

James LeRoy Byrne

James LeRoy Byrne was born 3 November 1841 in Kilmainham, County Dublin, Ireland. He was the son of John Byrne.¹ He immigrated from Liverpool to New York on ship "Chicago", arriving 18 February 1867.² On the 1870 census, he was a shoemaker, living in home of Mary Brady (his future mother-in-law) and Mary (his soon to be wife) as well as three of his brothers, in Newark Ward 5, Essex, New Jersey.³ That year he married Mary Ann Brady in Newark, Essex, New Jersey.⁴ They had nine children⁵ (three of which were born in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory). In 1873, he became a naturalized citizen.⁶

The family moved to Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory, by 1778. On the 1880 census, James was a shoemaker, living with his wife, four children, and his mother-in-law, in Silver Reef.⁷ By 1887, they had moved to Idaho. James was a miner of silver and lead, living with his wife and three children there in 1900.⁸ That year he was elected overseer for Hailey Lodge No 1 of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.⁹

James was a shoemaker, living with his wife and two children in Hailey, Blaine, Idaho, in 1910.¹⁰ Mary died of heart disease in an insane asylum in 1918 in Blackfoot, Bingham, Idaho. She was buried in Hailey, Idaho.¹¹ James was living in Mt St Joseph Home for the aged in Portland City, Multnomah, Oregon, in 1920.¹² He was back in Hailey, Blaine, Idaho, living with his son in the home of his daughter and her children, in 1930.¹³ Near the end of 1932, he was bedfast. He died of acute pulmonary congestion on 26 January 1933 in Hailey, Blaine, Idaho, and was buried there.¹⁴

¹ Idaho Death Certificates, 1911-1937.

² New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957.

³ United States Census, 1870/

⁴ New Jersey Marriages, 1678-1985.

⁵ United States Census, 1910.

⁶ United States Census, 1920.

⁷ United States Census, 1880.

⁸ United States Census, 1900.

⁹ *Idaho Statesman*, 5 December 1900, p. 5.

¹⁰ United States Census, 1910.

¹¹ Idaho Death Certificates, 1911-1937.

¹² United States Census, 1930.

¹³ United States Census, 1930.

¹⁴ Idaho Death Certificates, 1911-1937.



Mt St Joseph Home for the ages, still standing at SE 30th and Stark in Portland, Oregon
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