

Catherine “Kate” Dougray

Catherine “Kate” Dougray was born about 1850 in Ireland. She was the second of four children of Neil Dougray and Margaret Ward. The family immigrated to America and Kate was found in Pioche, Lincoln, Nevada, about 1875. Kate, along with Mrs. Hanrahan, Mrs. Quillen, Cas Bowen, and Jim Leffingwell, left Pioche and traveled by stage to Toquerville. The stage ran from Pioche to Toquerville to Salt Lake City. The ladies later started several boarding houses in Silver Reef.¹ Kate shipped a large amount of restaurant utensils for her new restaurant in Silver Reef. Her “house was replaced and in good running order in the Leeds District.”²

Kate’s restaurant was listed in the Silver Reef business directory for 1879³ and 1880.⁴ On the 1880 census, she was living with her sister, two nieces, and four Chinese servants in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.⁵ That year, her older sister, Ellen, married Theodore Clement Pujade, who was a grocer in Pioche and Silver Reef and a pioneer of the Catholic Church in Nevada and Utah.⁶ In May 1880, the miners' union sponsored a grand ball, which Kate helped make a success.⁷

Mark A. Pendleton, who lived in Silver Reef, as a boy said that Kate “had the finest boarding house and bakery in the camp. She and her two nieces lived in a large frame building adjoining... In the spring of 1879 Silver Reef was visited with a fire that consumed nearly one half of the business section.... The heat from a burning store across the street caused Kate's restaurant to scorch and smoke. Laughter and cheers greeted the Chinese cook as he threw milk on the endangered building." These fine properties sold for little money when the camp declined.⁸

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¹ *Pioche Tri-Weekly Record*, 17 November 1876, p. 1; A Historical Study of Silver Reef: Southern Utah Mining Town, by Alfred Bleak Stucki, 1966, p. 34; *Silver, Sinners and Saints*, by Proctor and Shirts, 1991, p. 48.

² *Pioche Record*, 31 December 1876, p. 3.

³ US City Directories, 1822-1995; Utah Directory and Gazetteer for 1879-1880, by Henry L. A. Culmer, p. 386.

⁴ Pacific Coast Directory for 1880-1881.

⁵ United States Census, 1880.

⁶ *Intermountain Catholic*, 30 July 1904; *Pioche Tri-Weekly Record*, 17 November 1876, p. 3.

⁷ *Silver, Sinners and Saints*, by Proctor and Shirts, 1991, p. 151.

⁸ *Silver Reef Personalities Legends*, by Mark, A. Pendleton, 1940, pp. 11B-12B.

Ellen Dougray Hanrahan Poujade

Ellen Dougray was born September 1840 in Ireland.⁹ She was the oldest of four children of Neil Dougray and Margaret Ward. She immigrated to America about 1863.¹⁰ She married James Hanrahan before 1870, when they were living in Storey, Nevada.¹¹ He was killed in a mining accident at the Savage Mine in Virginia City, Storey, Nevada, in 1872.

She was living with her sister and two nieces in Lincoln, Nevada, in 1875.¹² On the 1880 census, she was living with her sister and two nieces in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.¹³ Later that year, she married a widower, Theodore Clement "T C" Poujade, in Silver Reef. Theodore was a grocer in Pioche and Silver Reef and a pioneer of the Catholic Church in Nevada and Utah.¹⁴ They had a residence in town, and T C had very successful branch stores, each with a partner, at Silver Reef, at Ward, Lincoln, Nevada, and at Taylor, White Pine, Nevada.¹⁵

At one point, they lived in Silver City, Nevada.¹⁶ T C and Ellen visited his sister in Salem, Oregon, and considered moving there.¹⁷ But by 1900, T C was working as a restaurant proprietor, living with Ellen and his nephew in De Lamar, Lincoln, Nevada.¹⁸ His restaurant burned down in the fire that year; it was valued at \$1,000.¹⁹ He underwent a surgical operation from which he failed to recuperate.²⁰ He died of old age on 21 July 1904 at the Holy Cross Hospital in Salt Lake City; Salt Lake, Utah, and was buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery.²¹

On the 1910 census, Ellen was living with her niece and nephew in Salt Lake in 1910, and continued to run the grocery store until 1912. She lived and worked at 702 East 1st South in Salt Lake City.²² She died of dropsy on 25 April 1913 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, and was buried in the Mount Calvary Cemetery.²³

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⁹ United States Census, 1900.

¹⁰ United States Census, 1900.

¹¹ United States Census, 1870.

¹² Nevada State Census, 1875.

¹³ United States Census, 1880.

¹⁴ *Intermountain Catholic*, 30 July 1904; *Pioche Tri-Weekly Record*, 17 November 1876, p. 3.

¹⁵ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 29 July 1904, p. 9.

¹⁶ *Frontier History along Idaho's Clearwater River: Pioneers, Miners and Lumberjacks*, by John Bradbury, 2014.

¹⁷ *Weekly Oregon Statesman*, 26 February 1892, p. 8.

¹⁸ United States Census, 1900.

¹⁹ *Salt Lake Herald*, 30 May 1900, p. 1).

²⁰ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 29 July 1904, p. 9.

²¹ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964; Utah Death and Military Death Certificates, 1904-1961; Utah Death Registers, 1847-1966; Utah Deaths and Burials, 1888-1946; *Intermountain Catholic*, 30 July 1904.

²² US City Directories, 1822-1995.

²³ Utah Deaths and Burials, 1888-1946; Utah Salt Lake County Death Records, 1849-1949; Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964; Utah Death Registers, 1847-1966.