## 16: NOBLE TRACY

Born / Place: 1826\* / Dublin City, County Dublin, Ireland

Baptized / Place:

Father: 32: NOBLE TRACY
Mother: 33: JANE NOWLAND

Occupation: Hatter

Immigration: From Ireland to the United States in 1853 (record not

found). Naturalized as an American citizen on 8 October

1866, Essex County, New Jersey Court of Common Pleas. His naturalization was witnessed by James

McCauley.

Military: Union Army, Civil War. Enlisted 5 January 1861, and

was mustered into NY 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Company A. Discharged 30 July 1864. Re-enlisted 8 October 1864, NJ 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Light Artillery. Discharged 22 June 1865. Filed with the Federal government as an invalid due to wounds received in 1882; granted access into the Home for Disabled Soldiers in Elizabeth City, Virginia in

1889.

Died / Place: 25 July 1900 / 181 Warren Street, Newark, Essex

County, New Jersey of "Pyonephrosis" (renal infection).

Buried / Place: 28 July 1900 / Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Newark, New

Jersey

Married / Place (1): about 1853 / Ellen Callaghan (she died 28 October 1867)

Married / Place (2): about 1868 / Bridget Barton (17)

Married / Place (3): 9 February 1880 / Mary (Higgins) Peacock, St. Patrick's

Cathedral, Newark, New Jersey (she died 19 August

1890)

# 17: BRIDGET BARTON

Born / Place: March 1837 / Greaghnaslieve townland, Innishmagrath,

County Leitrim, Ireland

Baptized / Place: 1 April 1837 / Innishmagrath Roman Catholic Parish,

County Leitrim, Ireland.

Father: 34: GEORGE BARTON
Mother: 35: BRIDGET GUCKEEN

Occupation: Housewife

Immigration:

Died / Place: 18 July 1877 / Newark, Essex County, New Jersey

Buried / Place: 21 July 1877 / Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Newark, Essex

County, New Jersey

# Children of Noble and Ellen (Callaghan) Tracy:

## i. MARY ELLEN TRACY

Born / Place: 15 August 1854 / Orange, New Jersey

Died / Place: 1860s / Harrison, New Jersey

## ii. CATHERINE ANN TRACY

Born / Place: October 1855 / Orange, New Jersey

Died / Place: after 1920 / Kearny, New Jersey

Married / Spouse: 15 November 1882 / Patrick Joseph Brosnan

Children: (no children)

# iii. PAUL NOBLE TRACY (TWIN)

Born / Place: 17 October 1857 / Orange, New Jersey

Died / Place: between 1920 and 1929 / Livingston, New Jersey

Married / Spouse: 12 June 1882 / Rosanna Ward

Children: a) Mary Blanche Tracy, 8 August 1884; b) Paul Leo Tracy, 29

August 1886; c) John Ambrose Tracy, 5 April 1888; d) Walter Egan Tracy,

November 1892; and e) Joseph Dunn Tracy, 18 November 1898.

# iv. (MALE) TRACY (TWIN)

Born / Place: 17 October 1857 / Orange, New Jersey

Died / Place: on or soon after 17 October 1857 / Orange, New Jersey

## v. ELIZABETH TRACY

Born / Place: 30 November 1860 / Orange, New Jersey

Died / Place: after 1930 / Newark, New Jersey

Married / Spouse: 8 June 1886 / James Francis Donnelly

Children: a) Florence Donnelly, 10 May 1887; b) Francis Henry Donnelly,

19 September 1889; c) Ella Donnelly, 1892; d) Loretta Donnelly, 26 April

1895; and e) Joseph Donnelly, 1901.

# Children of Noble and Bridget (Barton) Tracy:

## i. ALICE MARIA TRACY

Born / Place: 18 June 1869 / Newark, New Jersey

Died / Place: after 1930 / Newark, New Jersey

Married / Spouse (1): 1889 / Jessie Hendrickson

Married / Spouse (2): 1918 / Patrick Degnan

Child: a) Alice Hendrickson, 19 October 1890 – before 1895.

## ii. (8) JOHN AMBROSE TRACY

## iii. GEORGE ALOYSIOUS TRACY

Born / Place: 11 February 1873 / Newark, New Jersey

Died / Place: after 1930 / Newark, New Jersey

Married / Spouse: (never married)

## iv. EDWARD TRACY

Born / Place: 1875 or 1876 / Newark, New Jersey Died / Place: 30 January 1876 / Newark, New Jersey

\* Records in New Jersey regarding Noble Tracy's birth date vary considerably, placing his birth between 1824 and 1840. When Noble married for a third time in 1880 to Mary (Higgins) Peacock he listed his parents as "Noble Tracy" and "Mary Anne Gillon." Records in Ireland, however, show that he was likely born in 1826 to Noble Tracy and his second wife Jane Nowland (aka Knowls); Mary Anne Gillon was his father's third wife, thus his step-mother. More information may be found under (32) and (33) for Noble Tracy, Jane (Nowland) Tracy and Mary Anne (Gillon) Tracy.

Sources: 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930 federal census records (NARA); 1885 NJ state census records (NJSA); Newark Daily News, obituaries; birth, marriage and death records (NJSA); Birr Parish Church Records; Dublin Church Records; Civil War Pension index (NARA); NJ Civil War Records (NARA/NJSA/NJSL); federal passenger records (NARA).



Figure: Ss. Michael and John Roman Catholic Church In Dublin, Ireland today.

Noble Tracy served in New Jersey's First Regiment, Light Artillery: This Battery was originally organized as a part of the Militia force of the State, and was attached to the Third Regiment, Hudson Brigade. It remained in this connection until the breaking out of the Rebellion in 1861, when the services of the Battery were tendered to the Governor of this State, but by reason of no authority having been received for the acceptance of this branch of the service, their offer was declined. Its organization was continued and recruited up to the full standard, and waited only an opportunity to enter the service. In this they were at last successful, having been accepted under the provisions of an Act of Congress, approved July 22, 1861, and by authority received by the Governor from the War Department, Washington, D. C., dated July 29, 1861. The Battery was then organized and completed under the requirements of General Orders No. 16, War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., May 4, 1861. It was fully completed, officered and equipped by the 12th day of August, 1861, at which time it was mustered into the service of the United States for three years or during the war, at Hoboken, New Jersey, by Frederick S. Larned, Captain Twelfth Infantry, United States Army, the strength of the Battery being - Officers, 5; Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates, 151. Total, 156. It left the State August 20, 1861, en route to Washington, D. C. Soon after arrival it was furnished with the necessary outfit of guns, horses and equipments, and under orders crossed into Virginia, having been assigned to the First New Jersey Brigade. On the 16th of October, 1862, by reason of the disbandment of Company K, First Regiment, Infantry, the greater part of the enlisted men of that Company joined the Battery by transfer. Under the provisions of General Orders No. 191, War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., June 25, 1863, a number of the enlisted men re-enlisted in the field for three years or during the war. Those who did not re-enlist and whose term of service having expired, reported at Trenton, N. J., in compliance with Special Orders No. 213, Paragraph 2, Head Quarters Army of the Potomac, August 9, 1864, and were

mustered out August 18, 1864, by George B. Eckert, First Lieutenant Third Infantry, United States Army. At different times during the years 1862, 1863 and 1864, the strength of the Battery was increased by the joining from Draft Rendezvous, Trenton, N. J., of a large number of recruits and some substitutes. The Battery continued its organization and remained in active service until the close of the war, when it was mustered out at Trenton, N. J., June 22, 1865, by R. Burnett Smith, Brevet Captain Eleventh Infantry, United States Army, in compliance with General Orders No. 105, War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., June 2, 1865.

The Battery was first attached to the Defences of Washington, D. C.; then to an Artillery Brigade, Franklin's Division, Army of the Potomac; then to an Artillery Brigade, First Division, Sixth Army Corps; then to an Artillery Brigade, Sixth Army Corps; then to the Fourth Brigade, Volunteer Division, Artillery Reserve, Army of the Potomac; then to the Fourth Brigade, Artillery Reserve, Army of the Potomac; then to the First Brigade, Artillery Reserve, Army of the Potomac; then to the Fotomac; then to the Second Brigade, Artillery Reserve, Army of the Potomac; then to an Artillery Brigade, Sixth Army Corps.

The Battery took part in the following engagements: West Point, Va., May 7, '62; Mechanicsville, Va., May 31 and June 1, '62; Gaines' Farm, Va, June 27, '62; Charles City Cross Roads, Va., June 30, '62; White Oak Swamp, Va., June 30, '62; Harrison's Landing, Va., July 4, '62; Germantown, Va., August 30, '62; Chantilly, Va., Sept. 1, '62; Crampton's Pass, Md., Sept. 14, '62; Antietam, Md., Sept. 17, '62; Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 12 to 15, '62; Mayre's Heights, Va., May 3, '63; Fredericksburg, Va., May 3 and 4, '63, Gettysburg, Pa., July 2 and 3, '63; Rappahannock Station, Va., Nov. 7, '63; Mine Run, Va., Nov. 30, '63; Wilderness, Va., May 5 to 7, '64; Spottsylvania, Va., May 8 to 15, '64; Galt House, Va., May 16, '64; Po River, Va., May 19, '64; North and South Anna River, Va., May 24, '64; Tolopotomy, Va., May 30 and 31, '64; Cold Harbor, Va., June 1 to 12, '64; Before Petersburg, Va., June 13 to 21, '64; Mine Explosion, Va., July 30, '64; Hatcher's Run, Va., Feb. 5, '65; Fort Steedman, Va, Mar. 25, '65; Capture of Petersburg, Va., April 2, '65; Sailors' Creek, Va., April 6, '65; Farmville, Va., April 7, '65; Lee's Surrender (Appomattox, Va.,) April 9, '65.

Source: William Stryker's, Record of Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Civil War, published 1876.

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Figure: Declaration of Intent (to become an American Citizen), Noble Tracy, Essex County Court of Common Pleas. Note that Noble signed his name with an "X," insinuating that he was not literate. (NJSA)

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To the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Essex:  Your Petitioner,  resident of the City of Newark, in said County, that he is by birth an alien, formerly subject of the Government of the City of Newark, in said County, that he is by birth an alien, formerly subject of the Government of the County of the United States of America over one year, and that he was regularly enlisted in the volunteer service of the United States aforesaid, viz., as a Private in the	
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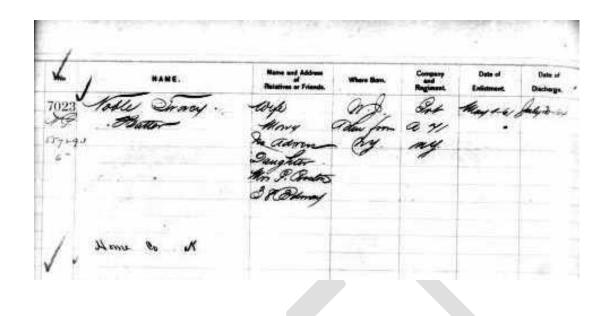
Figure: Petition of Naturalization, Noble Tracy, Essex County Court of Common Pleas. (NJSA)

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Figure: 1870 Federal Census, family of Noble and Bridget (Delia is a common nickname for Bridget) Tracy, Newark, New Jersey. (NARA)



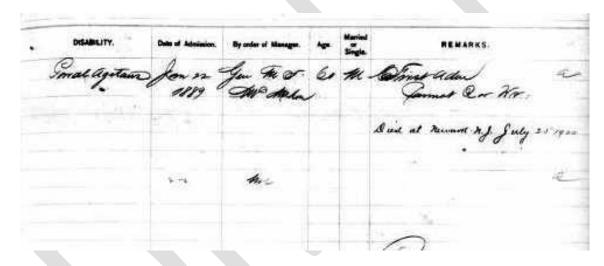


Figure: Home for Disabled Soldiers, Elizabeth City, Virginia; entry for Noble Tracy. Top is left side of ledger, below that is right side of ledger. Called "Noble Tracy, Hatter." Date of admission is listed as 22 January 1889; disability listed as "General Agataus (?)."

Obituary, Newark Evening News, 26 July 1900:

# TRACY – On July 25, 1900, Noble Tracy.

Relatives and friends and members of United Hatmaker's Association of America, are kindly invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 181 Warren street, on Saturday, July 28, at 8:30 A.M., to St. Patrick's Cathedral, where a High Mass of Requiem will be offered for the repose of his soul. Internment in the Cemetery of the Holy Sepulchre.

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Figure: 1900 death certificate of Noble Tracy (NJSA, 1900 death records)

# 32: NOBLE TRACY

Born / Place: 1786 - 1790\* / Birr, County Kings (now County Offaly),

Ireland

Baptized / Place: 31 July 1790\* / Church of Ireland, Birr, County Offaly

(previously County Kings), Ireland

Father: 64: EDWARD TRACY\*
Mother: 65: MARY PRESCOTT\*

Occupation:

Military:

Died / Place: 1843 / Dublin City, County Dublin, Ireland

Buried / Place: 1843 / Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin City, County Dublin,

Ireland (cemetery record states his age 57, thus born

1786).

Married / Spouse (1): Jemima Williams

Married / Spouse (2): Jane Nowland (or Knowls) (33)

Married / Spouse (3): 1829 / Mary Anne Gillon

# 33: JANE NOWLAND (or KNOWLS)

Born / Place:

Father:

Mother:

Occupation: Housewife

Died / Place: circa 1826 or 1827 / Dublin City, County Dublin, Ireland

Buried / Place:

Children of Noble and Jemima (Williams) Tracy:

i. ANNE JANE TRACY

Baptized / Place: 2 February 1819 / Birr, County Offaly, Ireland

Died / Place: before 1822 / Ireland

ii. ANNE TRACY

Baptized / Place: 14 July 1822 / Dublin City (Ss. Michael and John RC

Church), County Dublin, Ireland. Sponsor was Marian Gibbons.

Died / Place:

Married / Place:

Children of Noble and Jane (Nowland/Knowls) Tracy:

# i. ROSE TRACY

Baptized / Place: 17 October 1824 / Dublin City (Ss. Michael and John RC Church), County Dublin, Ireland. Sponsors were John Corcoran and Ann Campbell.

Died / Place:

Married / Spouse:

## ii. NICHOLAS TRACY

Baptized / Place: December 1826 / Dublin City (Ss. Michael and John RC Church), County Dublin, Ireland. Sponsor was Mary Ann Gillon (probably his father's third wife).

Died / Place:

Married / Spouse:

## iii. (16) NOBLE TRACY

Children of Noble and Mary Anne (Gillon) Tracy:

## i. PATRICK TRACY

Baptized / Place: 17 March 1830 / Dublin City (Ss. Michael and John RC Church), County Dublin, Ireland. Sponsors were John Alwright and Anne Parviso.

Died / Place:

Married / Spouse:

*Possibly others*; the records of Ss. Michael and John and very incomplete between 1832 and 1852.

\* It is extremely probable, yet not conclusively proven, that the Noble Tracy christened in 1790 in Birr, County Kings, Ireland as the son of Edward Tracy and Mary Prescott is the same Noble Tracy that ended up in County Dublin, Ireland, and fathered the immigrant Noble Tracy of Newark, New Jersey. This would mean:

- 1) The family moved from County Kings to Dublin soon after this birth of Anne Jane Tracy in 1819; and
- 2) The family converted from Church of Ireland (Protestant) to Roman Catholocism, or the family was always Catholic and their baptisms were

records in a Church of Ireland record book (which there is precedent for during this time period).

Either of these is possible, and is further supported by:

- 1) The extreme rarity of the first names Noble and Jemima;
- 2) No additional records of Noble and Jemima were found in County Offaly after 1819; and
- 3) The fact that Edward and Mary (Prescott) had an older son, Simon Tracy (1775), who removed to Dublin and was married in a Roman Catholic Church (Ss. Michael and John RC Church, the same church Noble was found) in 1809.

SOURCES: County Dublin, Ireland Church Records; County Offaly, Ireland Church Records; records of Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin; NJ marriage records (NJSA); Ireland marriage bonds.

# 64: EDWARD TRACY\*

Born / Place: circa 1750 / County Offaly (previously County Kings),

Ireland

Father:

Mother:

Occupation: Died / Place:

Married / Place: 1774 / Birr Church of Ireland Parish, County Offaly

(previously County Kings), Ireland

# **65: MARY PRESCOTT**

Born / Place:

Father:

Mother:

Occupation:

Died / Place:

# Children of Edward and Mary (Prescott) Tracy:

## SIMON PRESCOTT TRACY

Christened / Place: 1775 / Birr Church of Ireland Parish, County Offaly, Ireland.

Died / Place:

Married / Spouse: 12 February 1809, Ss. Michael and John RC Church, County Dublin, Ireland / Helen Gorman.

# ii. ROBERT TRACY

Christened / Place: 1777 / Birr Church of Ireland Parish, County Offaly, Ireland.

Died / Place:

Married / Spouse:

## iii. EDWARD TRACY

Christened / Place: 1780 / Birr Church of Ireland Parish, County Offaly,

Ireland.

Died / Place:

Married / Spouse:

## iv. JOHN TRACY

Christened / Place: 1783 / Birr Church of Ireland Parish, County Offaly,

Ireland.

Died / Place:

Married / Spouse:

## v. MARTHA TRACY

Christened / Place: 1784 / Birr Church of Ireland Parish, County Offaly,

Ireland.

Died / Place: before 1793 / Birr, County Offaly, Ireland

## vi. JOSEPH TRACY

Christened / Place: 18 September 1785 / Birr Church of Ireland Parish,

County Offaly, Ireland.

Died / Place:

Married / Spouse:

## vii. THOMAS TRACY

Christened / Place: 8 June 1789 / Birr Church of Ireland Parish, County

Offaly, Ireland.

Died / Place:

Married / Spouse:

# viii. (32) NOBLE TRACY

## ix. MARY TRACY

Christened / Place: 14 August 1791 / Birr Church of Ireland Parish, County Offaly, Ireland.

Died / Place:

Married / Spouse:

## x. MARTHA TRACY

Christened / Place: 19 December 1793 / Birr Church of Ireland Parish,

County Offaly, Ireland.

Died / Place:

Married / Spouse:

<sup>\*</sup> His 1774 marriage record, as well as the Christening records of all his children, give the surname as Tracey.