

Patrick Thomas Bradley and Mary Agnes Ahern Fifty-five Years of Rain and Flowers

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Patrick Thomas Bradley and Mary Agnes Ahern lived long enough (and liked each other well enough) to celebrate more than fifty years of married life together.¹ Along the way they raised a family, and inspired their children and grandchildren to work hard and give back to their communities in honor of the blessings bestowed upon them.

Patrick's Early Years

Patrick Thomas "Tom" Bradley was born in Duncansville, Blair, Pennsylvania, on 5 November 1847, the second of seven children born to Peter Bradley and Elizabeth Rugh.² Peter was an immigrant from County Tyrone, Ireland who settled in Blair County along with his siblings and other extended family.³ Tom grew up in a log home on his father's 60-acre farm.⁴ Nearby were Peter's brothers John and Francis. A few miles away, Peter's brother Rev. James Bradley ministered to his congregation of Irish Catholics from his church at Newry, often traveling great distances on horseback to tend to his flock.⁵ Having a priest for his uncle undoubtedly influenced Tom's religious upbringing and his lifelong devotion to his Catholic faith.

Peter died in 1861 at the age of 54, leaving Elizabeth a widow.⁶ At the time of his death, Peter's debts exceeded his assets and his property was sold to his brother, John Bradley.⁷ It is likely Elizabeth continued to live in the family home with her children.⁸ In 1870, Tom and his brother John both worked in the local brick factory.⁹ John Vaughn, administrator of Peter's estate, operated a brick works in Altoona.¹⁰

Migration West

The aftermath of the United States Civil War saw massive migration across the country as the west was settled. Elizabeth and five of her children were among the 81 Pennsylvanians in 1880 who called Madison Township, Fillmore

¹ In the early records, Patrick Thomas Bradley is listed as Patrick. However later records, and much family correspondence refers to him as "Thomas" or "Tom" and occasionally "P. T. Bradley" and "T. P. Bradley." For clarity in this sketch, I shall refer to him as Tom. Many of their children carried on this "name switch" including daughters Jane Elizabeth who was known as "Lizzie" and Mary Agnes, known as "Agnes," and son, Thomas Graham, known as "Graham."

² Photo copy of Family Record page from the bible of Patrick Thomas and Mary A. Ahern Bradley, original bible in possession of their granddaughter, Miriam Grbac Chambers, _____, Oregon; Blair County, Pennsylvania Orphans' Court Dockets, Book C, p. 110, John Vaughn, administrator, estate of Peter Bradley, January 1862, Prothonotary's Office, Hollidaysburg, FHL microfilm 1293310, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

³ "United States Census, 1850," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M44L-1R3> : 12 April 2016), Peter Bradley, Allegheny, Blair, Pennsylvania, United States; citing family 160, NARA microfilm publication M432 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.). See also families 154, 155 and 159 on the same census.

⁴ Blair Co., Penn., Orphan's Court Dockets, C: 110.

⁵ Transcription of the Obituary of Rev. James Bradley from *The Catholic Standard*, 21 April 1883, Findagrave.com : accessed 5 Sep 2017, Find A Grave Memorial# 26679290.

⁶ Peter Bradley Find A Grave Memorial# 26679324, St. Patrick's Cemetery, Newry, Blair, Pennsylvania, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 6 Sep 2017).

⁷ Blair Co., Penn., Orphan's Court Dockets, C: 133.

⁸ "United States Census, 1870," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MZLG-99B> : 12 April 2016), Elizabeth Bradley, Pennsylvania, United States; citing p. 11, family 82, NARA microfilm publication M593 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.); FHL microfilm 552,808. Note: In the household immediately following resides "Joseph" Bradley with Isabella and children Peter and Jane. This appears to be the same John Bradley family who shared dwelling 146 with Peter and Elizabeth in 1850. The census enumerator may have made an error in recording "Joseph" on the 1870 census.

⁹ 1870 U.S. census, Blair Co., Pennsylvania, Allegheny Twp, p. 11, lines 28 and 29, Patrick and John Bradley.

¹⁰ "Altoona Business Cards," *A history of Blair county, Pennsylvania. From its earliest settlement, and more particularly from its organization, in 1846 to June 1896*, (<https://archive.org/stream/historyofblairco00clar#page/n47/mode/2up> : accessed 6 Sept 2017)

County, Nebraska home.¹¹ Nearby, Duncansville neighbors Alex Hart, his wife and two daughters made Madison their home as well.¹² Elizabeth settled in Fillmore County in 1879 where she lived until her death in 1890.¹³

Tom, however, had his sights set further west – California. He may have traveled with Blair Hart, younger brother of Alex Hart. They settled on nearby ranches in Vallejo Township in Sonoma County the mid-1870s. Tom worked as a farm laborer for Isaac and Mary Ingram and Blair, eight dwellings away. Tom partnered with Dugold McKillop on a farm.¹⁴ Tom and Blair remained life-long friends until Tom's death.¹⁵

Vallejo Township was a rural area southeast of the town of Petaluma. Farmers raised dairy cattle and grew hay and other crops. Isaac Ingram had 15 acres planted in barley and another 40 in wheat in 1879 as well as an apple orchard, and enough trees cut from the property to yield 10 cords of wood. His land and buildings were valued at \$5000 and his livestock at \$600¹⁶ The partnership of McKillop and Hart managed a larger piece of property with 30 acres in barley and 120 in wheat. In addition to their two-acre apple orchard, they had an acre in grapes.¹⁷ To this day, much of that hilly area of Sonoma County retains its rural character, with wide-open tracts of land, sloping down toward the northern edges of San Francisco Bay.

Within a few years both Tom and Blair would marry, young women from neighboring farms who would share their lives for more than five decades.

Mary Agnes Ahern

Just down the hill from the Ingrams lived the family of James Ahern, an Irish immigrant from Aghabullogue, County Cork.¹⁸ James and his wife, Jane Graham, herself an Irish lass, met and married near Millstone, Somerset, New Jersey and began their family. They had daughter Mary in 1859, and sons John and Henry in 1861 and 1862.¹⁹ Sadly John

¹¹ "United States Census, 1880," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M8Y8-D4M> : 16 August 2017), Elizabeth Bradley, Madison, Fillmore, Nebraska, United States; citing enumeration district ED 328, sheet 493A, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 0748; FHL microfilm 1,254,748; *Ancestry.com* (<http://ancestry.com/search/>) search for people enumerated in the 1880 census for Madison, Fillmore, Nebraska listing a birthplace of Pennsylvania.

¹² "United States Census, 1880," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M8Y8-XYT> : 16 August 2017), Alexander Hart, Madison, Fillmore, Nebraska, United States; citing enumeration district ED 328, sheet 495A, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 0748; FHL microfilm 1,254,748. For Pennsylvania connection see "United States Census, 1860," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MXP3-4Z5> : 28 July 2017), Peter Bradly, 1860, p. 105 (penned), dwell. 698, family 700, lines 28-34 and Ellis Hart family dwell. 694, family 696 on the same page.

¹³ Elizabeth Rugh Bradley Find A Grave Memorial # 19499248, Exeter Cemetery, Exeter, Fillmore, Nebraska, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 6 Sep 2017).

¹⁴ "United States Census, 1880," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M6PL-WQT> : 14 July 2016), Paterick Bradley in household of Isaac H. Ingram, Vallejo, Sonoma, California, United States; dwelling 12, family 13; citing enumeration district ED 121, sheet 23D, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 0084; FHL microfilm 1,254,084; "United States Census, 1880," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M6PL-WQT> : 14 July 2016), Blair Hart in household of Dugald McKillop, Vallejo, Sonoma, California, United States; dwelling 20, family 21; citing enumeration district ED 121, sheet 24A, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 0084; FHL microfilm 1,254,084.

¹⁵ "Thomas Bradley Dies," *The (Santa Rosa) Press Democrat*, 25 October 1938, p. 8, col. 7

¹⁶ 1880 U.S. census, Vallejo Township, Sonoma County, California, agricultural schedule, p. 1, line 6, Isaac H. Ingram.

¹⁷ 1880 U.S. census, Vallejo Township, Sonoma County, California, agricultural schedule, p. 2, line 8, Dugald McKillop and Blair Hart.

¹⁸ National Library of Ireland, "Catholic Parish Registers at the NLI", digital images, National Library of Ireland (<http://registers.nli.ie/registers/vtls000632516#page/60/mode/1up>: accessed 7 July 2017), Aghabullogue Parish (County Cork), Diocese of Cloyne and Ross, "Bapt 04 Jan 1820– 22 June 1856," 30 October 1830, James, son of John Ahern and Mary Toumy; digitized from NLI microfilm 05007/03.

¹⁹ St. Peter the Apostle (New Brunswick, New Jersey). Certified transcript of baptismal record of Mary, child of James and Jane Ahern, baptized 10 July, 1859; certified transcript of baptismal record of John, child of James and Jane Ahern, baptized 7 April, 1861; certified transcript of baptismal record of Michael H. Ahern, child of James and Jane Ahern, baptized 1 June, 1862, privately held by author.

lived only a few weeks.²⁰ In the mid-1860s, James and Jane left Mary and Henry with relatives in New Jersey and moved to California, settling about 1866 on a 160-acre ranch James ultimately purchased in 1872.²¹

In 1867 James and Jane sent for the two youngsters left in New Jersey, and what a grand adventure Mary and Henry had. They set sail 1 May 1867 aboard *Ocean Queen*, a 327-foot side-wheeled steamer, bound for the Isthmus of Panama.²² Eight days later they reached Aspinwall, terminus of the Panama Railroad. The passengers may have overnighted in Aspinwall, or perhaps they were able to catch an immediate train to Panama. The forty-seven mile journey from Aspinwall to Panama took three to four hours in the yellow, cane-seated carriages pulled by a steam engine. It was a winding journey up and over the isthmus, crossing over 300 bridges and culverts, before the end of the line in Panama City. Along the way, Mary and Henry would have seen a kaleidoscope of tropical colors - purple, blue, orange, pink and white flowers highlighting the verdant green foliage and twining vines. The little, wood-burning steam engine, passing simple huts with roofs of thatched palm leaves, pulled the twenty or so carriages and boxcars as they snaked forward, at times the cars in the front and those in the rear passing upon themselves so closely that the passengers could have exchanged a greeting through the open windows.²³ Eventually they reached Panama City and were taken by steamer out to the *Sacramento*, waiting in the harbor. Two weeks later they arrived in San Francisco, undoubtedly into the eager arms of their anxious parents.²⁴

The Ahern family grew, welcoming a son, Jimmy, in 1867 and daughters Sarah in 1869 and Jane Isabel in 1871.²⁵ But tragedy struck in 1873 when Jane died due to complications from childbirth, leaving James the sole parent of six, including the new baby, John Cornelius.²⁶

Fourteen-year-old Mary would have begun to shoulder much of the caregiving responsibility for her younger siblings while James carried on the work of the farm. Mary Ingram, already godmother to Jane Isabel, might have stepped in as well to help where needed. Though she had no children of her own, bequests in Mary Ingram's 1909 will to Mary Bradley, Sarah Ahern, and Mary Bradley's daughter Lizzie indicate she must have been close to the Ahern family.²⁷ Perhaps this fondness for Mary Ahern led Mary Ingram to believe that Tom Bradley and Mary might make a pretty good match.

Mr. And Mrs. Bradley

Tom Bradley and Mary Ahern were married at St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Petaluma on 23 November 1881. Mary wore a gown of wine-colored silk with a plush coat. The couple took a honeymoon trip to San Francisco, which

²⁰ "New Jersey, Deaths, 1670-1988," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FZGG-YY2 : 8 April 2016>), John Ahern, 28 Apr 1861; citing Millstone, Middlesex, New Jersey, United States, Division of Archives and Record Management, New Jersey Department of State, Trenton.; FHL microfilm 584,572.

²¹ Interview with Miriam Bradley Grbac by Carla Ehat and Anne Kent, 10 March 1978, transcript and audio tape, Anne T. Kent California Room Oral History Project, San Rafael, Marin, California. For settlement in Vallejo Township: Seventh District Court, Sonoma County, State of California, doc. 1699, 18 November 1873, James Ahern v. Russell Huntley, 1873, complaint, pg. 1, loose papers in California State Archives, Sacramento California, photographed by Steven Lovejoy, 13 February 2017; for purchase of ranch, Sonoma County California Deeds, Vol. 37, p. 440, Sonoma County Recorder, Santa Rosa, California.

²² "Passengers Sailed... in steamship Ocean Queen," *New York Times*, 2 May 1867, p. 8, col. 6; for description of *Ocean Queen* see John Haskell Kemble, *The Panama Route*, (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1943) p. 150

²³ Albert A. Webster, "The Isthmus and Panama" 1867, *The Panama Railroad* (<http://www.panamarailroad.org/i&p.html>) : accessed 6 September 2017).

²⁴ "Arrival of the Steamer 'Sacramento,'" *Daily Alta California*, 25 May 1867, p. 1, col. 6.

²⁵ James Bernard Ahern birth - California State Department of Public Health, Certificate of Death, County of Marin, District No. 2101, (1945), James Bernard Ahern; Sarah Ann Ahern birth - St. Vincent de Paul Church (Petaluma, Sonoma, California). Baptismal register, unknown volume number, unknown page number, baptism of Sarah A. Ahern, 22 May 1869, photocopy privately held by author; Jane Isabel birth - St. Vincent de Paul Church (Petaluma, Sonoma, California). Baptismal register, unknown volume number for 1871, page 128, baptism of J. I. Ahern, 20 October 1871, photocopy privately held by author. Note: in baptismal register, original entry says "J. I. Ahern." In a different hand in a different pen, is written "John."

²⁶ State of California, Sonoma County, Death Record (1873), Jane Aheran, Certified Copy of Vital Records, date of death 9 October 1873, privately held by author.

²⁷ Sonoma County, Record of Wills, Vol. J, p. 252, Mary Ingram, 1 January 1909; digital images, Ancestry, *California, Wills and Probate Records, 1850-1953* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/8639/007601375_00015) : accessed 21 September 2017).

was a considerable journey in 1881.²⁸ Tom's childhood friend Blair Hart served as best man and Martha Teresa Walsh was maid of honor.²⁹ Martha lived quite near the Ingrams and Aherns in Vallejo Township.³⁰ Just one year after Tom and Mary tied the knot, Blair and Martha followed them to the same altar at St. Vincent's.³¹

The Bradleys wasted no time in starting their family. Daughter Jane Elizabeth arrived 15 July 1882.³² Named after her two grandmothers, she was called "Lizzie." Lizzie became deaf at about the age of two.³³ A son, John Francis, was born two years after Lizzie and another one, James Ahern Bradley, was born 19 May 1886.³⁴ By this time, the Bradleys had moved to San Rafael.

The expanding railroad industry impacted the Bradley family's fortunes. During the 1870s Peter Donohue opened a railroad line from the redwoods to Donohue's Landing on Petaluma Creek, a few miles west of the Ahern and Ingram ranches.³⁵ A collection of buildings included a machine shop, a car house, a blacksmith shop, houses for railroad employees, and a two-story, 40-room hotel.³⁶ By 1879, Donohue had extended the line south to San Rafael.³⁷

After living in San Rafael for a few years while Tom worked on the railroad, they moved back to the Ahern ranch, where Agnes was born in 1888.³⁸ The railroad continued to expand, establishing a permanent southern terminus in Tiburon. Many of the buildings from Donohue's landing, including the railroad shop, the carpenter shop and even the hotel, were placed on barges and moved to Tiburon.³⁹ About 1890, the Bradleys joined the other employees of the railroad, moving the family to the small town on the bay, a few miles inside the Golden Gate.⁴⁰

Life in Tiburon

Mary's experiences caring for her younger siblings proved good training as her family continued to grow. Hilary, the first child to be born in Tiburon after the move by the Northwestern Pacific Railroad, arrived on St. Patrick's Day in 1893, one more reason for the Bradleys to celebrate.⁴¹ More children followed – Anna Margaret in 1896, Brownie in 1899 and Graham in 1903.⁴² Mary and Tom faced their share of loss. Anna Margaret died at 7 months. Information

²⁸ "Tiburon Pioneers Celebrate Together a Golden Wedding, *Mill Valley Record – Tiburon-Belvedere Record*, 27 November 1931.

²⁹ "California, County Marriages, 1850-1952," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KZ3T-NN5> : 5 August 2017), Patrick T Bradley and Mary A Ahern, 23 Nov 1881; citing Sonoma, California, United States, county courthouses, California; FHL microfilm 1,031,224.

³⁰ "United States Census, 1880," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M6PL-WQK> : 22 August 2017), Martha Walch in household of Reubin Koch, Vallejo, Sonoma, California, United States; citing enumeration district ED 121, sheet 23D, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 0084; FHL microfilm 1,254,084.

³¹ "California, County Marriages, 1850-1952," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KZ3T-LV7> : 5 August 2017), Blair Hart and Martha Walsch, 29 Nov 1882; citing Sonoma, California, United States, county courthouses, California; FHL microfilm 1,031,224.

³² St. Vincent de Paul Church (Petaluma, Sonoma, California). Baptismal register, 1882, p. 257, baptism of Jane Elizabeth Bradley, 23 July 1882, birth 15 July 1882, photocopy privately held by author.

³³ 4 September 1986 letter from Miriam Bradley Grbac to Sr. M. Adrienne Kennedy, Provincial Archivist of Sisters of St. Joseph, Los Angeles, California, letter in possession of author.

³⁴ St. Raphael's Church (San Rafael, Marin, California). Baptismal register, unmarked book and page, baptism of Jacobum A. Bradley, 5 June 1886, birth 19 May 1886, photocopy privately held by author

³⁵ Branwell Fanning, *The Tiburon Peninsula* (Charleston: Arcadia Publishing, 2006), 21; Thomas H. Thompson, *Historical Atlas Map Of Sonoma County, California*. Compiled, Drawn and Published From Personal Examinations and actual Surveys, (Oakland: Thos. H. Thompson & Co., 1877), 58-59 "Map Number Ten (Petaluma, Vallejo, and Sonoma Townships); digital images, *David Rumsey Map Collection* (<https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/detail/RUMSEY~8~1~1170~100049:Petaluma,-Vallejo,-and-Sonoma-Towns> : accessed 12 September 2017).

³⁶ Norma Morris, *Donahue Landing: Peter Donahue, His Railroad, and His Town on Petaluma Creek* (Sonoma: Norma Morris, Sonoma State University, 1992), 4-5.

³⁷ *The Tiburon Peninsula*, 21.

³⁸ Miriam Bradley interview, 10 Mar 1978.

³⁹ Morris, *Donahue Landing*, 5

⁴⁰ Miriam Bradley interview, 10 Mar 1978.

⁴¹ St. Raphael's Church (San Rafael, Marin, California). Baptismal register, unmarked book and page, baptism of Hilarium Patritium Bradley, 2 April 1893, birth 17 March 1893, photocopy privately held by author.

⁴² Photo copy of Family Record page from the bible of Patrick Thomas and Mary A. Ahern Bradley

on the 1900 census indicates Mary had borne 11 children, only six of whom were still alive.⁴³ It is possible that some children were stillborn or died shortly after birth.

The use of names in the Bradley family is... unique. Few members of the clan were called by their baptismal names. Patrick Thomas Bradley, himself, went by Tom and the tradition carried down. Jane Elizabeth was Lizzie, John Francis was Frank, Mary Agnes and Thomas Graham were both known by their middle names. James Ahern was nicknamed Jim. Hilary Patrick was the only child who seems to have been called by his traditional first name, and Miriam Marcella was known as Brownie her entire life. The story she told about the origin of her nickname is that when she was an infant, she was ill, a bit scrawny, and “all hands and feet.” Her father commented “Doesn’t she look like a brownie!” and the next time he said, “How’s the Brownie?” the name stuck.⁴⁴

Initially the family lived in a home on the railroad grounds behind the paint shop. Their building included two residences and a schoolhouse. About 1893 they moved into a five-room house for which they paid \$10 per month rent to Dr. Benjamin Lyford, husband of Hilarita Reed whose family had the original land grant for the Tiburon peninsula. The rent remained constant for a number of years, but apparently Mary got her dander up over some argument about the water bill and the family moved to Belvedere. Eventually they settled once again in Tiburon, building a house at 131 Esperanza Street, adjacent to the Tiburon School. Lumber to build this home in 1901 cost \$350 and Patrick and Mary’s taxes on the property for 1902 totaled \$6.80.⁴⁵

Tiburon was a not much more than a railroad town for many of its early years. Of those enumerated in its 82 households shown on the 1910 census, the only occupations other than those associated with the railroad were for the grocers and saloon keepers who kept the town fed and “watered.”⁴⁶

Patrick worked as a car oiler in the railroad shops. An oiler’s job was to lubricate the bearings on the rail cars. The bearings were housed in a “journal box” on the side of a wheel. In order to minimize friction oilers would pack the journal boxes with textile “waste” or braids of wool or cotton yarn, which had been soaked in oil. Oil would puddle in the bottom of the journal box and be wicked up as the wheels rolled on the moving train.⁴⁷ An oiler’s tools include a dope bucket to carry the oiled waste from the tanks in the rail yards to the cars being oiled; a packing iron with a forked end to push the waste into the journal box, taking care to evenly distribute the material in the case; and a pulling hook to loosen packing in the journal boxes.⁴⁸ In February 1919, Tom was paid 45 cents an hour and worked 218.5 hours, nearly 55 hours per week.⁴⁹ His 1919 wages were double the rate he had made in December 1916.⁵⁰ Six-day work weeks were standard practice at the time.

For fun, on Sundays the family would hike up over the Tiburon hills and down the other side to Paradise Cove. There were woods on the eastern slopes and wildflowers to pick. At Christmas time, they’d go over and pick the

⁴³ "United States Census, 1900," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M9PP-CBQ> : accessed 12 September 2017), Mary A Bradley in household of Patrick V Bradley, Sausalito Township (excl. Sausalito town) Belvedere town, Marin, California, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 61, sheet 11A, family 248, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,240,093.

⁴⁴ Miriam Bradley interview, 10 Mar 1978.

⁴⁵ *ibid.*

⁴⁶ "United States Census, 1910," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MVLD-GC3> : accessed 13 September 2017), citing enumeration district (ED) ED 50, sheets 9A-11B, NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1982), roll 88; FHL microfilm 1,374,101.

⁴⁷ “Freight Car Friday – Journals.” *Lionel Trains*, 7 Dec 2012 (<https://lionellc.wordpress.com/2012/12/07/freight-car-friday-journals> : accessed 12 September 2017).

⁴⁸ “Lubrication and Care of Journal Boxes Under Passenger and Freight Equipment,” *Railway Carmen's Journal, Volume 26* (Kansas City: Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America, 1921), 643-645; digital image, *GoogleBooks* (https://books.google.com/books?id=ed5JAQAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false : accessed 12 September 2017).

⁴⁹ Northwestern Pacific Railroad Co. Pay Roll of Employees During February 1919, California State Railroad Museum Libraries; Sacramento, California; Record Group: Payrolls - Southern Pacific Subsidiaries; Description: Northwestern Pacific Railroad; *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/2046/31695_B009257-00101 : accessed 12 September 2017).

⁵⁰ Northwestern Pacific Railroad Co. Pay Roll of Employees During December 1916, California State Railroad Museum Libraries; Sacramento, California; Record Group: Payrolls - Southern Pacific Subsidiaries; Description: Northwestern Pacific Railroad; *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/2046/31695_B009242-00084 : accessed 21 September 2017).

bright red toyon berries to decorate the church for the holidays.⁵¹ Because of Tom's employment with the railroad, the family received free passes, enabling them to use the ferries and trains to visit friends and family in San Francisco, San Rafael, Petaluma, Sonoma and elsewhere.⁵²

Civic and Spiritual Life

The location of the Bradley home situated them well for involvement in their community. Living adjacent to the school they would have seen the comings and goings of families with children being educated in the two-room schoolhouse. "All sorts of first aid materials came from 'Mother Bradley's' household supplies to ease the pain of childhood's accidents and to meet the needs of teachers."⁵³ Tom acted as polling judge at the schoolhouse in Belvedere when the Bradleys lived there in 1900.⁵⁴

If civic duties were important to the Bradleys, their Catholic faith was doubly so. The small, clapboard Carpenter Gothic church of St. Hilary was built in 1888 as a Mission of the Parish of St. Raphael.⁵⁵ Situated high on a hill overlooking San Francisco Bay, it stood sentinel over the little railroad town. The Bradley's home, next door to Tiburon School, was nearly the last structure at the bottom of the hill, before the steep climb up to the church. A priest would come twice a month to say Mass, arriving by ferry from Sausalito. Beforehand, Tom would walk up to the church, light the wood stove and arrange the priest's vestments and sacramental vessels in preparation for the Sunday morning service.⁵⁶ He also rang the bell to summon the faithful to Mass.⁵⁷

After Mass, the priest and family and friends would gather at the Bradley home for breakfast. "Mother Bradley's" biscuits were legendary. One priest, Fr. Baschab, gave Mary a cup to keep at her house for his use. Insisting he would only have one cup of coffee, he wanted to make sure it was a large one! Mary apparently had something of a strict test for her post-Mass guest list – one would only receive an invitation if Mary had seen you take communion, which meant that you'd gone to confession before Mass. No confession, no communion, no breakfast.⁵⁸

The Bradley house next-door to the school became a second home to their daughter Agnes' children. While many of Tom and Mary's children settled in San Francisco or further afield, Agnes and Brownie married and raised their families in Tiburon. Brownie, following the traditional path of the youngest daughter in a typical Irish family, stayed home and looked after her aging parents, not marrying until after their deaths. She became a teacher, at first in Reed school a few miles outside of Tiburon, and later at Tiburon Grammar School, right next door to home, where she was "Miss Bradley" to many of her nieces and nephews in the school house, and "Brownie" in the Bradley home.

Agnes' children attending the grammar school would walk through the schoolyard gate and their grandparents' small orchard to take rainy-day lunch with them. In the orchard were two plums, an apple, a pear and a peach tree.⁵⁹ When their grandson, Tom Kircher, was a boy, he could have asked his 85-ish-year-old grandfather for as many apples as he wished, but Tom found it more fun to steal them, causing his deaf and nearly blind grandfather to chase after him waving his cane in the air. Tom also recalled seeing his grandfather sawing logs for the wood cooking stove in his home. Grandpa Bradley would set a log on a pair of sawhorses, his rosary in one hand, the other arm working the handsaw "just like a piston" as he said his prayers.⁶⁰

Just as Rev. James Bradley's religious devotion had doubtless influenced his nephew, so Tom and Mary's faith inspired their children and grandchildren. They surely celebrated when their granddaughter, Bertha, joined the

⁵¹ Miriam Bradley interview, 10 Mar 1978

⁵² Ibid.

⁵³ "Tiburon Pioneers Celebrate Together a Golden Wedding," *Mill Valley Record – Tiburon-Belvedere Record*, 27 November 1931, p.

⁵⁴ "Supervisor's Proclamation," *The Marin Journal*, 18 October 1900, p. 7, col. 3;

⁵⁵ Hillary Don, *Old St. Hilary's*, (Tiburon, California: Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society, 1988), p. 1.

⁵⁶ Reminiscences by Tom Kircher to author, various conversations from 1970s to 2008.

⁵⁷ "Tiburon Peninsula Pays Homage to Its Early Leaders," *Independent-Journal*, 1 April 1961, p. M8, col. 1-5.

⁵⁸ Tom Kircher reminiscences.

⁵⁹ Diagram of Patrick and Mary Ahern Bradley's Tiburon home, drawn by Tom Kircher in 2004, in possession of author.

⁶⁰ Tom Kircher Reminiscences.

Dominican Order and would have been equally proud when her little brother Tom enrolled in the seminary, though he decided after a few years that the religious life was not for him. But the Bradley devotion to faithful service carries down to their descendants to this day.

No Rain, No Flowers

Tom and Mary celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary surrounded by family and friends. “On the occasion of this Golden Wedding, Mrs. Bradley said, ‘I think we have been quite as happy as most married people. We have had our ups and downs, but no rain, no flowers, so we have had our share of blessings.’”⁶¹ The loss of loved ones including daughter Anna and son Hilary must have been some of the rain to which Mary referred. There may have been other children lost as well, babies who didn’t live long enough to be baptized.⁶² But through it all Mary and Tom kept their faith and their love for each other.

Mary Ahern Bradley passed away in her home 22 September 1937.⁶³ Tom died 13 months later.⁶⁴ They are buried together in Mount Olivet Cemetery in San Rafael.⁶⁵

Generation One

1. PATRICK THOMAS BRADLEY, was born in Duncansville, Blair, Pennsylvania on 5 November 1847 and died 21 October 1938 in Tiburon, Marin, California.⁶⁶ His parents were Peter Bradley and Elizabeth Rugh.⁶⁷ On 23 November 1881 he married MARY AGNES AHERN, daughter of James Ahern and Jane Graham.⁶⁸ Mary was born 21 June 1859 in Millstone, Somerset, New Jersey and died 22 September 1937 in Tiburon, Marin, California.⁶⁹

Patrick and Mary had eight children survive infancy.⁷⁰

⁶¹ “Tiburon Pioneers Celebrate Together a Golden Wedding.”

⁶² Per 1900 census "United States Census, 1900," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M9PP-CBM> : accessed 5 September 2017), Mary A Bradley in household of Patrick V Bradley, Sausalito Township (excl. Sausalito town) Belvedere town, Marin, California, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 61, sheet 11A, family 248, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,240,093., Mary had given birth to 11 children and 6 were living, indicating 4 children born prior to 1 June 1900 who have not been identified and were not recorded in the family bible.

⁶³ California State Department of Public Health, Standard Certificate of Death, County of Marin, City of Tiburon, Local Registered No. 29 (1937), Mary A. Bradley

⁶⁴ “Thomas Bradley Dies.” *The (Santa Rosa) Press Democrat*, 25 October 1938, p. 8, col. 7.

⁶⁵ “Mary Agnes Ahern Bradley Memorial 59193294,” *FindAGrave* (findagrave.com : accessed 20 September 2017)

⁶⁶ Birth: Photo copy of Family Record page from the bible of Patrick Thomas and Mary A. Ahern Bradley, original bible in possession of their granddaughter, Miriam Grbac Chambers, [address held privately] Oregon. Death: "California Death Index, 1905-1939," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QKSM-52C9> : 5 June 2015), Patrick T Bradley, 21 Oct 1938; citing 61429, Department of Health Services, Vital Statistics Department, Sacramento; FHL microfilm 1,686,048; “Pioneer Railroad Man Answers Call; In Ninetieth Year,” *The Marin Journal*, 27 October 1938, page __, col __.

⁶⁷ Family Record from Bradley bible; St. Vincent de Paul Church (Petaluma, Sonoma, California). Marriage register, unknown volume number, page 66, marriage of Patrickum Bradley et Mariam Ahern, 23 November 1881, entry 219, photocopy privately held by author.

⁶⁸ Bradley-Ahern marriage record from St Vincent de Paul Church.

⁶⁹ Birth: Family Record from Bradley bible; St. Peter the Apostle (New Brunswick, New Jersey). Certified transcript of baptismal record of Mary, child of James and Jane Ahern, baptized 10 July, 1859, privately held by author. Death: California State Department of Public Health, Standard Certificate of Death, County of Marin, City of Tiburon, Local Registered No. 29 (1937), Mary A. Bradley

⁷⁰ Per 1900 census "United States Census, 1900," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M9PP-CBM> : accessed 5 September 2017), Mary A Bradley in household of Patrick V Bradley, Sausalito Township (excl. Sausalito town) Belvedere town, Marin, California, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 61, sheet 11A, family 248, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,240,093., Mary had given birth to 11 children and 6 were living, indicating 4 children born prior to 1 June 1900 who have not been identified and were not recorded in the family bible. Per the 1910 census, "United States Census, 1910," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MVLD-GCQ> : accessed 5 September 2017), Mary Bradley in household of Patrick Bradley, Sausalito, Marin, California, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 50, sheet 9B, family 33, NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1982), roll 88; FHL microfilm 1,374,101, she had given birth to 7 children and 7 were alive, but that number does not reflect Anna Margaret who died in 1897. There could have been a few children who did not survive.

Generation Two

- i. JANE ELIZABETH "LIZZIE" BRADLEY, born 15 July 1882 in Lakeville, Sonoma, California and died 17 December 1968 in Hayward, Alameda, California.⁷¹ She married Ernest Eugene Songey about 3 May 1920.⁷² Ernest was born 7 March 1887 in Oakland, Alameda, California and died 11 November 1945 in Chico, Butte County, California.⁷³ Jane and Ernest were both deaf and may have met at St. Joseph School for the Deaf in Oakland, California.⁷⁴ They had one son, Ernest E. Songey, born and died on the same day in San Francisco, 22 March 1921.⁷⁵
- 2 ii. JOHN FRANCIS "FRANK" BRADLEY, born 3 July 1884 in Lakeville, Sonoma California and died 23 March 1959 in Santa Cruz County, California.⁷⁶ He married first Ione Price 4 July 1903.⁷⁷ He married Ellen E. Brown about 18 Oct 1940 in Reno, Washoe, Nevada.⁷⁸
- 3 iii. JAMES AHERN "JIM" BRADLEY, born 19 May 1886 in San Rafael, Marin, California and died 14 June 1963 in Napa County, California.⁷⁹ He married Winifred Small 20 December 1918 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts.⁸⁰ Winifred, daughter of Solon Small and Grace K. Stoddart, was born 23 December 1895 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts and died 25 October 1969 in Napa County, California.⁸¹
- 4 iv. MARY AGNES "AGNES" BRADLEY, born 25 October 1888 in Lakeville, Sonoma, California, and died 16 August 1968 in Ross, Marin, California.⁸² She married CHARLES ARTHUR KIRCHER 3 January 1909 in Tiburon,

⁷¹ Birth: St. Vincent de Paul Church (Petaluma, Sonoma, California). Baptismal register, 1882, p. 257, baptism of Jane Elizabeth Bradley, 23 July 1882, birth 15 July 1882, photocopy privately held by author. Death: "Jane E. Songey," *San Rafael Independent Journal*, 19 Dec 1968, p. 4

⁷² "Marriage Licenses," *Marin Journal*, 13 May 1920, p. 7, col. 6.

⁷³ Birth: "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KZVC-ZW6> : 12 December 2014), Ernest Eugene Songey, 1917-1918; citing Berkeley City no 1, California, United States, NARA microfilm publication M1509 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.); FHL microfilm 1,530,663. Death: "Deaths – Songey," *San Anselmo Herald*, 15 November 1945, p. 8, col. 3.

⁷⁴ For Lizzie's deaf condition: 4 September 1986 letter from Miriam Bradley Grbac to Sr. M. Adrienne Kennedy, Provincial Archivist of Sisters of St. Joseph, Los Angeles, California, letter in possession of author. For Ernest's deaf condition, WWI draft card for Ernest Songey.

⁷⁵ Birth: "California Birth Index, 1905-1995," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VGQD-6HQ> : 27 November 2014), Ernest E Songey, 22 Mar 1921; citing San Francisco, California, United States, Department of Health Services, Vital Statistics Department, Sacramento. Death: "California Death Index, 1905-1939," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QKSM-67PC> : 5 June 2015), Ernest E Songey, 22 Mar 1921; citing 12330, Department of Health Services, Vital Statistics Department, Sacramento; FHL microfilm 1,686,047.

⁷⁶ Birth: Birth: St. Vincent de Paul Church (Petaluma, Sonoma, California). Baptismal register, 1884, page number not shown, baptism of Joannum Franciscum Bradley, 15 Aug 1884, birth 3 July 1884, photocopy privately held by author. Death: "John F. Bradley Died Yesterday," *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, 24 Mar 1959, p. 14, col. 6.

⁷⁷ "California, County Marriages, 1850-1952," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KZ3L-YX4> : 5 August 2017), J.F. Bradley and I.M. Price, 03 Jul 1905; citing Marin, California, United States, county courthouses, California; FHL microfilm 1,513,890.

⁷⁸ "To Wed in Reno," *The (San Mateo) Times*, 18 Oct 1940, p. 12, col. 1.

⁷⁹ Birth: St. Raphael's Church (San Rafael, Marin, California). Baptismal register, unmarked book and page, baptism of Jacobum A. Bradley, 5 June 1886, birth 19 May 1886, photocopy privately held by author. Death: "California Death Index, 1940-1997," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VPN8-WY6> : 26 November 2014), James A Bradley, 14 Jun 1963; Department of Public Health Services, Sacramento.

⁸⁰ Telegram from James A Bradley to Mrs. Thos. Bradley, Tiburon, 21 December 1918, "Yours truly was married yesterday," original in collection of William E. Bradley, Contra Costa County, California.

⁸¹ Birth: "Massachusetts Births, 1841-1915," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FXXW-VGZ> : 1 March 2016), Small, 23 Dec 1895, Boston, Massachusetts; citing reference ID #p233 n10484, Massachusetts Archives, Boston; FHL microfilm 1,651,229. Death: "California Death Index, 1940-1997," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VGRT-5DQ> : 26 November 2014), Winifred S Bradley, 25 Oct 1969; Department of Public Health Services, Sacramento.

⁸² Birth: St. Vincent de Paul Church (Petaluma, Sonoma, California). Baptismal register, 1888, p. 8, #183, baptism of Maria Agnes Bradley, 11 Nov 1888, birth 25 Oct 1888, photocopy privately held by author. Death: "Funerals - Kircher," *The San Francisco Chronicle*, 18 August 1968, p. B7, col. 5.

Marin, California.⁸³ Charles, son of Charles Conrad Kircher and Frances Abelone Springer, was born 25 April 1879 in Webster, Monroe, New York, and died 8 March 1952 in Marin, California.⁸⁴

- 5 v. HILARY PATRICK BRADLEY, born 17 March 1893 in Tiburon, Marin, California, and died 3 January 1920 in Marin County, California.⁸⁵ He married Rosella Graham 28 March 1913 in San Rafael, Marin, California.⁸⁶ Rosella, adopted daughter of Anthony Daniel Graham and his wife (and first cousin), Anna Graham, was born Maria Caterina Pernigotti about 1889 in Italy, and died 25 December 1985 in Alameda County, California.⁸⁷
- vi. ANNA MARGARET BRADLEY, born 19 November 1896 in Tiburon, Marin, California, and died 24 June 1897 in Tiburon, Marin, California.⁸⁸
- 6 vii. MIRIAM MARCELLA “BROWNIE” BRADLEY, born 22 October 1899 in Tiburon, Marin, California, and died 25 February 1995 in San Rafael, Marin, California.⁸⁹ She married Mate Grbac 28 December 1939 in Tiburon, Marin, California.⁹⁰ Mate was born in Austria 15 March 1898 and died 22 May 1966 in San Francisco, California.⁹¹
- 7 viii. THOMAS GRAHAM “GRAHAM” BRADLEY, born 4 July 1902 in Tiburon, Marin, California, and died 15 November 1957 in San Francisco, California.⁹² He married first Blanche Hook 11 April 1924 in Oakland, Alameda, California.⁹³ Blanche was born in Iowa 1 May 1910 to William H. Hook and Nellie McDaniel.⁹⁴

⁸³ St. Raphael’s Church (San Rafael, Marin, California). Marriage register, unmarked book and page, marriage of Carolum A Kircher et Mariam Agnetem Bradley, 3 January 1909, photocopy privately held by author.

⁸⁴ Birth: Frances Abelone Springer Kircher Family Bible Records, 1878-1889, *Die Bibel, ober die ganze Heilige Schrist* (New York: Amerikanische Bibel-Gesellschaft, 1870), Page between Old and New Testament; privately held by author. On the free endpaper is written “Presented to Frances Springer from her Mother 1872 December 25.” In a different hand on last page of new testament is written “we were married March 12 – 1878” and in this same hand wrote on next blank page “Births Charley A Kircher Born 1879 April 25” [followed by similar information for Earving, Helen and Stella] and “Charles Born June 21 1852. Frances A Kircher Born February 13, 1857 I was born in Liverpool.” Death: “Deaths – Kircher,” (*Marin, California*) *Independent Journal*, 10 March 1952, p. 9, col. 6.

⁸⁵ St. Raphael’s Church (San Rafael, Marin, California). Baptismal register, unmarked book and page, baptism of Hilarium Patritium Bradley, 2 April 1893, birth 17 March 1893, photocopy privately held by author. Death: Photo copy of Family Record page from the bible of Patrick Thomas and Mary A. Ahern Bradley.

⁸⁶ St. Raphael’s Church (San Rafael, Marin, California). Marriage register, unmarked book and page, marriage of Hilarium Bradley and Rosella Graham, 28 Mar 1913, photocopy privately held by author.

⁸⁷ Birth and death - "California Death Index, 1940-1997," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VGT1-SSR> : 26 November 2014), Rosella E Bradley, 25 Dec 1985; Department of Public Health Services, Sacramento. For adoption:

⁸⁸ Birth: St. Raphael’s Church (San Rafael, Marin, California). Baptismal register, unmarked book and page, baptism of Annam Marg. Bradley, 6 December 1896, birth 19 November 1896, photocopy privately held by author. Death: Photo copy of Family Record page from the bible of Patrick Thomas and Mary A. Ahern Bradley, original bible in possession of their granddaughter, Miriam Grbac Chambers.

⁸⁹ Birth: St. Raphael’s Church (San Rafael, Marin, California). Baptismal register, unmarked book and page, baptism of Myriam Marcellam Bradley, 5 November 1899, birth 22 October 1899, photocopy privately held by author. Death: "California Death Index, 1940-1997," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VG5S-P4Q> : 26 November 2014), Miriam Marcella Grbac, 25 Feb 1995; Department of Public Health Services, Sacramento.

⁹⁰ Ray Chambers, Ohio [(e-address for private use),] to Mary E Roddy, e-mail, 18 December 2010, “Re: Picture of Brownie,” privately held by author.

⁹¹ "California Death Index, 1940-1997," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VP4G-997> : 26 November 2014), Mate Grbac, 22 May 1966; Department of Public Health Services, Sacramento.

⁹² Birth: St. Raphael’s Church (San Rafael, Marin, California). Baptismal register, unmarked book, p. 18, baptism of Thomasum Graham. Bradley, 6 July 1902, birth 4 July 1902, photocopy privately held by author. Death: “Death Notices – Bradley,” *San Francisco Chronicle*, 18 November 1857, p. 35, col. 2

⁹³ Alameda County, California, Marriage Licenses and Certificates, Vol. 137, p. 315, Thomas Graham Bradley-Blanche Hook, 11 April 1924; digital images, Ancestry, *California, Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1850-1941* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/8797/42292_1020601537_1351-00321 : accessed 20 September 2017).

⁹⁴ Iowa State Department of Health Birth Certificate, 435120, Alice Blanche Hook, 1 May 1910; digital images, Ancestry *Iowa, Delayed Birth Records, 1856-1940* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/61441/101760579_00127 : accessed 20 September 2017).

No divorce record has been located. He married second Linda Ryan in, Marin, California about April 1928.⁹⁵ Linda was born 11 November 1897 in California and died 19 December 1984 in Yolo County, California.⁹⁶

Narrative Proof

Who were the parents of Mary Agnes Bradley born 25 October 1888 and baptized in Petaluma, Sonoma, California?

The original parish record provides direct evidence of parentage. On 25 October 1888, Maria Agnes Bradley was born to the married couple Patritius Bradley and Maria O'Hearn near Petaluma, Sonoma, California.⁹⁷ The pre-printed headings in the baptismal register are written in Latin and the names of those baptized, as well as their parents and godparents are written in their Latin form.

Additional evidence supporting a familial relationship between Mary Agnes Bradley and Patrick Thomas Bradley exists:

- Mary A. Bradley appears in the household of Patrick T. and Mary A. Bradley in the 1900 census as do five other children, including Jane E.⁹⁸
- Miss Agnes Bradley and Charles A. Kircher were married at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bradley of Tiburon.⁹⁹
- The bridesmaid was Elizabeth Bradley, “a sister of the bride.”¹⁰⁰
- A newspaper account of Tom and Mary Bradley’s 50th anniversary identifies Mrs. Chas. Kircher as their daughter.¹⁰¹
- Obituaries of Patrick Thomas Bradley and Mary A. Bradley identify Agnes Kircher as one of their children.¹⁰²
- The Social Security Applications and Claims Index for Agnes Bradley Kircher names her parents as Patrick T. Bradley and Mary A. Ahern.¹⁰³

There are no facts in conflict. Name variations are within reasonable interpretations, ages are in alignment, the family members are consistent and the timeline is consistent without gaps. The evidence supports the hypothesis of the research question.

⁹⁵ Marin County, California, Affidavits for Marriage Licenses, Vol. 17, p. 135, Thomas G. Bradley-Linda T. Ryan, 29 April 1928; digital images, Ancestry, *Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1850-1941* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/8797/42292_1020601537_1486-00142 : accessed 20 September 2017).

⁹⁶ “California Death Index, 1940-1997,” database, Ancestry (gtto://www.ancestry.com/search/ : accessed 20 September 2017), entry for Linda Theresa Ryan, 19 December 1984; citing State of California. California Death Index, 1940-1997. Sacramento, CA, USA: State of California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics.

⁹⁷ Birth: St. Vincent de Paul Church (Petaluma, Sonoma, California). Baptismal register, 1888, p. 8, #183, baptism of Maria Agnes Bradley, 11 Nov 1888, birth 25 Oct 1888, photocopy privately held by author.

⁹⁸ “United States Census, 1900,” database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M9PP-CBQ> : accessed 12 September 2017), Mary A Bradley in household of Patrick V Bradley, Sausalito Township (excl. Sausalito town) Belvedere town, Marin, California, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 61, sheet 11A, family 248, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,240,093.

⁹⁹ “Miss Agnes Bradley and Charles A. Kircher Wed,” *Marin Tocsin*, 9 January 1909, p. 1, col. 3.

¹⁰⁰ Ibid. For Elizabeth’s parentage see St. Vincent de Paul Church (Petaluma, Sonoma, California). Baptismal register, 1882, p. 257, baptism of Jane Elizabeth Bradley, 23 July 1882, birth 15 July 1882, photocopy privately held by author.

¹⁰¹ “Couple Married Here Celebrate Golden Wedding,” *The Petaluma Argus-Courier*, 4 December 1931, p. 10, col. 4.

¹⁰² “Railroad Man Dies in Tiburon,” *Sausalito News*, 27 October 1938, p. 6, col. 2; “Death Claims Pioneer of Marin,” *Petaluma Argus Courier*, 23 September 1937, p. 1, col. 6.

¹⁰³ U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007, SSN 558-66-6838, Agnes Bradley Kircher, May 1962; digital images, Ancestry, U.S., *Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 September 2017).