of Ella's parents and sibling's burial location as well; and, also the burial location of Ella's grandmother, Catherine Gallagher. (I knew Ella had a brother by the name of Edward and parents John and Ellen based on the mortuary record).

I then sent an e-mail to the Kansas City Public Library. Wahoo! They had an obituary on Ella. I also found an article in the Kansas City Star via <http://access.newspaperarchive.com> and yes, yes, yes all of these items point to this Ella being the Ella I was seeking, the mother of Baby Humphrey!

I may never get an answer to my original question; however, I take great pleasure in re-uniting mother and child, if anything by way of genealogy and family research.

Baby Humphrey born and died 11 Jan 1914 in Denver, Denver County, Colorado is the son of Ella Humphrey. Baby (boy) Humphrey was buried at Riverside Cemetery, Denver, Colorado on 21 January 1914.

Ella Humphrey is the daughter of Irish immigrants, John and Ellen (Gallagher) Humphrey. Ella was born January 1874 in Illinois and died 11 January 1914 in Denver, Denver County, Colorado. Edward Humphrey, her brother, would pay to have her son buried (21 January 1914) at Riverside Cemetery, Denver, Colorado and the transporting of Ella's body back to Kansas City, Missouri via Pacific Union Railroad on 13 January 1914. (I suspect Ella was born in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois as that is where her older brother Edward was born.). I find it interesting that a J. Humphrey is the informant on Ella's death record. Could the J. Humphrey who provided the information be her Uncle John Humphrey? (Note: J. Humphrey spells the maiden name of Ella's mother as 'Kelleger').

Ellen Gallagher is the daughter of James and Catherine (Clark) Gallagher. Ellen was b. Sep 1842 in Ireland and died 05 Sep 1926 in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri at the age of 79. Ellen (Gallagher) Humphrey is buried at Mount Saint Mary's along with her daughter Ella, her son Edward, her husband John, her mother Catherine Gallagher and a few other Humphreys that I have not yet verified as her children or other relations. Ellen's children are: William, Edward, Ella, Nicholas, and John. From all the information I have on this family, it appears that Edward is the only child to have survived her.

Catherine Clark was born in Ireland in 1820. She married James Gallagher in Ireland. Catherine (Clark) Gallagher died 16 April 1903 in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri and is buried in Mt. Saint Mary's cemetery. Catherine Gallagher shares the same headstone of her grandson Edward Humphrey who died in 1951. (Edward buried 3 Dec 1951).

In my searching for information on this family, I have found various spellings of Gallagher – 'Kelleger' and 'Kalaher'. The starting time I see this other spelling of Gallagher is with, I believe, Catherine's son John. In the 1900 census he spells it 'Kalaheger).

References:

Re: Baby Humphrey. Records of Burials, Riverside Cemetery: 1876-1953; Denver, Colorado; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Library Film #2712, Salt Lake, Utah.

Re: Baby Humphrey and Ella Humphrey. William P. Horan Mortuary Records (1900-1956), #WH842, Western History and Genealogical Department, Denver Public Library, Denver, Colorado. This is where I learned of Baby Humphrey's burial here in Denver, and the shipment of Ella's remains to Kansas City, Missouri, paid for by her brother Edward, and the names of Baby Humphrey's mother and Ella Humphrey's parents. The name of Baby Humphrey's father is not listed.

Re: Ella Humphrey. Death Record of Ella Humphrey, State of Colorado, Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver, Colorado. Ella, single, died 11 January 1914

of Myocarditis, was at Mercy Hospital for seven days. Resident of Colorado for 2 months, informant was J. Humphrey. (It appears this J. Humphrey was a resident of Denver, Colorado. Perhaps for the same time Ella was?).

Mt. Saint Mary's Cemetery index list. Ella Humphrey buried 15 January 1914 in Lot 20, Sec A. (Note: Ella's father, mother, brother Edward and other Humphreys are buried in this location as well).

Re: Ella Humphrey. Kansas City Star, 13 January 1914, p. 5, via <http://access.newspaperarchive.com>. Ella died in Denver, was of 2339 Terrace Place Kansas City, Missouri, survived by her brother Edward and mother Ellen Humphrey both of Kansas City.

Re: Ella Humphrey. Kansas City Star, 14 January 1914, p. 4. Ella died 11 January 1914 in Denver, was of 2339 Terrace, daughter of Ellen Humphrey, sister of Edward, "Remains will arrive today."

Re: Ellen (Gallagher) Humphrey. Kansas City Star, 6 Sep 1926, p.19. Ellen 79, died 5 Sep 1926 at her son Edward F.'s home on 4247 Wyoming. She is survived by three grandchildren: William, Frank, and Bernadine Humphrey. Funeral 7 Sep 1926. Burial at Mt. St. Mary's.

1870 U.S. Federal Census, 3rd Ward, Quincy, Adams County, Illinois. Post Office of Quincy, p. 2, line 40, 11 July 1870. www.familysearch.org. Found a John Humphrey 28, b. in Ireland, a Railroad Laborer, parents of foreign birth. Is a citizen of U.S. of 21 years of age and up.

1870 U.S. Federal Census, 3rd Ward, Quincy, Adams County, Illinois. Post Office of Quincy, p. 4, lines 1-4, 11 July 1870. www.familysearch.org. Kate Gallagher 50, b. in Ireland, Keeping House, parents of foreign birth, is listed with Ellen Humphrey 22, b. in Ireland, At Home, parents of foreign birth; Willi Humphrey 2, b. in Illinois, parents of foreign birth; and John Gallagher 20, b. in Ireland, Hardware St. ----, parents of foreign birth.

1880 U.S. Federal Census, Round Grove, Marion County, Missouri. Enumeration Dist. #23, p. 29 (449), Lines 29-36, 19 & 21 June 1880. www.familysearch.org. Jno Humphrey 38, b. in Ireland, married, parents b. in Ireland, a Farmer, is listed with wife: Ellen 36, b. in Ireland, married, Keeping House, parents b. in Ireland; son: William 12, b. in Illinois, single, works on farm, parents b. in Ireland, attended school within the census year; son: Edmond 9, b. in Illinois, single, works on farm, parents b. in Ireland, attended school within the census year; dau: Ellen 6, b in Illinois, single, parents b. in Ireland; son: Nicholas 3, b. in Illinois, single, parents b. in Ireland; son: John 1, b. in Missouri, single, parents b. in Ireland; and Aunt: Catherine Gallagher 64, b. in Ireland, widowed, Keeping House, parents born in Ireland. (Note: Catherine is John's mother-in-law, not his Aunt).

1900 U.S. Federal Census, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Enumeration Dist #44, p. 12A (268), Lines 29-35, 9 June 1900. www.familysearch.org. John Humphrey 57, b. June 1843 in Ireland, parents b. in Ireland, married for 31 years, immigrated in 1863, in the U.S. for 33 years, and is naturalized, owns home free of mortgage on 2339 Terrace Street. John is listed with wife: Ellen 58, b. Sep 1842 in Ireland, parents b. in Ireland, had four children, of which 4 are presently living, immigrated in 1863, in the U.S. for 33 years, naturalization unknown; son: Edward F. 28, b. July 1872 in Illinois, single, parents b. in Ireland, a Stone Cutter; dau: Hellen M. 23, b. January 1876 in Illinois, single, parents b. in Ireland; son: Richard N. 22, b. Mar 1878 in Illinois, single, parents b. in Ireland, a Horse Shoer (sic); son: John J. 21, b. May 1879 in Missouri, single, parents b. in Ireland, a Salesman; and Boarder: John Kalaheger 29, b. Jan 18871 in Illinois, single, parents b. in Ireland, a Laborer. (Note: Hellen is Ella M. Humphrey; Richard N. is Nicholas, and John Kalaheger is a variant of John Gallagher).

1910 U.F. Federal Census, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Enumeration Dist. #44, P. 9A (90), Lines 28-30, 20 April 1910, www.familysearch.org. Ellen Humphrey 65, b. in Ireland, widowed, had five children, of which three are presently living, parents b. in Ireland, no occupation, owns home free of mortgage on 2339 Terrace Street, is listed with dau: Ella 29, b. in Illinois, single, parents b. in Ireland, no occupation; and son: John J. 25, b. in Missouri, single, parents b. in Ireland, a Retail Merchant for Tea and Coffee H. earning own allowance.

1910 U.S. Federal Census, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Enumeration Dist #43, p. 7A (74), Lines 1-4, 22-23 April 1910, www.familysearch.org. Edward F. Humphrey 35, b. in Illinois, married for nine years, parents b. in Ireland, a Stone Cutter, is renting home on 1017 W. 21th, is listed with wife: Catherine 32, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Ireland had three children of which two are presently living; son: William 7, b. in Missouri, single, father b. in IL, mother b. MO, and son: Edward F. 4, b. n Missouri, single, father b. in IL, mother b. in MO.

1920 U.S. Federal Census, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Enumeration Dist. #66, p. 2A (115), lines 46-50 and p. 2B, line 1, 2 January 1920. www.familysearch.org. Edward F. Humphrey 45, b. in Illinois, married, parents b. in Ireland, is a City Inspector, owns home free of mortgage on 4247 Wyoming Street, is listed with wife: Catherine 40, b. in Missouri, married, parents b. in Ireland; son: William 16, b. in Missouri, single, father b. in IL, mother b. in MO, is an Office Boy for grain company; son: Francis 13, b. in Missouri, single, father b. in IL, mother b. in MO; dau: Bernardine 7, b. Missouri, single, father b. in IL, mother b. in MO; and mother: Ella Humphrey 70, b. in Ireland, widowed, parents b. in Ireland, immigrated 1864 and is Naturalized – year unknown.

1930 U.S. Federal Census, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Enumeration Dist. #48, P. 5A (148), Lines 47-50, 3 April 1930. www.familysearch.org. Edward F. Humphrey 57, b. in Illinois, 27 years of age at 1st marriage, parents b. in Ireland, a Building Inspector for Building Dept., has a radio, owns home on 4247 Wyoming, is listed with wife: Catherine B. 51, b. in Missouri, 21 years of age at 1st marriage, parents b. in Ireland; son: E. Frank 24, b. in Missouri, single, father b. in IL, mother b. in MO, a

Presser for Cleaners; and dau: Bernardine 18, b. in Missouri, single, father b. in IL, mother b. in MO.

1940 U.S. Federal Census, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Enumeration Dist. #116, P. 15A, Lines 4 & 5, 16 April 1940, www.familysearch.org. Edward F. 67, b. in Illinois, married, was living in same house on 1 April 1935, is living at 4247 Wyoming, is a Building Inspector for City Engineer, is listed with wife: Catherine V. 60, b. in Missouri, married. Catherine had the special questions on this census. Her parents were b. in Ireland, she has not been married more than once, she was 20 years of age at 1st marriage, she had four children, she does not have a Social Security Number.

Internet sites:

www.block12riverside.com

www.findagrave.com

www.familysearch.org

www.ancestry.com