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A blog? Who'd a thunk? Ok, not very good grammar, but you get the idea. Here I sit, wanting to share my stories, photos, videos and thoughts. But first, a disclaimer. These stories and thoughts are how I remember them. I do try to back up what I say with research, but in the end, it is my thoughts and words. That said - I welcome and want to hear your thoughts, comments and views. Correct me if you remember it differently. I challenge you to change my perspective. I am not always right (although my wife thinks I am). Facetious, I am being facetious. Lets start

On This Day....my grandparents were married.



Mary Ellen McGovern 1889-1946
Born in Cornalton, Swanlinbar, County Cavan
Known as an "Eliza McGovern"

* Philip McGovern 1889-1930
born in Drumarigna, Ballinamore, County Leitrim
Known as "Walshy McGovern"

Although they lived close to each other in Ireland - they did not meet until settling here in Chicago. On February 18, 1922, they married in St. Sabina Catholic Church, which is located at 1210 W 78th Place (at Throop Street), Chicago.

Phil was an "unassuming man", he was a laborer and held a number of jobs in Chicago: Motorman, Piano Mover, Machinery Rigger. Tragically, at age 41, he was hit by an automobile while crossing the street. He left a pregnant wife and three boys, ages 8, 5 and 2.

Mary Ellen was a gregarious person who spoke her mind on all kinds of topics. She also was a laborer, cleaning the homes of the more wealthy. When her husband died, she was pregnant with her 4th child, a girl she named Theresa. Mary Ellen never remarried, and raised her 4 children as best she could; sending them to the local catholic grammar school, Presentation School on the West Side of Chicago.

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Peggy Hanley

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Phil, love when you post these family tidbits. Give us some more, lol. Luv Ya.

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Author

I have been interested in preserving family history for many years. Hope you enjoy.

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Emmett McGovern

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WOW! Way to go Phil ... I'm still learning about my grandparents.

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James McCormack

1/18/2022 05:53:42 pm

I'm good with "Phil," but Walshy McGovern is very cool.

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Rita Pacyna

1/18/2022 10:29:38 pm

I love this! Keep going we need to know more about our family.

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Thomas Fallon

1/19/2022 03:13:40 pm

Nice work Phil Barb was our family historian and has a treasure trove of info

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Cathal

1/20/2022 03:26:15 am

Hi Phil
Interesting read.. keep it going.. I might swing by Drumarigna the next time I'm in leitrim.

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