

The Brennan Family Bible

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Genealogy libraries and web sites are not the only places where your family's history can be found. Many times your family's history could be on a shelf in your own home. Family bibles, where people have listed marriages and births and deaths, can provide a wealth of information. The Brennan family bible does exactly this. Through the family records pages, the researcher can follow the Brennan family from Ireland to Indiana, follow the births and deaths of family members, and even read some of their personal thoughts. This material is transcribed below.

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Handwritten on inside cover of Bible:

holy Bible
Book Devine
Preashous treusher
thou art mine
Mine to tell me
how to live
Mine to tell me
how to Die

M. A. B.
September 3rd
1881

Genealogy

Mary Ann Bromley was Born in Staily Bridge
Near Manchester. In Ashton under lyne
England. and emigrated to America in July
1849. and was born June the 21st 1840.

Mary Ann B

Thos. Brennen. Born. In Ireland
in 1830. Com to this country
In 1848. Was reised in ireland
Ballin Skill Co. Carlow ireland

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Bromley in Chicago in
1857. April 57 [In different handwriting:]

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chicago in 1857 April .57

May Brennen
Age 8 Years

To all whom it may concern:
Be it known:
that on the 30th April
One thousand eight hundred & 57
At Chicago
The subscriber
United in Marriage
Thos. Brennen
& Mary Ann Bromley

Births

Born on the 26 of September 1858
Thomas James Brennen. In Chicago. Ills

Born on the 14 of April 1861 James and
John Bremen. In Edgewood. Ills

Born on the 5th of November 1863
Lewis Aaron Brennen. In Vermillion. Ills

Born on the 8th of October 1866 William Brennen.
In Chicago. Born on the 28 of March. 1869
Samuel Brennen. In Arcola. Ills

Born on the 17 of November 1871 Mary. A.
Brennen. In Arcola, Ills

Born on the 4 of August 1874 Charles Wm.
Brennen. In Arcola. Douglas. Co. Ill.

Born on the 6th of November 1876.
Henry Clay Brennen in Princeton
Indiana.

Born on the 27th of November
1878 Ellen Elizabeth Brennen
In Vincennes Indiana

Born on Aug 22nd 1882
Francis Brennen in Chicago Ills

Born on the 28 of July 1884.
Albert Walter Brennen in Chicago, Ill.

[Newspaper clipping taped onto Bible page with 1948 written next to it:]

“L.A. Brennan

Louis A. Brennan, retired yardmaster, passed away at Ventura, Calif., Dec. 1. He had retired in 1945 after 39 years of service, which began in 1906 when he hired out as a switchman at Western avenue. He was promoted to yardmaster at State street, S[e]pt. 21, 1914, where he remained until his retirement in 1945. He is survived by his widow, two sisters and a brother.”

Marriages

Lewis Brennen and Belle Raffin January 7th 1886

James Brennan and Huldah Joerndt
married June 1887

John Brennan and Lilly Sinclair
married July 1887

Wm. Brennan and Kitty Cook
married June 21 1893

Mae Brennan and Chas. C. Smiley
Dec. 28 1893

Chas. Brennan and Eliz. Allen
married 1903

Nellie Brennan and James Abbot
married Jan. 6 1917

Henry Brennan and Eva Bloner
married Dec. 1919

Thomas J. Brennan and Carrie Hubba
married -

Deaths

[Newspaper clipping taped to top of Bible page entitled Deaths:]

Brennan – Irene. Beloved daughter of William and Katie Brennan (nee Cook), at Berwyn Aug. 31.

Funeral Thursday at 11 a.m. by carriages to Rose Hill.

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William Brennan died Jan. 2 1946 at 429 no. Leamington Av. beloved husband of Katie fond father of Kathryn Gilmore and Mildred Hyaslop, grand- "" of Ruth Gilmore, brother of Mae Brennan and Nellie Abbot. Resting at funeral hom (318 W. Central Ave. Austin. Services Sat 2:30 pm (Jan. 5th) Interment (Rosehill)

Died on 5th of January 1872 Saml. Brennen. Aged 2 yrs. 9 mon. & 8 days (Arcola)

Died on Oct 18th 1882 – Chicago
Frankie Brennen – Aged 2 months & 1 day

Died on the 1st of Oct. 1884 –
Albert Walter Brennen. Aged
2 months and 3 days (Chicago)

Thomas Brennen died in Chicago, Sunday,
September 12th, 1886. 2:30 PM –
Aged 56 years (Arcola)

Mary A. Brennan died October 21,
1913, aged 73 years and 4 months.
Buried in Rosehill, Oct. 23.

Thos. J. Brennan died in Chicago, Sat. (7:40 PM)
May 9, 1914. Age 55 years, 8 mos. Funeral Tuesday
May 12th – 1 PM to Rosehill.

On Thursday, Oct. 16th, 1879, at her
late residence, 69 Cornelia street,
Mrs. Mary A. Bromley, Aged 74 years and 4 months.
Funeral Friday at 2 PM to Graceland.

Lewis Aaron Brennan died Niles, Ill, Feb. 17,
1927, Age 63 yrs & 3 mos. Interment Oak-Ridge.

Henry Clay Brennan died on
Tuesday. Feb. 20, 1934, 10:45 Am
& buried Thursday Feb. 22, in
Breedsville, Mich. Aged 57 yrs. 3 mos.

John Brennen, died Sept. 14, 1937
Interment. Oak-Ridge, Sept. 16, 1937
Age 76 yrs, 5 mos.

James H. Brennan - died at Clarinda Iowa, June 14 – 1944 aged
83 years 2 months – Remains taken to Chicago. Funeral at Forest Home June 17

Charles W. Brennan, Died Sept. 9 – 1944, aged 70 yrs 1 month 5 days.
Funeral Tuesday, Sep 12, Buried Bredeville Cemetery.

[Newspaper clippings attached to the Bible's page:]

BRENNAN – Thomas J., May 9, aged 55, son of
Late Thomas and Mary A. Brennan, brother
Of John, James, Louis, William, Mae, Charles,
Henry and Nellie. Funeral from late residence.
[?] Lawler av[?] Tuesday, 1 p.m. carriages to

DEATHS.

BROMLEY – On Thursday, Oct. 16, 1879, at her late residence, 69 Cornelia st., Mrs. MARY A. BROMLEY, aged 74 years 4 months.

Funeral Friday at 2 p.m. to Graceland

BRENNAN – Mary A., Oct. 21, age 73 years, Widow of the late Thos., mother of Thos., John, James, Louis, William, Mae, Charles, Henry and Nelly. Funeral Thursday, 1 p.m., from Late residence, 5233 W. Ontario-st., by carriages, to Rosehill.

DEATHS.

BRENNAN – IRENE, beloved daughter of William and Katie Brennan (nee Cook), at Berwyn Aug. 31

Funeral thursday at 11 a.m., by carriages to Rose Hill.

BRENNAN – William Brennan, Jan. 2, 1946, Of (429 N. Leamington avenue, beloved husband of Katie, fond father of Kathryn Gilmore and Mildred Hyslop, grandfather of Ruth Gilmore, brother of Mae Brennan and Nellie Abbott. Resting at funeral home, 318 N. Central av., Austin. Services Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Interment Rosehill: Aus. 0017.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank Rev. Scott MacDonald and our many friends for Their kindness and sympathy during The illness and death of Henry C. Brennan.

The Brennan Family”

BRENNEN – Louis A. Brennen. Feb. 17, 1927 Age 63 years beloved husband of Isabelle (nee Raffin), fond father of Louis A., William, Grace Mulcahy and Eleanor Whitsell, brother of John, James, Charles, Henry, Mae and Nellie Abbot. Remains

in state at funeral church, 3834-36 Irving
Park-blvd., where services will be held
Saturday at 2 p.m. Interment Oakridge

BRENNEN – John Brennen, Sept. 14, 1937,
Of 1146 Holley court, Oak Park, husband
Of the late Lilly Sinclaire Brennen, father
Of Mabel B. Teed, Evelyn B. Johnson,
Hazel B. O’Hara, and Edwena Brennen,
Brother of James H., William, Charles, Mae,
And Nellie Abbott. Resting at funeral home,
318-320 N. Central avenue. Austin. Funeral
Thursday, 3 p.m. Interment Oakridge.

[Inserts placed between the pages of the family Bible:]

[Newspaper Clipping:]

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widow of the late Thos., mother of Thos., John,
James, Louis, William, Mae, Charles, Henry
and Nelly. Funeral Thursday, 1 p.m., from
late residence, 5233 W. Ontario-st., by car-
riages to Rosehill.

[Handwritten note:]

June 21, 1899 – Be[r]wyn
trusting him, wile life
shall last. trusting him
till hearth is past,
till within the jasper[?]
walls. trusting Jesus
that is all.

[Handwritten note:]

June 21st 1900 Berwyn
God has brought me swiftly
on my way through another
year. i am sixty years old to
day. How old it looks in writing
i cannot realises it

and yet, all my upbringing[?]
run way. thy loving hand
hath led me.
he was better to me then all my
hopes. he was better then all
my fears. he made a road of
my broken woorks[?], and a rain
bow of my tears. He guided
my paths that i could not see
by ways that i had not known
i praise him still for the pleasant
Psalms, as i follow the lord alone.

[Handwritten note written on inter-office stationery for The Wabash Railroad Company:]

June 21st 1908

Sunday, another

Precious[?] Sunday ~~Sunday~~

And my Birthday. I am
Sixty 8 years old to day
am not very well, but
so thankfll that i am
so much better then
i was a year ago, and
for all my fathers
loving kindness and
tender mercies, if it is
my father will, to Make me
Well, and repair my life
Through anonther year
i have planned many many
things for his cerviss.
with devine help
but he knows best
and I can saifly
trust my guide
and leave it all with him.
ho how wondress is
his mercy
thus to take us by the
hand and unphould
us in our weeckness

till we reach
emanuels land

[Handwritten text in Bible:]

Sabbath Days

types of eternal rest –fair bud
of bliss

in heavenly flowers unfolding
week by week

the next worlds gladness
imaged forth in this –

days of whose worth the
christians heart can speak
eternity in time, the steps by which
we climb to future ages

lamps that light

Man trough his darker days
and thought enrich.

yielding redemption for the weeks dully fly

a Milky way marked out through skies

else [?] by radiant suns that warm

as well as shine, a clue which

he who follows knows no fear

though briars and thorns around

his pathway twine.

days fixed by god for intercourse with our dust

to raise our thoughts and purify showers

periods appointed to renew our trust

gleam of glory after six days showers

[?] of heaven on earth pledges of joy

[...]to light and [...]

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