A Biographical Sketch of
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ABSTRACT

JOHN A. DAILY

John A. Daily, son of Joseph and Bridget Daily, was born January 19, 1879. He continued in the family grocery business and served with the "Irish Jasper Greens" from 1899 until after WWI.

John Daily married Adele Schreck August 20, 1928 and they had three children: John Charles, Mary Theresa and Adelaide Agnes. John Charles died July 9, 1939 after he accidentally shot himself while playing with a pistol. Mary Theresa married Karl Holmen and now lives at 406 E. Hall St. and Adelaide Agnes became Sister Christina Marie.

John Daily died of a cerebral hemorrhage on Sept. 7, 1942.
John A. Daily

Joseph Patrick Daily and Bridget Keaney were married on July 12, 1871 by C.C. Prendergast, Priest. ¹ Joseph P. Daily was the son of a local merchant² and was 32 years old. He was also a Civil War Veteran who had fought with the North in the "Independent Pennsylvania Engineers" of Philadelphia.³

Bridget Keaney was 31 years old and the daughter of Gerald Keaney and Mary Reily. She immigrated to the United States from Ireland with her parents.⁴

The 1871 Savannah City Directory listed Joseph Daily as a grocer with a business address of Farm St., S.W. corner of Mill St.⁵ Apparently Joseph Daily rented this establishment until he purchased it from "Mary E. Sengstacke of the City of Oldenburg and the Empire of Germany" for $2,000.00 on February 7, 1876.⁶ The business was a combination grocery store and saloon on the ground floor with the residence on the second floor.⁷ The residence was listed as 13 N. Farm and the business as 15 N. Farm⁸ and this location remained the mainstay of the family business until after John Daily's death.

Bridget and Joseph Daily had five children. Emma and a twin, listed as stillborn, were born on September 25, 1872.⁹ Joseph Daily was born in 1875 but died fifteen months later on September 18, 1876.¹⁰ John Alfred Daily was born January 19, 1879.¹¹ Robert P. Daily was born March 8, 1882.¹²
On April 19, 1881, Joseph P. Daily wrote a will in which he left everything he owned to his wife Bridget and in which he identified "my son John Alfred Daily and my daughter Emma M. Daily." Joseph Daily died at age 53 at his residence on June 16, 1892 of what was called "Gastric Fever" by the attending physician.

John A. Daily was thirteen at the time of his father's death and, as the eldest son, he had to help run the family business. Bridget Daily appears to have become an accomplished business woman, judging from the number of deeds recorded in her name at the Chatham County Superior Court. There are nine deeds in which she is listed as the Grantee and one in which she is listed as the Grantor. At any rate, the family business continued to prosper and John Daily was able to complete most of his schooling at St. Patrick's School.

On March 2, 1899, John Daily enlisted in Company L, 1st Georgia Infantry, a local National Guard unit known as the "Irish Jasper Greens." Mr. Daily continued to be a member of this organization for over 20 years, serving as private and sergeant. He then served as an officer as second lieutenant, first lieutenant, and captain of quartermasters. He later became a captain of field artillery. He went with the "Irish Jasper Greens" when the unit was selected to participate in state police actions. When the unit was Federalized to go to Camp Cotton in El Paso, Texas to patrol the Mexican border in 1916, he went as the regimental quartermaster. He was drafted into Federal service and sent to France in 1918. Daily also served as a military instructor at
Benedictine School from 1913 to 1916.20

John Daily also appears to have been a successful businessman. In 1902, he bought 20-22 E. State Street from Henrietta Pochon of New York 21 and had a brick house built on the lot.22 This was evidently used as a rental property and was sold by John Daily to H.V. Jenkins on June 14, 1912 for $8,712.50.23 The house was torn down in the early 1950s to make a parking lot for the "Bradley Gun, Safe, and Locksmiths Co." at 24 E. State St.24 Mr. Daily also expanded his retail grocery business to 601-03 Mill St.25 On April 22, 1908 he bought the lot at 405 E. Hall St.26 and had a large frame house built there in 1910. He, Bridget, and Robert moved into the house in 1910. Evidently, having "Irish from Yamacraw" moving into the neighborhood upset some of the residents, but they soon accepted the new family.27 John Daily's daughter, Mary Holmen, now lives in this house.

During the period of time between 1900 and 1928, John Daily had a love affair with a woman named Alice C. Lynch who, because she suffered from some form of health problem, would not marry him.28 This relationship lasted until her death on February 21, 1928.29

Adele Schreck lived next door to the Dailys during most of this time. She had been engaged to a young man who was killed in France during World War I30 and she had not married. Evidently, she and John Daily were aware of each other and of their common problems with love, because her diary has the following entry for Tuesday, May 15, 1928: "Jack and I went to a movie. My first date with him (Saw Hold 'Em Yale)."31 On Thursday, May 31, 1928,
Adele Schreck made the following entry in her diary: "Jack took me for a ride after the Rose Maiden - He made me very happy by asking me to be his wife." 32 John Daily and Adele Schreck were married at St. Mary's Church in Charleston, S.C. by Pastor B.W. Fleming on August 20, 1928. 33 They didn't waste much time after Miss Lynch's death, but they could have very well felt that time was running out for them. John was 49 and Adele was 34.

Bridget and Robert Daily did not approve of the wedding, perhaps because of its sudden occurrence or because of the age of John at the time. While John and Adele were away on their honey-moon, Bridget and Robert moved out of the house on 406 E. Hall St. with all their belongings to a house on Gordon St. The disapproval was short lived and good relations were soon restored. 34

Adele and John had three children. John Charles was born on August 8, 1929; Mary Theresa was born on October 11, 1931, and Adelaide Agnes was born on June 9, 1933. 35

Bridget Daily died February 1; 1930, and in her will she left John "land and improvements at 5 and 7 N. Farm St." and "at 13 and 15 N. Farm St." 36

John Charles Daily was accidently shot in the throat while playing with a pistol in an upstairs bedroom at 406 E. Hall Street on July 8, 1939. He was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital, but he died the next day. 37

After John Charles' death the family Priest arranged to have a young boy named Harry McCarthy, from a Pennsylvania orphanage, come live with the Dailys. 38 John Daily died before he could formally adopt Harry McCarthy, but he provided for him in his will. 39
Harry was then and is now treated as a member of the family.\textsuperscript{40}

John Daily died at age 63 of a cerebral hemorrhage on September 7, 1942.\textsuperscript{41} Just before his death, he was 5'5" tall and weighed 170 pounds.\textsuperscript{42} He was a member of various organizations: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 660;\textsuperscript{43} American Legion, Post 135;\textsuperscript{44} The Knights of Columbus;\textsuperscript{45} and an Auxiliary Police Sergeant.\textsuperscript{46}

Adele Schreck Daily never remarried, and she died on July 26, 1962.\textsuperscript{47} Mary Theresa Daily married Karl Holmen and resides at 406 E. Hall Street. Adelaide Agnes Daily is now Sister Christina Marie of Baltimore, Maryland.\textsuperscript{48} John's brother, Robert, never married and died June 16, 1951.\textsuperscript{49} Robert Daily received official recognition from the Polish government for historical research on Kasimir Pulaski.\textsuperscript{50}
Notes

1 Chatham County Probate Court, *Marriage Book* 1866-1873, folio 52. NOTE: Both Joseph's and Bridget's last names were misspelled in the Marriage Book. Joseph's name is spelled "Dily" and Bridget's name is spelled "Keaney".

2 Mrs. Mary Holmen, interview at 406 E. Hall St., February 14, 1981, 2:00 P.M.

3 Mrs. Mary Holmen, interview, February 14, 1931; Robert Daily, "Military Record of Captain John Alfred Daily." In the personal effects of Mrs. Mary Holmen at 406 E. Hall St.

4 Chatham County Health Department, Office of Birth and Death Records, *Death Certificate of Bridget Daily*. NOTE: Georgia State law prohibits the public viewing of birth and death records less than ninety years old. I am unable to give specific references even though personnel in the office were gracious enough to let me have access to certain information in their records.


6 Mrs. Mary Holmen, Original Deed for the land, in the personal effects of Mary Holmen, 406 E. Hall St.

7 Mrs. Mary Holmen, interview, February 14, 1981.


9 Chatham County Health Department, Office of Birth and Death Records, *Death Certificate of Emma D. Hunter*. Mrs. Mary Holmen, interview, February 14, 1931.
Chatham County Health Department, Office of Birth and Death Records, Death Certificate of Joseph Daily.

Chatham County Health Department, Office of Birth and Death Records, Death Certificate of John Daily.


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Robert P. Daily, "Military Record of Captain John Daily."

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American Legion Card #756784, dated 1942, in the effects of Mrs. Holmen.


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JOSEPH AND BRIDGET DAILY

EMMA DAILY
BORN: SEPT 25, 1872
DIED: MAR 1, 1951

CHARLES F. HUNTER
BORN: AUG 5, 1870
DIED: NOV 8, 1939

KARLIE B. HUNTER
BORN: APRIL 27, 1876

JOSEPH P. DAILY
BORN: MARCH 4, 1840
DIED: JUNE 16, 1892

BRIDGET KEANEY
BORN: FEBRUARY 1, 1841
DIED: FEBRUARY 1, 1930

STILLBORN INFANT
SEPT. 25, 1872

JOSEPH DAILY
BORN: 1875
DIED: SEPT 18, 1876

KARL HOLMEN
BORN:

KARL A., III
BORN: APR. 9, 1957

JOHN D.
BORN: APR. 9, 1958

JOSEPH A.
BORN: OCT 16, 1959

ROBERT G.
BORN: MAY 23, 1962

MARY THERESA DAILY
BORN: Nov 10, 1931

MARY C.
BORN: AUG 25, 1970

JOHN CHARLES DAILY
BORN: AUG 19, 1929
DIED: JUL 9, 1939

ADELAIDE AGNES DAILY (SISTER CHRISTINA MARIE)
BORN: JUNE 9, 1933

HARRY MCCARTHY (ADOPTED)
BORN: MAY 5, 1933

ROGERS SCHRECK LAZ
BORN: AUG 24, 1893
DIED: JULY 20, 1962

ROBERT DAILY
BORN: MARCH 8, 1882
DIED: JUNE 16, 1951

MARY THERESA DAILY
BORN: Nov 10, 1931
IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, John A. Daily, of the City of Savannah in said County and State, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any and all other Last Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

ITEM I.

I give, devise and bequeath to my brother, Robert F. Daily, all of the stock of goods, wares, merchandise, fixtures and accounts of my business operated at No 15 North Fahm Street in the City of Savannah, Georgia. This bequest to my brother shall not be subject to the debts of the said business existing at the time of my death, any such debts existing at that time against said business shall be paid by my executor so that my said brother shall receive said business free from any of its debts. This bequest does not include the real estate upon which the said business is operated. In the event my brother does not survive me, then and in that event the property herein bequeathed to him shall become a part of the rest and residue of my estate and shall go as hereinafter provided.

ITEM II.

I give, devise and bequeath to my sister, Mrs. Anna A. Hunter, the sum of five hundred Dollars, cash, if she be in life at the time of my death. If she does not survive me, then in that event the bequest herein made to her shall become a part of my residuary estate.

ITEM III.
National Bank of Savannah all of the stocks and bonds which I may own at the time of my death, to have and to hold in trust, to manage, control, sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same for the uses and purposes of the trust hereby created and to pay the net income therefrom to my wife, Adele S. Daily, for and during the term of her natural life and from and after her death in further trust to pay the net income therefrom for the support and maintenance of my children until the youngest of said children shall have reached the age of twenty-one years at which time the property then constituting the said trust estate shall be equally distributed among them, share and share alike, the child or children or the representatives of a child or children of a child of mine deceased at the time of said distribution to take its parent's share, per stirpes and not per capita.

In the event all of my surviving children shall have reached the age of twenty-one years at the time of the death of my wife, then immediately after the death of my said wife, the said corpus of said trust estate shall be distributed among my said children then living, share and share alike, the child or children or the representatives of a child or children of a deceased child to take its parent's share, per stirpes but not per capita.

In the event my said Trustee shall deem it necessary for the support and maintenance of my wife, during her lifetime, or for the support and maintenance of my children after her death, to encroach upon the corpus of said trust estate for such purposes, it shall have the right and power so to do.
upon the same uses and trusts as set forth in the Item IV of this Will for said children after the death of my said wife, Adele S. Daily.

The provision made in this, and the preceding item of my Will to my said wife shall be in lieu of year's support, dower and any other provision from my estate that she might otherwise be entitled to under the law of Georgia.

ITEM VI.

There is now living with me, as a member of my family, a boy named Harry William McCarthy about eight years of age whom I contemplate adopting as soon as I may legally do so under the laws of Pennsylvania which was his home at the time I received him into my family. If, before my death, he shall have been legally adopted by me, he shall be and become a beneficiary as a child of mine under any and all provisions for my children in this Will. If adoption proceedings have not been instituted, or shall not have been concluded by me at the time of my death, but he shall nevertheless be then living with me and my family, he shall likewise be included as a child of mine. In the event he shall die after me before the final distribution of my estate among my children as hereinbefore provided, not leaving a child or child or representative of child or children, in no event shall his share go to his heirs at law; but in that event his share shall go to my other children living at that time and to the child or children or the representatives of a child or children of a deceased other child of mine.

In the event that all of my children including the said Harry William McCarthy shall have died leaving no child or children
ITEM VIII.

The bequests hereinbefore made in Items I, II, and III to my brother, my sister, and my niece shall be paid to them without any deduction for inheritance taxes.

However, the bequests made to the said The Citizen & Southern National Bank of Savannah as Trustee and to my wife, Adela S. Daily, if she survives me, of the residuum of my estate shall each be charged with its proportionate share of any inheritance tax that may be payable under the law of the United States or of any State thereof.

ITEM IX.

I nominate, constitute and appoint The Citizens & Southern National Bank of Savannah the executor of this, my Last Will and Testament and relieve it from the necessity of filing any inventory or appraisement of my estate and from making any returns to any court whatsoever; and also from the necessity of giving any bond either as Executor or as Trustee, as hereinbefore provided.

I further authorize and empower it, both in its capacity as Executor and as Trustee, to sell any part or all of my estate whenever it deems it necessary to do so for any purpose whatsoever, either at public or private sale and without the order of any Court. I further authorize it, both as Executor and as Trustee to retain the investments which constitute my estate at the time of my death notwithstanding that they may not be such investments as are provided to be made by Trustees under the laws of the State of Georgia.
the time of my death and with regard to making new investments without being limited by the provisions of any law of the United States, of the State of Georgia, or any other State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal to this, my last Will and Testament, contained in five pages, and on each of the pages preceding this last page I have also signed my name on the margin thereof, at Savannah, Georgia, this 21st day of July, 1941.

(Sgd) John A. Daily (L.S.)

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by John A. Daily as end for his Last Will, in our presence, we, at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, and after he has signed his name to said Will, hereunto subscribing our names as witnesses at Savannah, Georgia, this July 21st, 1941.

(sgd) Peter R. Smith
(sgd) J.R. Harrin
(sgd) Thomas H. Walsh
July 17, 1922.

Subject: Certificate of Service.

To:      Captain John M. Daily, 115th N.A., Camp Bragg, N.C.

In complying with your request of the 1st inst., I hereby certify that the records on file in this department show that you have had the following service in the National Guard of this State:

Enlisted 1st I, 1st Inf. (Irish Jasper Greens) Nov. 2, 1899
Honorable discharge, expiration enlistment Nov. 2, 1900
Re-enlisted same company July 2, 1900
Honorable discharge, expiration enlistment July 2, 1902
Re-enlisted same company July 1, 1904
Honorable discharge, expiration enlistment July 1, 1904
Re-enlisted same company July 2, 1904
Honorable discharge, expiration enlistment July 1, 1905
Re-enlisted same company July 2, 1905
Appointed 2nd Lieut., same co., rank from Mch. 19, 1906
Accepted Apr. 9, 1906
Served as such until promoted to 1st Lieut.
Accepted Apr. 8, 1910
Served as such until promoted to Capt.
Accepted Apr. 8, 1910
Designation accepted July 10, 1911
Appointed Capt, 1st I, 1st Inf. July 23, 1911
Accepted July 23, 1911
Draftee into Federal service Dec. 10, 1914
Appointed Capt., S.A., Ga. N.C., rank from July 11, 1921
Accepted July 21, 1921
Now serving as Capt., F.A., Comd. Btry. E, 115th N.A.

J. Van Holt Nash,
Chief Adjutant General.

For

J. E. Wilson
Major & Inspector Gen'l.
In the absence of the Adj. Gen'.
20 East State street was built for John A. Daily between 1900 and 1904.
Military Record of Captain John Alfred Daily.

Born at Farm & Mill St. Jan. 18, 1879: Died at 405 E. Hall St. Sep 7, 1942.

Father Joseph Patrick Daily
Ind Penn Engineers Phila 1862

Irish Jasper Green " Jan. 1899
2nd Lieut Dec. 1905
1st. Lieut Apl. 1910
Capt Mar. 1912.

Appointed Captain & Quartermaster 1st Ga. Infantry
about May. 1914

Irish Jasper Greens 1921-1924

Military Instructor Benedictine College 1913-1916.

Government Service.

Captain & Quartermaster, 1st. Georgia Infantry.

Left Savannah with above for Mexican Border June 1916.

Returned to Savannah Apl. 1917, to Camp Wheeler, Macon Ga
June 1917. Embarked for France Oct. 1918. Landed in France

Services, etc.

Darien Riot, Aug, 1899. Statesboro Riot, Aug, 1904
Chatham County Jail Riot June, 1923.

Schools: Macon Jul. 1902, Atlanta, 1908, 1909, 1910.

Camps Augusta, Jul 1903; Chicamauga, 1906, 1908, 1910
Rose Dew 1912, 1914.