

## HUGH DUGAN (1826–1885) OF IRELAND, PENNSYLVANIA, AND OWEGO, TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

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Hugh Dugan immigrated to the United States during the Irish potato famine. By 1850 he lived in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania; however, his fortune and status grew after 1854, when he moved to Owego, Tioga County, New York, where he lived the remainder of his life. Born in 1826, Hugh married twice, fathered two sons who lived to adulthood, and owned several parcels of property. He died in 1885 after a prolonged illness.

During the period of high-volume migration in which Hugh Dugan arrived in the United States, many Irish immigrants reported discrimination and difficulty finding work.<sup>1</sup> For thirty-five years, Hugh worked in various trades within the hotel industry. Although illiterate, he purchased and managed a successful business, Owego's Exchange Hotel. The oldest surviving hotel and restaurant in Owego, it operates today as the Parkview Hotel featuring the Dugan House Restaurant and Pub:

. . . the hotel faces a small park which is on the Susquehanna River. . . . on east Front Street hist. distr. [historical district].<sup>2</sup>

The eight-bay façade of this three-story brick Italianate hotel features a corbelled cornice, two-story brick pilasters occurring at the second and third floors and segmental arched window openings.<sup>3</sup>

The newly renovated hotel re-opened in May 2019, hosting guests for the first time since the 1970s.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Immigration . . . Irish: Joining the Workforce," *Library of Congress* (<https://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/irish4.html>).

<sup>2</sup> Michael Herschensohn, Cornell Preservation Planning Workshop, "Building-Structure Inventory Form," Division for Historic Preservation, Apr. 1978, copy from Tioga County Historical Society, Owego.

<sup>3</sup> National Register of Historic Places, "Owego Central Historic District (Boundary Increase)," 8 Dec. 1997, pp. 31–32, *historic\_district\_property\_descriptions.pdf*, *Village of Owego* ([https://www.villageofowego.com/sites/owegony/files/uploads/historic\\_district\\_property\\_descriptions.pdf](https://www.villageofowego.com/sites/owegony/files/uploads/historic_district_property_descriptions.pdf)).

<sup>4</sup> Elizabeth George Johnson, Parkview Hotel owner, telephone interview, 13 May 2019.

## FROM IRELAND TO PENNSYLVANIA

Little is known of Hugh Dugan's early life. He was born 12 October 1826 in County Armagh, Ireland, and came to the United States at the age of 18.<sup>5</sup> Leroy W. Kingman, in *Our County and Its People: A Memorial History of Tioga County, New York*, reported that Hugh was

the son of a physician of much note. He was also the grandson of an Irish lord, but the doctor having married against the wishes of his father, was discharged and disowned.<sup>6</sup>

Kingman's narrative has not been confirmed and may be family lore. If Hugh was born in 1826 and immigrated at the age of 18,<sup>7</sup> he would have arrived about 1844–1845. Either of two passenger arrival records may list the subject. H. Dugan, age 20 [born about 1825–1826] left Liverpool, England, and arrived in New York City 1 June 1846.<sup>8</sup> Another candidate, Hugh Dugan, age 20 [born about 1827–1828] left Belfast, Ireland, and arrived in New York City 22 April 1848.<sup>9</sup> Neither candidate was age 18, but estimated birth years are close enough to consider as possibilities.

At the time of Hugh's arrival about 1845, most Irish immigrants were escaping the distress of the Irish potato famine. Conditions on ships were not much better:

Below decks, hundreds of men, women and children huddled together in the dark on bare wooden floors with no ventilation, breathing a stench of vomit and the effects of diarrhea amid no sanitary facilities. On ships that actually had sleeping berths, there were no mattresses and the berths were never cleaned. Many sick persons remained in bare wooden bunks lying in their own filth for the entire voyage, too ill to get up.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Hugh Dugan death cert., New York, 1885, no. 23835, New York State Department of Health, Albany, indicating he was born in Ireland and died in Owego 11 Oct. 1885, aged 58 years, 11 months, 29 days, with his parents' names listed as "Don't Know." His place and date of birth are given in his obituaries: "Death of Hugh Dugan," *Owego* [N.Y.] *Daily Blade*, 12 Oct. 1885 [no. 279], [p. 3], col. 2; and "The Late Hugh Dugan," *Owego Daily Blade*, 12 Oct. 1885 [no. 280], [p. 3], col. 3, which also states his age at immigration. No relevant baptismal record was found for Hugh Dugan (baptized about 1825–1830 in County Armagh, Ireland) in collections available on *Find My Past* (<https://www.findmypast.com>), *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>), *Roots Ireland* (<https://rootsireland.ie>), and *Public Record Office of Northern Ireland* (<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni>).

<sup>6</sup> Leroy W. Kingman, ed., *Our County and Its People: A Memorial History of Tioga County, New York* (Elmira, N.Y.: W. A. Ferguson and Co., [1897?]), 578, for Hugh Dugan. This secondhand account of Hugh's Irish background was likely provided by one or both of his sons. Census records for County Armagh are not extant for 1831 and 1841.

<sup>7</sup> For birth date, "Death of Hugh Dugan" (note 5). For age at immigration, "The Late Hugh Dugan" (note 5).

<sup>8</sup> H. Dugan, age 20, arrived 1 June 1846, Bark *Broome*, *Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, New York, 1820–1897*, list 400, p. 1, line 26 (National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication [NARA] M237, roll 62), copy of original.

<sup>9</sup> Hugh Dugan, age 20, arrived 22 Apr. 1848, Br. Ship *Infanta*, *Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, New York, 1820–1897*, list 271, p. 4 (NARA M237, roll 71).

<sup>10</sup> "Coffin Ships," *The History Place* (<http://www.historyplace.com/worldhistory/famine/coffin.htm>).

It seems that Hugh did not travel with or join Dugan family members at his final destination.<sup>11</sup> He spent “some time” in New York before moving on to Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.<sup>12</sup>

*Wiley and Putnam’s Emigrant’s Guide* advised that a new migrant be ready “in the course of two or three days . . . to post his way into the interior, or wherever else he is told that he can get work.”<sup>13</sup> Emigrant guides were created to simultaneously encourage and warn prospective immigrants about life in the United States. Advice similar to that provided in several passages of Wiley and Putnam’s guide may have impacted Hugh’s migration and settlement decisions:

- “A practical agriculturist, furnished with a moderate sum of money, may easily obtain a snug farm, or, if enterprising, a few hundred acres. . . . Farm laborers should not venture to the United States unless they are able to command, after having defrayed the expenses incident to the voyage, a few pounds, to enable them to proceed, immediately on their arrival, into the interior of the country.”<sup>14</sup>
- “In what are called the southern tier of counties of this State [New York], . . . good land in large bodies may be found. . . . [N]owhere will he find more beautiful scenery than there; nor a more hospitable, courteous people, than he will meet. . . . The agricultural capitalist would do well to look at some of the splendid farms in central and western New York [and] in Pennsylvania.”<sup>15</sup>
- “Those of moderate means, wishing to procure a farm in the neighborhood of good society, . . . In the State of New-York . . . the prices vary from twenty, to fifty and a hundred dollars the acre.”<sup>16</sup>
- “[T]he emigrant of small means . . . either in the highlands of Pennsylvania . . . [or in] the southern and northern portions of the State of New-York . . . can procure cheap and fertile land; where, with industry and perseverance, he can become independent.”<sup>17</sup>
- “[G]o to the West, and seek out some new, small, rising village; let him purchase a few acres of land within half or three-quarters of an hour’s walk of the village. . . . [T]he little village will grow, his land will rise in value, the demand for his labor will be greater, and in a few years he will become quite independent.”<sup>18</sup>

In 1850 Hugh lived in Great Bend, Susquehanna County, in a hotel and boarding house. It is not known how he paid for room and board.<sup>19</sup> Living about 11 miles away from Great Bend, in Franklin, Susquehanna County, was

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<sup>11</sup> Hugh Dugan was not found in New York City directories, 1846–1850. No other Dugans were aboard the *Infanta* (note 9). Four other Dugans were aboard the *Broome* (note 8), two Biddy Dugans, ages 19 and 22, the 22 year-old listed immediately after Hugh; one T. Dugan, age 26, eleven lines before Hugh; and one F. Dugan, age 19. In 1850 Hugh was in Susquehanna Co., Pa. (Hugh Dugan, age 21, in N. V. Carpenter household [hotel and boarding house], 1850 U.S. census, Great Bend, Susquehanna Co., Pa., p. 191 (stamped, verso), dw. 24, fam. 25 [NARA M432, roll 829]). None of the other Dugans on the *Broome* were found nearby. Other Dugans lived in Susquehanna Co. in 1850 and in Tioga Co., N.Y. in 1855, but none could be connected to Hugh in any way.

<sup>12</sup> “The Late Hugh Dugan” (note 5).

<sup>13</sup> *Wiley and Putnam’s Emigrant’s Guide, Comprising Advice and Instruction in Every Stage of the Voyage to America* . . . (London: Wiley and Putnam, 1845), 86.

<sup>14</sup> *Wiley and Putnam’s Emigrant’s Guide* (note 13), 137.

<sup>15</sup> *Wiley and Putnam’s Emigrant’s Guide* (note 13), 74–76.

<sup>16</sup> *Wiley and Putnam’s Emigrant’s Guide* (note 13), 76–77.

<sup>17</sup> *Wiley and Putnam’s Emigrant’s Guide* (note 13), 83.

<sup>18</sup> *Wiley and Putnam’s Emigrant’s Guide* (note 13), 89–90, referring to cabinetmakers, but advice applicable to all immigrants.

<sup>19</sup> Hugh Dugan in N. V. Carpenter household, 1850 U.S. census (note 11), with no occupation listed.

17-year-old Orpha Brown, likely a daughter, but also possibly a niece, of Joseph and Martha M. ([?–?]) Brown.<sup>20</sup> Orpha was to become Hugh's first wife.<sup>21</sup>

#### FROM PENNSYLVANIA TO NEW YORK AND BACK

Orpha Brown and Hugh Dugan likely married in Pennsylvania or New York. In 1855 the Dugans lived across the Pennsylvania border in the Village of Owego in Tioga County, New York. Both claimed to be married, but they lived apart. Hugh was a hostler caring for the horses of boarders at James Reed's Central Hotel, located at the corner of Lake and Main streets.<sup>22</sup> Twenty-one-year-old tailoress Orpha Dugan boarded about a block away in George Riley's household on North Street.<sup>23</sup> No marriage record was found for Orpha Brown and Hugh Dugan.

Perhaps planning to return to Pennsylvania, in June 1855 Hugh purchased fifty acres in Franklin, Susquehanna County, adjoining a fifty-acre tract he already owned. The following year, described as a resident of Franklin, he bought an additional fifty acres adjoining his existing land.<sup>24</sup> On 22 July 1856, still a resident of Owego, Hugh filed with the Tioga County Clerk a declaration of intention to naturalize.<sup>25</sup> To file final citizenship papers, he would have had

<sup>20</sup> Orpha Brown in Joseph Brown household, 1850 U.S. census, Franklin, Susquehanna Co., Pa., p. 130 (stamped, verso), dw./fam. 2007 (NARA M432, roll 829). Orpha's relationship to this family is unknown, but the shared surname suggests they could be related. Orpha is listed last in this household of likely children, ages 2–19. At age 17, she could fit neatly between the children ages 15 and 19. However, the 1850 census does not list relationship, so whether she is child or niece is only speculation. Joseph Brown household, 1840 U.S. census, Great Bend, Susquehanna Co., Pa., p. 354 (stamped) (NARA M704, roll 476), which includes one female age 5–9. Based on the 1850 census, Orpha was born about 1832–1833. In 1840, Eleazer Brown, enumerated just two names before Joseph Brown, had one female under the age of 5, and one female age 5–9, who may have been Orpha. Eleazer has not been found in the 1850 census. No relevant record was found for Orpha (Brown) Dugan in probate, church, and land records at Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg.

<sup>21</sup> Kingman, *Our County and Its People* (note 6), 578.

<sup>22</sup> Hugh Dugan, age 22, in James Reed household, 1855 New York state census, Owego, Elect. Dist. 1, Tioga Co., p. 23 (penned), dw. 158, fam. 164, indicating Hugh had been a resident of Owego for one year and was a naturalized citizen [sic]. Penelope Christensen, *What Did They Do? Ancestral Terminology*, 2nd ed. (Toronto, Ont., Canada: Heritage Productions, 2005), 168, for the term "Hostler." Seth Mosher and wife, Jane, to James Reed and wife, Albertine, dated 28 Feb. 1852, Tioga Co., N.Y., Deeds 50:410 (*FamilySearch* [https://www.familysearch.org] Digital Genealogical Society no. [DGS] 7,155,369). James M. Reed and wife, Albertine A., to Frederick O. Cable, dated 20 June 1860, Tioga Co., N.Y., Deeds 63:372 (DGS 7,155,445), describing the same lots conveyed in 1852, "Both said pieces of land constituting the the [sic] premises known as 'The Central House' lot on the corner of Main & Lake Streets in Owego aforesaid, as conveyed to the party of the first part by Seth Mosher and wife, February 28, 1852."

<sup>23</sup> Orpha Dugan, age 21, in George Riley household, 1855 New York state census, Town of Owego, Elect. Dist. 1, Tioga Co., p. 57 (penned), dw. 400, fam. 460, indicating Orpha, born in Pa., married, had been a resident of Owego for two years. The household also included Jane Brown, age 19, born in Pa., unmarried, a resident of Owego for one month. This Jane may have been the same Jane Brown with whom Orpha was enumerated in 1850, although her age is inconsistent. See Orpha Brown, age 17, and Jane Brown, age 19, in Joseph Brown household, 1850 U.S. census (note 20). Jane and Orpha may have been related. For Riley location, F. W. Beers, *Atlas of Tioga County New York from Actual Surveys* (New York: F. W. Beers, 1869), 31, for Plan of Owego [Village], "References," listing Geo. Riley at no. 29, West side of North Ave.

<sup>24</sup> John C. Severson and wife, Christiana, to Hugh Dugan, dated 1 June 1855, Susquehanna Co., Pa., Deeds 23:455–56 (DGS 8,094,322), for the east half of lot no. 135, adjoining his land in lot 139. Henry Drinker, trustee, et al. to Hugh Dugan, dated 16 Dec. 1856, Susquehanna Co., Pa., Deeds 25:253–54 (DGS 8,094,323), for the eastern half of lot 139, adjoining that part of the lot which he already owned. *Map of Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, from Actual Survey by G. M. Hopkins, C. E.* (Philadelphia, Pa.: Lee and Marsh, 1858), for Franklin Township, image, *Ancestor Tracks* (https://ancestortracks.com/Susquehanna Co. 1858/FranklinTwp.jpg). The map shows landowner H. Dugan near the southeast corner of the township, on the north side of a road. There is no record of when he obtained the west half of lot 139.

<sup>25</sup> Hugh Dugan declaration of intention, 22 July 1856, Tioga Co., N.Y., Aliens Declarations [1855–1906], p. 12 (DGS 5,408,335). Hugh Dugan's petition for naturalization (final citizenship papers) were not found at the Tioga Co., N.Y., Courthouse, at Pennsylvania State Archives, or in records available through

to reside “within the United States five years at least, and within the state . . . one year at least.”<sup>26</sup> Hugh immigrated before the 1850 census and lived in Owego since about 1854.<sup>27</sup> He was eligible to file; however, no final citizenship papers were found.

About 1856–1858, perhaps on 26 February 1858, Orpha gave birth to John P. Dugan in Owego.<sup>28</sup> On 29 March 1857 Orpha was dismissed from Owego Congregational Church to “Franklinville” [*sic*, Franklin Township], Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.<sup>29</sup> The family resided in Franklin in 1860, when Hugh owned land worth \$2500 and personal property worth \$1,322, relatively high values as compared with those of his neighbors.<sup>30</sup>

### SETTLING IN OWEGO

In 1862 Hugh Dugan, described as a resident of Owego, purchased a lot there on Church Street.<sup>31</sup> His wife Orpha died in Owego just seven months later, on

*FamilySearch* for Tioga Co., N.Y., and Susquehanna Co., Pa., 1856–1866. Hugh is listed as a naturalized citizen in the New York state censuses of 1855 (note 22) and 1865 (Fred Cable household, 1865 New York state census, Village of Owego, Tioga Co., p. 59 [penned], dw. 394, fam. 562).

<sup>26</sup> *Public Statutes at Large of the United States of America . . .*, Vol. 2 (Boston: Charles C. Little and James Brown, 1850), 153–55, chap. 23, “An Act to establish a uniform rule of Naturalization,” passed 14 Apr. 1802.

<sup>27</sup> For arrival before the 1850 census, Hugh Dugan in N. V. Carpenter household, 1850 U.S. census (note 11). For one year’s residence in Owego, Hugh Dugan in James Reed household, 1855 New York state census (note 22).

<sup>28</sup> For birthplace, John Dugan–Ida Burgess marriage, 4 Feb. 1885, no. 140, Village of Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., Register of Marriages, Village Registrar’s Records, Owego Town Clerk, Apalachin, transcribed by author, 24 May 2019, in which John gave his age as 28 and birthplace as Owego. The original marriage certificate at the Department of Health in Albany (cert. 1416) has not been examined. For 26 Feb. 1858 birth date, John P. Dugan death cert., N.J., 1922, alphabetically arranged, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. John Dugan marker, Evergreen Cemetery, Owego, N.Y., memorial 125,935,397, image, *Find A Grave*, indicating he was born 1857. Census records support a birth about 1856–1857, as does his marriage record. John Dugan, age 3, in Hugh Dugan household, 1860 U.S. census, Franklin, Susquehanna Co., Pa., p. 181 (stamped), dw. 653, fam. 642 (NARA M653, roll 1185). Fred Cable household, 1865 New York state census (note 25), listing John Dugan as age 11 (an outlier). Hugh Dugan household, 1870 U.S. census, Village of Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., p. 283 (stamped), dw. 678, fam. 645 (NARA M593, roll 1103), listing John as age 13. Hugh Dugan household, 1875 New York state census, Town of Owego, Elect. Dist. 5, Tioga Co., p. 29 (penned), dw. 259, fam. 296, listing John as age 19. Hugh Dugan household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., Enumeration District (ED) 212, p. 2, dw. 14, fam. 16 (NARA T9, roll 937), listing John as age 23. John Dugan household, 1892 New York state census, Town of Owego, Elect. Dist. 5, Tioga Co., N.Y., p. 4 (penned), col. 1, listing John as age 35. John Dugan household, 1900 U.S. census, City of Binghamton, Ward 7, Broome Co., N.Y., ED 17, sh. 17A, dw. 305, fam. 415 (NARA T623, roll 1009), listing John’s month and year of birth as Feb. 1856. John Dugan and Herman Bull households, 1910 U.S. census, New York City, Borough of Manhattan, Ward 20, New York Co., N.Y., ED 1222, sh. 3B, dw. 56, fam. 140 (Dugan) and fam. 141 (Bull) (NARA T624, roll 1044), listing John’s age as 53. John Dugan and Aubry H. Bull households, 1915 New York state census, New York City, Borough of Brookline, Ward 31, Kings Co., N.Y., Elect. Dist. 18, Assemb. Dist. 16, p. 79 (penned), listing John’s age as 58. A. Herman Bull household, 1920 U.S. census, Village of Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N.J., ED 97, sh. 7A, dw. 132, fam. 141 (NARA T625, roll 1019), listing John Dugan’s age as 63. The 1860 census indicates he was born in Pa. All other census record indicate he was born in New York, with the 1865 and 1875 New York state census stating Tioga Co. as his birthplace.

<sup>29</sup> Orpha Dugan card in Tioga County Historical Society, Owego, notecards from church records, citing a church record showing she was dismissed 29 Mar. 1857 to Franklinville [Franklin Township, Susquehanna Co.], Pa. *Confession of Faith, Form of Covenant, and Catalogue of Members, of the Independent Congregational Church of Owego* (Owego: Owego Times Office, 1857), 10 (Orpha Dugan, member of the church), image, *Ancestry*. Orpha Dugan was not found in Congregational and Methodist Church church records at Tioga County Historical Society.

<sup>30</sup> Hugh Dugan household, 1860 U.S. census (note 28).

<sup>31</sup> Harriet A. Frelinghuysen et al. to Hugh Dugan, dated 24 May 1862, Tioga Co., N.Y., Deeds 66:200 (DGS 7,155,446). A few weeks later, Hugh sold a twenty-six foot strip from the rear of the lot to Frederick O. Cable, who owned an adjacent lot (Hugh Dugan and wife, Orpha, to Frederick O. Cable, dated 14 June 1862, Tioga Co., N.Y., Deeds 66:209 [DGS 7,155,446]).

27 December 1862, aged 29 years, 1 month, 5 days,<sup>32</sup> leaving Hugh with their young son. On 23 January 1864 Hugh Dugan of Owego married in Berkshire, Tioga County, Jeanette Henderson of Newark Valley,<sup>33</sup> and in June of the following year, their son, Charles Bert Dugan, was born in Owego.<sup>34</sup>

Hugh and his family remained in Owego. In 1865 he worked as a servant in hotelkeeper Fredrick O. Cable's household, where Genett [*sic*] as well as 11-year-old John and one-month-old Charles Dugan were boarding.<sup>35</sup> Cable had purchased the Central House from James Reed in 1860.<sup>36</sup> Hugh and Jeanette sold the Susquehanna County properties in 1866 and 1868, thus removing completely from Pennsylvania.<sup>37</sup> Hugh did not give up farming entirely. In 1867 he purchased twelve acres east of Owego, on the "highway from Owego to Binghamton," along with a ferry site,<sup>38</sup> in 1869 he obtained almost fourteen additional acres nearby.<sup>39</sup> However, farming was not his only occupation, as he was still employed at Fred Cable's hotel in the bustling Village of Owego.<sup>40</sup>

Owego is the Tioga county seat, a commercial center on the Susquehanna River with connecting roads, waterways, and rail lines. Products arriving there from northern and central New York were loaded onto river vessels and shipped to Pennsylvania, Maryland, and other points south. Railroads were also important to Owego's economy. As early as 1851 the Lackawanna and Western Railroad ran trains from Great Bend, Pennsylvania, to Owego.<sup>41</sup> By 1872 Owego's "eligible location and railroad facilities constitute[d] it one of the most important villages in the southern tier of counties. It [was] an important station on the Erie and Southern Central railroads, and the southern terminus of the D. L. & W. R. R. [Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad]."<sup>42</sup>

<sup>32</sup> "Died," *Owego* [N.Y.] *Gazette*, 26 Mar. 1863, [p. 3], col. 3, indicating that Orpha, wife of Hugh Dugan, died in Owego 27 Dec. [1862], aged 29 years, 1 month, 5 days.

<sup>33</sup> "Marriages: Dugan-Henderson," *Owego Gazette*, 28 Jan. 1864, [p. 3], col. 4. In 1860 Jeanette was working as a laborer (Jenetta Henderson in H. Whitton [*sic*] household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Newark, Tioga Co., N.Y., p. 26 [penned], dv. 181, fam. 182 [NARA M653, roll 867]). In 1862 the town's name, Newark, was changed to Newark Valley, which is also the name of a village there (*New York State Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*, rev. ed. [New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2017], 671).

<sup>34</sup> Petition to probate the will of Hugh Dugan, in Hugh Dugan probate file, will proved 2 Nov. 1885, Tioga Co., N.Y., Surrogate's Court, Owego, stating that Hugh's son Charles B. Dugan turned age 20 on 2 June 1885. Charles Bert Dugan-Mabel Darrow Blight marriage license application, 18 Jan. 1941, Duval Co., Fla., marriages, unpaginated (DGS 4,706,874, image 1388), on which "June 2, 1865" is written to the left of Charles's name.

<sup>35</sup> Hugh Dugan in Fred Cable household, 1865 New York state census (note 25). For Frederick O. Cable, see Kingman, *Our County and Its People* (note 6), 557-58. Also, LeRoy Wilson Kingman, *Owego: Some Account of the Early Settlement of the Village . . .* (Owego, N.Y.: *Owego Gazette*, 1907), 474-75.

<sup>36</sup> Reed to Cable (note 22).

<sup>37</sup> Hugh Dugan and wife, Janet [signed as Janett], to David A. Sincebaugh, dated 4 Apr. 1866, Susquehanna Co., Pa., Deeds 39:458-59 (DGS 8,094,330), for the east half of lot 135 and the east half of lot 139. Hugh Dugan and wife, Janette, to Hezekiah Decker, dated 4 Nov. 1868, Susquehanna Co., Pa., Deeds 41:262 (DGS 8,094,331), for thirty-five acres in the west half of lot 139. This deed explains the western half of lot 139 had been fifty acres, but Hugh had deeded fifteen acres on the north end to Charles Follett.

<sup>38</sup> Alonzo D. Buck and wife, Martha M., to Hugh Dugan, dated 10 Apr. 1867, Tioga Co., N.Y., Deeds 78:274 (DGS 7,155,453).

<sup>39</sup> Cyrenus M. LaMonte and wife, Mary E., to Hugh Dugan, dated 13 Apr. 1869, Tioga Co., N.Y., Deeds 82:371 (DGS 7,15,653).

<sup>40</sup> *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Broome and Tioga Counties* N.Y. for 1872-3 (Syracuse, N.Y.: Hamilton Child, 1872), 354, for Hugh Dugan, prop. Exchange Hotel and farmer.

<sup>41</sup> "Lackawanna and Western Railroad," *Jeffersonian Republican* [Straitsburg, Pa.], 11 Sept. 1851, [p. 1], col. 6.

<sup>42</sup> *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Broome and Tioga Counties*, N.Y. for 1872-3 (note 40), p. 196-D.

Numerous railroads converged in Owego. “During the second half of the 1800s . . . at least ten railroad companies had some sort of charter to run through Tioga County at one time or another.”<sup>43</sup> These included the Cayuga and Susquehanna; the New York, Lake Erie, and Western; the Southern Central; the Geneva, Ithaca, and Sayre; the Elmira, Cortland, and Northern; the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western; and the Lehigh Valley railroads.<sup>44</sup> As a result, freight and passengers also met in Owego; and when passengers had a layover in town, they needed somewhere to stay.<sup>45</sup> In the late 1860s and early 1870s Owego’s hotels included the Central House, where Hugh worked in 1855 and 1865; William McAlpin’s hotel on North Avenue; Del and Rexford McClary’s hotel as well as the John Brown hotel on Main Street; the Park Hotel on the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue; the Ah-Wa-Ga Hotel on the corner of Front and Lake streets; the Metropolitan Hotel on the corner of Front and Church streets; and the Exchange Hotel on Front Street.<sup>46</sup>

In 1867 Hugh “became landlord of the Exchange Hotel.”<sup>47</sup> Owned by Robert Cameron, it was located on the north side of Front Street, overlooking the Susquehanna River.<sup>48</sup> In 1870 the Dugan family lived at the hotel, where Hugh was hotelkeeper.<sup>49</sup> Through 1875 Hugh continued in two trades—as proprietor of the Exchange Hotel and farmer.<sup>50</sup> He sold the ferry site in 1872,<sup>51</sup> along with a small parcel near his farm.<sup>52</sup> On 11 March 1876 Hugh sold the remainder of his acreage east of the village.<sup>53</sup> Seventeen days later, he purchased property adjacent to the hotel from Robert Cameron, with Cameron maintaining the “privilege of entering the premises with servants and employees” to repair the hotel building.<sup>54</sup> Hugh purchased the Exchange Hotel in 1882.<sup>55</sup>

It is not known whether the establishment began as a temperance hotel, but Hugh decided not to serve alcohol there. Consequently, the Exchange Hotel

<sup>43</sup> Tom McEnteer, *Owego & Tioga County, N.Y.: A Look at Earlier Days* (Owego, N.Y.: Owego Bicentennial Commission, 1987), 26.

<sup>44</sup> Kathy Brumbaugh, “Transportation and Communication,” in *Seasons of Change: An Updated History of Tioga County, New York*, ed. Thomas C. McEnteer (Owego, N.Y.: Tioga Co. Legislature, 1990), 174.

<sup>45</sup> Kingman, *Owego* (note 35), 483, observing that the “construction of the New York and Erie Railroad to Owego in 1849 gave an impetus to hotel building and several public houses were opened.”

<sup>46</sup> *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Broome and Tioga Counties for 1872–3* (note 40), 351, 354, 361–62. Plan of Owego [Village] (note 23). M. W. Lant, comp., *Lant’s Directory of Ithaca and Owego . . . 1867–68* (Lancaster, Pa.: H. G. Smith and Co., 1867), 127, “Hotels.”

<sup>47</sup> Kingman, *Our County and Its People* (note 6), 578–79.

<sup>48</sup> F. W. Beers, *Map of Owego, N.Y.: From Recent Surveys and Records* (New York: F. W. Beers and Co., 1889).

<sup>49</sup> Hugh Dugan household, 1870 U.S. census (note 28).

<sup>50</sup> *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Broome and Tioga Counties for 1872–3* (note 40), 354, for Hugh Dugan, prop. Exchange Hotel and farmer. Hugh Dugan household, 1875 New York state census (note 28). The term proprietor refers to either an owner or a manager. Hugh was the manager of the hotel, which was owned in 1872 by Cameron.

<sup>51</sup> Hugh Dugan and wife, Jannett, to Effy Ann Barton, dated 1 Apr. 1872, Tioga Co., N.Y., Deeds 90:181 (DGS 7,156,057). For his purchase of the ferry site, note 38.

<sup>52</sup> Hugh Dugan and wife, Jannett, to George J. Mesereau, dated 1 Apr. 1872, Tioga Co., N.Y., Deeds 90:182 (DGS 7,156,057).

<sup>53</sup> Hugh Dugan and wife, Janette, to Humphrey C. Slocum, dated 11 Mar. 1876, Tioga Co., N.Y., Deeds 95:329–30 (DGS 7,156,059).

<sup>54</sup> Robert Cameron and wife, Julia, to Hugh Dugan, dated 28 Mar. 1876, Tioga Co., N.Y., Deeds 97:561 (DGS 7,156,060).

<sup>55</sup> Hugh Dugan household, 1880 U.S. census (note 28); Robert Cameron, retired merchant, heads a household further on the same page (dw. 21, fam. 26). Robert Cameron and wife, Julia, to Hugh Dugan, dated [no month or day] 1882, acknowledged 3 Apr. 1882, Tioga Co., N.Y., Deeds 108:301–2 (DGS 7,156,066).

came to be known as the Temperance House.<sup>56</sup> Though some felt this would hurt business, Hugh “succeeded in refuting a popular fallacy that a temperance house could not be made profitable.” Running a temperance hotel was consistent with Hugh’s religious beliefs. About 1873–1874 Hugh joined the Methodist Episcopal church.<sup>57</sup> His wife, Jeanette, had joined in 1872.<sup>58</sup> Hugh became a well-known church member and “a consistent temperance man.”<sup>59</sup> The couple’s faith was certainly important during the final years of Hugh’s life.

Ill since about 1880,<sup>60</sup> in June 1884 Hugh traveled with his son John to Ocean Grove in Monmouth County on the New Jersey shore, hoping to “recuperate his failing health.” About two weeks later, Jeanette joined her husband, who had “been rustivating.”<sup>61</sup> A group of Methodist clergymen had founded Ocean Grove in 1869 as a summer retreat, because there was “a class of religious men, worn down by the toils of professional and business life, whose nerves and brain needed rest like other men.” Affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church, the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association wanted “to include all who sought similar relief from the heavy cares of professional or business life.”<sup>62</sup> Hugh and Jeanette returned to Ocean Grove in 1885 with the result that “Mr. Dugan’s health has been much improved by his long stay upon the sea shore.”<sup>63</sup> Unfortunately, this improvement did not last.

In September 1885 “Hugh Dugan, Proprietor of the Exchange hotel,” was “seriously ill.”<sup>64</sup> One newspaper reported that he was “very low with consumption and little hopes of his recovery are entertained.”<sup>65</sup> He died at his hotel 11 October 1885, just one day before his 59th birthday.<sup>66</sup> Obituaries sang his praises:

Hugh Dugan was an industrious, conscientious, shrewd businessman. . . . [I]t will be many a year before he is forgotten, on account of his sturdy manliness, his upright conduct and his thorough honesty of character. He always made for himself and family a good living, without cheating, over reaching or wronging his neighbors or anybody else.<sup>67</sup>

The funeral was conducted by Methodist Episcopal Reverend George Forsyth at the Exchange Hotel, with burial in the Dugan plot in Evergreen Cemetery,

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<sup>56</sup> “Personal [Hugh Dugan of the Temperance House],” *Tioga County Record* [Owego, N.Y.], 19 Sept. 1885, [p. 3], col. 3.

<sup>57</sup> “The Late Hugh Dugan” (note 5).

<sup>58</sup> Mrs. Hugh Dugan [Jeanette] card, in Tioga County Historical Society, Owego, notecards from church records, indicating “Presbyterian to M. E. Church,” 8 Mar. 1872. Mrs. Hugh/Jeanette Dugan was not found in Tioga County church records at Tioga County Historical Society.

<sup>59</sup> “Death of Hugh Dugan” (note 5).

<sup>60</sup> “The Late Hugh Dugan” (note 5).

<sup>61</sup> “Personal,” *Owego Evening Blade*, 2 July 1884, back page, col. 1.

<sup>62</sup> Rev. E. H. Stokes, D.D., “Ocean Grove: An Historical Address Delivered At Its Sixth Anniversary, July 31st, 1875,” *Ocean Grove* [N.J.] *Record*, 14 Aug. 1875, [pp. 2–3, and 6], with quoted passages at [p. 2], col. 2, and [p. 3], col. 2, respectively.

<sup>63</sup> “Personal,” *Owego Daily Blade*, 12 Aug. 1885, [p. 3], col. 2.

<sup>64</sup> “Prominent Men III,” *Owego Daily Blade*, 28 Sept. 1885, [p. 3?], col. 2. Images of this issue on *Old Fulton New York Post Cards* (<https://fultonhistory.com>) appear to be missing pages; the page number is uncertain.

<sup>65</sup> “Personal” [Hugh Dugan of the Temperance House], *Tioga County Record*, 19 Sept. 1885, [p. 3], col. 3.

<sup>66</sup> Hugh Dugan death cert. (note 5), indicating he died of consumption. “Death of Hugh Dugan” (note 5).

<sup>67</sup> “Death of Hugh Dugan” (note 5).



Owego. Many prominent citizens attended the funeral, “as the deceased had a large circle of friends.”<sup>68</sup>

Besides running a prominent hotel, Hugh belonged to two benevolent community organizations. He was a member of Westbrook Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Nichols. But more importantly, he was a member of Union Council 47 of the Royal Templars of Temperance, from which he had purchased a \$2,000 life insurance policy.<sup>69</sup> On 14 October 1885 the Union Council adopted a preamble and three resolutions “on the Death of Hugh Dugan.”<sup>70</sup> In early December representatives presented Hugh’s widow, Jeanette, with a \$2,000 check. “The prompt payment is proof of the excellence and high financial standing of the order. This is the first death paid by this council in Owego.”<sup>71</sup>

#### LIFE AFTER HUGH DUGAN: NEW YORK AND BEYOND

Hugh Dugan knew his death was imminent. By his 26 December 1884 will, he left \$5,000 to his son John. The rest of his estate was left to “my wife Jeanette Dugan [also to be executrix] and to my son Charles Dugan equally.” A codicil dated 3 October 1885 reduced John’s share to \$4,000.<sup>72</sup>

In 1878 John Dugan worked as a clerk at the Exchange Hotel.<sup>73</sup> By 1887 he no longer lived at the hotel but was working as a grocer on Front Street.<sup>74</sup> John was age 28 when his father died; he may have decided prior to his father’s death to make his mark in another occupation. There is no evidence of any rift in their relationship.

On 13 March 1886 the *Tioga County Record* reported that

According to the terms of the will of the late Hugh Dugan, the estate has been pleasantly settled, and Chas. B. Dugan now becomes sole proprietor of the well known Exchange Hotel, Front-st., and will continue the management of the house on the same plan as that formerly pursued. . . . The hotel will hereafter be known as the Dugan House.<sup>75</sup>

Charles Dugan, only 20 years old, assumed the responsibility of running his legendary father’s business. As co-owner, Jeanette likely helped Charles run the Dugan House. A May 1887 advertisement in a local newspaper touted the establishment:

<sup>68</sup> Hugh Dugan, no. 2453, “Evergreen Cemetery Burials,” *Village of Owego* ([https://www.villageofowego.com/sites/owegony/files/uploads/alpha\\_list\\_of\\_cemetery\\_burial\\_plots.pdf](https://www.villageofowego.com/sites/owegony/files/uploads/alpha_list_of_cemetery_burial_plots.pdf)), indicating he was buried in section 12, lot 11. Hugh Dugan marker, Evergreen Cemetery (Owego, N.Y.), transcribed by author, 24 May 2019, indicating only his name and “1826–1865.” “Funeral Services,” *Owego Evening Blade*, 13 Oct. 1885, [p. 3], col. 1.

<sup>69</sup> “Death of Hugh Dugan,” *Tioga County Record*, 17 Oct. 1885, [p. 3], col. 4. “Local Brevities,” *Owego Evening Blade*, 3 Dec. 1885, [p. 3], col. 1.

<sup>70</sup> “Resolutions on the Death of Hugh Dugan,” *Owego Daily Blade*, 15 Oct. 1885, [p. 3], col. 2.

<sup>71</sup> “Presented With \$2,000,” *Owego Evening Blade*, 3 Dec. 1885, [p. 3], col. 3.

<sup>72</sup> Hugh Dugan will, dated 26 Dec. 1884, and codicil, dated 3 Oct. 1885, in Hugh Dugan probate file (note 34).

<sup>73</sup> *Owego General and Business Directory* . . . (Ithaca, N.Y.: Norton and Conklin, 1878), 43, for John Dugan, clerk, Exchange Hotel.

<sup>74</sup> *Directory of Tioga County, New York, 1887–’88* (Syracuse, N.Y.: W. B. Gay and Co., 1887), 118, for John Dugan, grocer, 173 Front St., home 64 North Ave.

<sup>75</sup> “Local Record,” *Tioga County Record* [Owego, N.Y.], 13 Mar. 1886, [p. 3], col. 1.

This house was opened eighteen years ago by the proprietor, Hugh Dugan, and was run by him until his decease, then was and is at present run by his son, Charles B. Dugan.

This house is the only temperance house in town and is much admired on account of quietness. It is near to the county courthouse and park, just below the bridge. The best of accommodations can be had at this house at the very low rates of one dollar a day; single meals, 25 cents. The stabling connected with the house is second to none, and the best quality of feed is always on hand. People driving here, may be assured that their horses will receive the kindest of care and all attentions possible.<sup>76</sup>

However, Charles and Jeanette were operating the Dugan House in increasingly precarious economic times.

Running a hotel was not easy, and the Panics of 1893 and 1896 did not help. Both economic depressions surely impacted the business, as travelers to and through Owego had less disposable income. Nationwide unemployment doubled, from 3.97 percent in 1890 to 8.19 percent in 1896.<sup>77</sup> The Dugans mortgaged their property in Owego three times, trying to keep the Dugan House afloat: 20 November 1893 for \$2,500, 20 November 1895 for \$4,500, and 25 November 1896 for \$6,000.<sup>78</sup>

By August 1896 Hugh's sons Charles and John had moved from Owego, leaving Jeanette to run the hotel with her brother Jesse Henderson.<sup>79</sup> The Dugans' mortgagees filed an action to foreclose on the property in March 1898. Although the principal was not due until 25 November 1899, interest payments were to be made semi-annually, on 25 May and 25 November. The action was settled before reaching court.<sup>80</sup> In June 1899 Charles quitclaimed his share of

<sup>76</sup> "Dugan House: Charles B. Dugan, Proprietor," *Owego Daily Record* [N.Y.], 31 May 1887, [p. 3], col. 2.

<sup>77</sup> J. R. Vernon, "Unemployment Rates in Postbellum America: 1869–1899," *Journal of Macroeconomics* 16 (1994): 701–14, at 710.

<sup>78</sup> Jeanette Dugan, Charles B. Dugan and wife, Carrie A., to Harry C. Haywood, as Committee of Frank D. Haywood, dated 20 Nov. 1893, Tioga Co., N.Y., Mortgages 65:467, discharged 20 Nov. 1895 (Haywood to Dugan, Tioga Co., N.Y., Discharges 5:242), suggesting this mortgage was paid by the Nov. 1895 mortgage. Janette Dugan, Charles B. Dugan and wife, Caroline A., to Gilbert T. Truman, trustee of the estate of H. Billings, deceased, dated 20 Nov. 1895, Tioga Co., N.Y., Mortgages, 68:325, discharged 26 Nov. 1896 (Truman to Dugan, Tioga Co., N.Y., Discharges 5:384), suggesting this mortgage was paid by the Nov. 1896 mortgage. Charles B. Dugan and wife, Caroline A., and Jeanette Dugan, to James W. Manier and Helen B. Millard, executors of the estate of Mary A. Johnson, dated 25 Nov. 1896, Tioga Co., N.Y., Mortgages 69:14. Also, Harry C. Haywood as Committee of the person and estate of Frank D. Haywood, to Janette Dugan, Charles B. Dugan and wife, Carrie, release on part of the premises, 18 Feb. 1895, Tioga Co., N.Y., Mortgages 66:481–82, in which Haywood surrendered one of the three parcels mortgaged by the Dugan (the part south of Front St.). All mortgages examined online at Tioga County Clerk eSearch portal (<https://clerk.tiogacountyny.com/ESearch>). Images of discharge records were provided by email on 10 Apr. 2020 by Stullen Griffin, Tioga Deputy County Clerk, as access to the facilities are limited due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

<sup>79</sup> "C. B. Dugan Takes the Crandall," *Owego Daily Record* [N.Y.], 8 Aug. 1896, [p. 3], col. 3. *1897 Owego Directory* (Binghamton, N.Y.: F. R. Keough and G. W. Daniels, 1897), 49 [neither Charles nor John listed]. Also, "Inspectors of Elections Appointed," *Owego Daily Record*, 24 Sept. 1896, [p. 3], col. 2, indicating Charles had been replaced as an election inspector, consistent with a move from Owego.

<sup>80</sup> For terms of mortgage, Dugan to Manier and Millard (note 78). For notice of action in Tioga Co., N.Y., Supreme Court, James W. Manier and Helen B. Millard, as Executors of the Estate of Mary A. Johnson, dec'd., v. Charles B. Dugan, Caroline A. Dugan, Jeanette Dugan, and Floyd Kenyon, in Tioga Co., N.Y., Supreme Court, Lis Pendens 4:72–73 (DGS 7,155,383, image 70), referring to Order Book 5, p. 205 for the 2 May 1898 order to cancel (which has not been examined). Additional court records pertaining to the case have not been examined. The identity of Floyd Kenyon and the reason for his being included as a defendant are not known.

the hotel to his mother, and Jeanette became sole proprietor—for a while.<sup>81</sup> She hired a hotel manager who was to begin 1 October 1899.<sup>82</sup>

On 1 September 1901 Jeanette married Simeon W. Barrott.<sup>83</sup> They may have known each other before Jeanette's marriage to Hugh, as Simeon and his first wife, Hulda, lived in Newark Valley at the same time as Jeanette.<sup>84</sup> Jeanette and Simeon remained at the Dugan House, with Simeon working as proprietor.<sup>85</sup> They seem to have left the hotel business by the 1905 census, when neither was listed with an occupation.<sup>86</sup>

By July 1909 the 1896 mortgage remained unpaid; the mortgagees again filed an action to foreclose on the property.<sup>87</sup> The property was seized, and in October 1909 the Dugan House was sold at public auction for \$5,000 to James W. Manier and Helen B. Millard, who held the final mortgage.<sup>88</sup> Manier and Millard sold the hotel in 1910 for only \$4,000.<sup>89</sup>

In 1910 S. W. Barrett, age 74, was a general farm laborer.<sup>90</sup> Simeon died 1 February 1911 and was buried with his first wife in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Newark Valley.<sup>91</sup> Jeanette died 8 April 1918 and was buried with her first husband, Hugh Dugan, in Evergreen Cemetery, Owego.<sup>92</sup>

<sup>81</sup> Charles B. Dugan and wife, Caroline A., to Jeanette Dugan, quitclaim, dated 29 June 1899, Tioga Co., N.Y., Deeds 138:146, Tioga County Clerk eSearch portal. *1899–1900 Owego Directory*. . . (Binghamton, N.Y.: J. E. Williams, 1899), 47, for Charles B. Dugan, clerk, boards Dugan House, and Dugan House, 145 Front, Mrs. Jeannette Dugan, prop.

<sup>82</sup> “An Elmira Man,” *Elmira* [N.Y.] *Gazette and Free Press*, 29 Sept. 1899, [p. 5], col. 1.

<sup>83</sup> Simeon W. Barrott–Jeannette Henderson marriage, 1 Sept. 1901, no. 1255, Village of Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., Register of Marriages, transcribed by author at Owego Town Clerk, Apalachin, 24 May 2019. The original marriage certificate at the Department of Health in Albany (cert. 16075) has not been examined.

<sup>84</sup> Hulda M. Barret, wife, in S. W. Barret household, 1865 New York state census, Town of Newark Valley, Tioga Co., p. 3 (penned), dw./fam. 27. Hulda M. Cortright marker, wife of Simeon W. Barrott, Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Newark Valley, N.Y., memorial 19,584,546, image, *Find a Grave*.

<sup>85</sup> For Simeon's occupation, *Owego Directory, 1902* (Elmira, N.Y.: George Hanford, 1902), 32, 55, 133. For residence, “Personal,” *Owego* [N.Y.] *Daily Record*, 27 Nov. 1903, [p. 3], col. 2, indicating Charles B. Dugan of Jamestown visited his mother, Mrs. S. W. Barrott, at Dugan House.

<sup>86</sup> Simeon W. Barrett household, 1905 New York state census, Town of Owego, Tioga Co., Elect. Dist. 4, p. 3 (penned).

<sup>87</sup> James W. Manier and Helen B. Millard, as Executors of the Estate of Mary A. Johnson, dec'd., v. Charles B. Dugan, Caroline A. Dugan, Janette Dugan Barrott, Charles S. Darling, George F. Hayne, Archie Hooker, and Clayton W. Holmes, Tioga Co., N.Y., Supreme Court, Lis Pendens 4:755–56 (DGS 7,155,383, image 337–38). Archie Hooker was married to Caroline Dugan's sister (note 176, below). The identities of the other defendants are unknown.

<sup>88</sup> Judgement for Sale on Foreclosure, 21 Aug. 1909, James W. Manier and Helen B. Millard, as Executors of the estate of Mary A. Johnson v. Charles B. Dugan, Caroline A. Dugan, Janette Dugan Barrott, Charles S. Darling, George F. Jayne, Archie Hooker, and Clayton Holmes, Tioga Co., N.Y., Judgements 10:523–25, images provided by email 10 Apr. 2020 by Sullen Griffin, Tioga Deputy County Clerk, as access to the facilities are limited due to the Covid-19 pandemic. John G. Pembleton, Referee, to James W. Manier and Helen B. Millard, executors of the will of Mary Johnson, deceased, dated 8 Oct. 1909, Tioga Co., N.Y., Deeds 150:203, Tioga County Clerk eSearch portal. Also, Janette A. Dugan household, 1900 U.S. census, Village of Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., ED 131, sh. 5B, dw. 113, fam. 120 (NARA T623, roll 1168), with her address 145 Front St., the address of Dugan House.

<sup>89</sup> James W. Manier and Helen B. Millard, executors of the will of Mary A. Johnson, deceased, to William F. Barry, dated 2 Apr. 1910, Tioga Co., N.Y., Deeds 156:105, Tioga County Clerk eSearch portal.

<sup>90</sup> S. W. Barrett household, 1910 U.S. census, Owego Village, Tioga Co., N.Y., ED 159, sh. 2B, dw. 48, fam. 51 (NARA T624, roll 1084).

<sup>91</sup> Simeon Barrett death cert., New York, 1911, no. 10114, New York State Department of Health, Albany. “[Simon W. Barrott] Is Buried Today,” *Elmira* [N.Y.] *Star-Gazette*, 3 Feb. 1911, p. 7, col. 7. Simeon W. Barrott marker, Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Newark Valley, N.Y., memorial 19,584,517, image, *Find a Grave*, incorrectly listing his date of death as 28 Feb. 1910.

<sup>92</sup> Jeanette Dugan Barrott, no. 2455, “Evergreen Cemetery Burials” (note 68), indicating she was buried in section 12, lot 11. Jeanette Dugan marker, Evergreen Cemetery, Owego, N.Y., memorial 111,340,803, image, *Find a Grave*, listing only her years of birth and death (1839–1918); also transcribed by author, 24 May 2019. Jeanette Dugan Barrott death cert., New York, 1918, no. 27461, New York State Department of Health, Albany.

## GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1. **HUGH<sup>1</sup> DUGAN** was born in County Armagh, Ireland [now Northern Ireland], 12 October 1826. He died in Owego, Tioga County, New York, 11 October 1885, aged 58 years, 11 months, 29 days.<sup>93</sup> Hugh married first before the 1855 New York state census **ORPHA BROWN**, perhaps daughter of James and Martha M. ([?–]) Brown.<sup>94</sup> Orpha was born about 22 November 1833 (calculated), probably in Pennsylvania, and died in Owego 27 December 1862, aged 29 years, 1 month, 5 days.<sup>95</sup> Hugh married second in Berkshire, Tioga County, 23 January 1864 **JEANNETTE/JANETTE HENDERSON**.<sup>96</sup> She was born in Starrucca, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, about 1837–1840,<sup>97</sup> and died in Owego 8 April 1918.<sup>98</sup> She was the daughter of George and Wealthy (Whittaker) Henderson.<sup>99</sup> Jeanette married second in Owego 1 September 1901 Simeon W. Barrott.<sup>100</sup> He was born in Putnam County, New York, in July 1833, son of Van Ness and Deborah (Nixon) Barrott.<sup>101</sup> Simeon died in Owego 1 February 1911.<sup>102</sup>

<sup>93</sup> Hugh Dugan death cert. (note 5). “Death of Hugh Dugan” (note 5). “The Late Hugh Dugan” (note 5). Hugh Dugan marker, Evergreen Cemetery, Owego, N.Y., memorial 111,340,828, image, *Find A Grave*.

<sup>94</sup> Kingman, *Our Country and Its People* (note 6), 578. Hugh Dugan in James Reed household, 1855 New York state census (note 22). Orpha Dugan in George Riley household, 1855 New York state census (note 23). For possible parents, Joseph Brown household, 1850 U.S. census (note 20). Neither James nor Martha Brown were found in Susquehanna Co., Pa., indexes to register’s docket of wills and administrations (DGS 5,549,581) and index to orphans’ court dockets (Family History Library film 1,927,562), with focus on the period 1850–1897.

<sup>95</sup> “Died” (note 32). Her age as reported on censuses support a birth about 1832–1834. Orpha Brown, age 17, in Joseph Brown household, 1850 U.S. census (note 20). Orpha Dugan, age 21, in George Riley household, 1855 New York state census (note 23). Orpha Dugan, age 26, in Hugh Dugan household, 1860 U.S. census (note 28). All but the 1860 census identify her birthplace as Pa; in 1860 it was reported as N.Y.

<sup>96</sup> “Marriages: Dugan–Henderson” (note 33).

<sup>97</sup> For place of birth, Jeannette Dugan Barrott death cert. (note 92), indicating her birth date was not known. Barrott–Henderson marriage (note 83), indicating she was age 63 in 1901. Her marker (note 92) lists her birth year as 1839. Except for the 1860 and 1892 censuses, which appear to be outliers, her age as reported on censuses supports a birth year about 1837–1840. Fred Cable household, 1865 New York state census (note 25), listing her age as 26. Hugh Dugan household, 1870 U.S. census (note 28), listing her age as 33. Hugh Dugan household, 1875 New York state census (note 28), listing her age as 36. Hugh Dugan household, 1880 U.S. census (note 28), listing her age as 40. Janette Dugan household, 1900 U.S. census (note 88), indicating she was born Dec. 1837. Simeon W. Barrott household, 1905 New York state census (note 86), listing her age as 65. S. W. Barrott household, 1910 U.S. census (note 90), listing her age as 71. Jeanette Barrott, 1915 New York state census, Village of Owego, Elect. Dist. 10, Tioga Co., p. 5, listing her age as 75. The 1860, 1875, 1880, 1900, and 1910 censuses list her birthplace as Pa. The 1865 census lists it as Tioga Co., N.Y., and the 1870 census lists it as N.Y. The 1892, 1905, and 1915 state censuses indicate she was born in the U.S. Jenetta Henderson in H. Whitmon household, 1860 U.S. census (note 33), listing her age as 24, an outlier. Jeanette Dugan, 1892 New York state census, Town of Owego, Elect. Dist. 1, Tioga Co., p. 6, listing her age as 51, an outlier.

<sup>98</sup> Jeannette Dugan Barrott death cert. (note 92). Jeanette Dugan burial (note 92).

<sup>99</sup> Barrott–Henderson marriage (note 83).

<sup>100</sup> Barrott–Henderson marriage (note 83).

<sup>101</sup> For birth location, S. W. Barret household, 1865 New York state census (note 84). For birth month and year, Simeon W. Barrott household, 1900 U.S. census, Village of Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., ED 131, sh. 27A, dw. 679, fam. 750 (NARA T623, roll 1168). Simeon W. Barret, child, age 21, born in Putnam Co., in Veness Barott household, 1855 New York state census, Town of Candor, Elect. Dist. 2, Tioga Co., p. 8 (penned), dw. 68, fam. 79. For parents’ names, Barrott–Henderson marriage (note 83). His death cert. (note 91) incorrectly lists his birthplace as Candor, perhaps because he had lived there as a child; the informant was Van Ness Barrott of Owego, probably Simeon’s son.

<sup>102</sup> Simeon Barrott death cert. (note 91).

Child of Hugh<sup>1</sup> and Orpha (Brown) Dugan:

2. i. JOHN P.<sup>2</sup> DUGAN, born in Owego about 1856–1858, perhaps 26 February 1858; died in Glenrock, Bergen County, New Jersey, 25 December 1922; married in Owego 4 February 1885 IDA D. BURGESS.

Children of Hugh<sup>1</sup> and Jeanette/Janette (Henderson) Dugan:

3. ii. CHARLES BERT<sup>2</sup> DUGAN, born in Owego 2 June 1865; died in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, 11 March 1945; married first in Owego 23 January 1888 CAROLINE A. “CARRIE” PHILLIPS; married second in Jacksonville 18 January 1941 MABEL A. (DARROW) (DISBROW) BLIGHT.
- iii. (*probably*) FREDERICK<sup>2</sup> DUGAN, born and died in 1871 and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Owego.<sup>103</sup>

2. **JOHN P.<sup>2</sup> DUGAN** (Hugh<sup>1</sup>) was born in Owego about 1856–1858, perhaps 26 February 1858.<sup>104</sup> He died in Glen Rock, Bergen County, New Jersey, 25 December 1922, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Owego.<sup>105</sup> John married in Owego 4 February 1885 **IDA D. BURGESS**.<sup>106</sup> She was born in Warren, Warren County, Pennsylvania, about 1864–1865, perhaps 23 August 1865. Ida died in Ridgewood, Bergen County, 5 March 1920, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Owego.<sup>107</sup> She was the daughter of Daniel C. and Rachel A. (Pitcher) Burgess.<sup>108</sup>

The 1860s and 1870s were years of great change for the Dugan family. John was a young boy when his mother, Orpha, died in December 1862.<sup>109</sup> One year later, his father, Hugh, married Jeanette Henderson.<sup>110</sup> John likely thought of his stepmother as his “real” mother, as his marriage record includes her name as his mother.<sup>111</sup> His brother, Charles, was born in 1865.<sup>112</sup> In 1870 the family

<sup>103</sup> S. W. Barrett household, 1910 U.S. census (note 90), indicating Jeanette had two children, one living. Frederick Dugan marker, Evergreen Cemetery, Owego, N.Y., memorial 111,340,853, image, *Find A Grave*, indicating only his name and the year 1871. Frederick Dugan, no. 2452, “Evergreen Cemetery Burials” (note 68), indicating he was buried in section 12, lot 11; the record does not indicate his age or his date of death or burial. There is no record of Frederick as Hugh’s son. John and Charles were too young to father Frederick, who was buried in the same section and lot as Hugh, Jeanette, John, and Charles Dugan.

<sup>104</sup> For birthplace, Dugan–Burgess marriage (note 28). For birth date, note 28.

<sup>105</sup> John P. Dugan death cert. (note 28). John Dugan marker (note 28). John Dugan obituary, *Binghamton* [N.Y.] *Press and Leader*, 27 Dec. 1922, p. 7, col. 3.

<sup>106</sup> Dugan–Burgess marriage (note 28). For her middle initial, Ida D. Burgess in Daniel C. Burgess household, 1880 U.S. census, Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., ED 215, p. 24, dw. 219, fam. 245 (NARA T9, roll 937).

<sup>107</sup> For birthplace, Dugan–Burgess marriage (note 28). For birth 23 Aug. 1865, Ida Dugan death cert., N.J., 1920, alphabetically arranged, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. Ida Dugan, no. 2454, “Evergreen Cemetery Burials” (note 68), indicating she was buried in section 4, lot 73. Ida Dugan marker, Evergreen Cemetery, Owego, N.Y., memorial 125,935,341, image, *Find A Grave*, listing her year of birth as 1864. Census records support a birth about 1864–1865. Ida Burgess, daughter, age 10, in Daniel Burgess household, 1875 New York state census, Town of Owego, Elect. Dist. 5, Tioga Co., p. 32 (penned), dw. 283, fam. 323. Daniel C. Burgess household, 1880 U.S. census (note 106), listing Ida’s age as 15. John Dugan household, 1892 New York state census (note 28), listing Ida’s age as 27. John Dugan household, 1900 U.S. census (note 28), listing Ida’s month and year of birth as Aug. 1864. John Dugan and Herman Bull households, 1910 U.S. census (note 28), listing Ida’s age as 45. John Dugan and Aubry H. Bull households, 1915 New York state census (note 28), listing Ida’s age as 50. A. Herman Bull household, 1920 U.S. census (note 28), listing Ida Dugan’s age as 54. Her marriage record, listing her age as 21 in 1863, is an outlier.

<sup>108</sup> Dugan–Burgess marriage (note 28), identifying her parents as D. C. Burgess and Rachel A. Pitcher. Ida Burgess in Daniel Burgess household, 1875 New York state census (note 107). Ida’s death certificate (note 107) incorrectly lists her father’s given name as John.

<sup>109</sup> “Died” (note 32).

<sup>110</sup> “Marriages: Dugan–Henderson” (note 33).

<sup>111</sup> Dugan–Burgess marriage (note 28).

<sup>112</sup> Dugan–Blight marriage license application (note 34).

lived at the Exchange Hotel, which Hugh managed.<sup>113</sup> John worked there as a clerk for several years, assisting his father,<sup>114</sup> who may have been beginning to show the effects of the disease that would take his life. John probably lived at the hotel until his marriage in 1885. Prior to their marriage, Ida lived with her family on nearby Temple Street.<sup>115</sup> In February 1886 Ida gave birth to the couple's only child, Ella Arlene.<sup>116</sup> By 1887 John was working as a grocer on Front Street.<sup>117</sup> His involvement in the community extended beyond his family and the grocery store: like his father, John was a member of the Masonic fraternity.<sup>118</sup>

John moved to Binghamton, Broome County, New York, by August 1896, when his brother Charles took over management of the Crandall House there. John was to assist Charles as hotel steward.<sup>119</sup> In 1898 John worked at the Hotel Crandall as a clerk. Two years later, however, he was a bookkeeper at a feed store.<sup>120</sup>

A few years after John and Ida's only child, Ella, married Aubry Herman Bull (who went by his middle name, Herman),<sup>121</sup> the Dugans, Bulls, and Ida's mother, Rachel, shared a home in the Borough of Manhattan, New York City; John worked as a bakery's bookkeeper and Herman as a bank teller.<sup>122</sup> The extended family group later lived in the Borough of Brooklyn, New York City, where on 23 October 1914 John and Ida's grandchild, Ellanore Louise Bull, was born. In 1915 John worked as a clerk for a broker.<sup>123</sup>

About 1919 the families moved from Brooklyn to Ridgewood, Bergen County, New Jersey. In 1920 John worked as a bookkeeper for a stock broker, while Herman supported his family as a "paying teller" in a bank.<sup>124</sup> Both John and Ida Dugan died in Bergen County, Ida in 1920, and John in 1922.<sup>125</sup> They

<sup>113</sup> Hugh Dugan household, 1870 U.S. census (note 28).

<sup>114</sup> John Dugan obituary (note 105). John Dugan, clerk in hotel, in Hugh Dugan household, 1880 U.S. census (note 28).

<sup>115</sup> Dugan–Burgess marriage (note 28), indicating they were both residents of Owego. Daniel C. Burgess household, 1880 U.S. census (note 106).

<sup>116</sup> Ella Arlene Dugan birth cert., New York, 1886, no. 5574, New York State Department of Health, Albany. Ella Arlene Bull death cert. [abstract for informational purposes, cause of death redacted], N.J., 1959, no. 29185, New Jersey Department of Health, Trenton.

<sup>117</sup> *Directory of Tioga County, New York, 1887–'88* (note 74), 118.

<sup>118</sup> "Handsomely Entertained," *Waverly* [N.Y.] *Free Press*, 26 Mar. 1892, [p. 1], col. 5.

<sup>119</sup> "C. B. Dugan Takes the Crandall?" (note 79); a hotel steward has charge of the dining area. John, Ida, and Ellen Dugan, and Rachael Burgess, 1892 New York state census (note 28). *1897 Owego Directory* (Binghamton, N.Y.: F. R. Keough and G. W. Daniels, 1897), 49 [not listed].

<sup>120</sup> J. E. Williams, comp., *Williams' Binghamton City Directory for 1898* (Binghamton, N.Y.: Binghamton Publishing, 1898), 252, for John Dugan, clerk, Hotel Crandall, home 20 Isbell; and similar titles for [1899] 255 (for John Dugan, clerk, h. 20 Isbell), [1900] 263 (for Jno. Dugan, clerk, home 10½ Rutherford). John Dugan household, 1900 U.S. census (note 28), residing at 10½ Rutherford St.

<sup>121</sup> A. Herman Bull–Ella Arlene Dugan marriage record, City Clerk's abstract, 1903, no. 8458, Binghamton City Clerk, Binghamton, N.Y. The original marriage cert. at the Department of Health in Albany (no. 19647) has not been examined. "Saddle River Borough," *Bergen Evening Record* [Hackensack, N.J.], 28 Sept. 1953, p. 6, col. 7, indicating Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bull had celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, married 22 Sept. 1903.

<sup>122</sup> John Dugan and Herman Bull households, 1910 U.S. census (note 28).

<sup>123</sup> John Dugan and Aubry H. Bull households, 1915 New York state census (note 28). Eleanor L. Bull entry, born 23 Oct. 1914, Index to Births Reported in New York City, 1914, image, *Ancestry*, referring to cert. 45063 (Brooklyn, 1914), which is not available to the public.

<sup>124</sup> A. Herman Bull household, 1920 U.S. census (note 28). "Teller's Wife, 36, Flees with Boy, 17," *Daily News* [N.Y.], 17 Jan. 1922, p. 3, cols. 1–2, indicating the Bulls had moved to Ridgewood from Brooklyn three years earlier.

<sup>125</sup> Ida Dugan death cert. (note 107). John P. Dugan death cert. (note 28).

were buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Owego, with their daughter and son-in-law interred later in the same section and lot.<sup>126</sup>

Child of John<sup>2</sup> and Ida (Burgess) Dugan:

- i. ELLA ARLENE<sup>3</sup> DUGAN, born in Owego 19 February 1886; died in Saddle River, Bergen County, New Jersey, 31 July 1959;<sup>127</sup> married in Binghamton 22 September 1903 AUBRY HERMAN BULL,<sup>128</sup> born in Binghamton 18 October 1884,<sup>129</sup> died in Saddle River 10 August 1970,<sup>130</sup> son of Alfred E. and Flora G. (Stanley) Bull.<sup>131</sup> Both Ella and her husband were buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Owego with Ella's parents.<sup>132</sup>

According to at least thirty articles in five different newspapers, Ella's grief over her mother's death caused a scandal in early 1922. The New York *Daily News* followed the story for ten days.

On 31 December 1921, Ella withdrew \$1,000 from the family's bank and secretly packed a trunk of clothes. She told the maid that she was going to meet her husband in New York City to attend a New Year's Eve party. Ella asked Ralph Costa, her 17-year-old neighbor, to drive her and her 7-year-old daughter, Ellanore, to the train station in Hoboken, Hudson County, New Jersey. Ralph parked the car at the Commonwealth Garage and had the garage workers call Ella's husband to pick it up. With \$50 that Ella had given him, Ralph bought a train ticket to Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and found a job under the alias R. J. Chabble. Things went well until Ralph saw his picture in a New York newspaper and decided to return home. On 20 January Ralph cabled Ella's husband: "Just saw papers. Will be home Friday and help find Ella."

Herman Bull and a private detective met Ralph's train and took him to the police station. According to Ralph, Ella "constantly berated her husband and her father, [saying] 'I can't stand this any longer.'" Herman reluctantly accepted Ralph's story, but believed that Ella "was on the verge of a nervous breakdown from worry over the death of her mother."

Ralph remembered that Ella said she was "going to visit Dr. Oscar Heywood," a former minister from their New York City Baptist Church who was living in Mount Gilead, Montgomery County, North Carolina. On 22 January Herman sent a telegram to Heywood, who replied that "Ella arrived from Atlanta, Ga. Her mind is almost blank. Have taken her to my home." Herman went to North Carolina and brought the family back to New Jersey on 24 January. Ella's "mental condition seemed improved," but she was "suffering from aphasia." According to daughter Ellanore, they had traveled to Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Atlanta before finding Dr. Heywood.<sup>133</sup>

<sup>126</sup> John Dugan, no. 2456, Ida Dugan, no. 2457, Ella Bull, no. 1189, and Herman Bull, no. 1190, "Evergreen Cemetery Burials" (note 68), indicating they were all buried in section 4, lot 73.

<sup>127</sup> Ella Arlene Dugan birth (note 116). Ella Arlene Bull death cert. [abstract for informational purposes, cause of death redacted], N.J., 1959, no. 29185, New Jersey Department of Health, Trenton. Ella A. Bull marker, Evergreen Cemetery, Owego, N.Y., memorial 112,366,992, image, *Find a Grave*.

<sup>128</sup> Bull–Dugan marriage record abstract (note 121). "Saddle River Borough" (note 121).

<sup>129</sup> Aubry Herman Bull, World War II Draft Registration Card (Fourth Registration), Bergen Co., N.J., Board no. 1, image, *Ancestry*. Aubry Bull obituary, *Record* [Hackensack, N.J.], 12 Aug. 1970, p. B-14, col. 5.

<sup>130</sup> Aubry Bull obituary (note 129). Herman Bull marker, Evergreen Cemetery, Owego, N.Y., memorial 124,103,542, image, *Find A Grave*.

<sup>131</sup> Bull–Dugan marriage record abstract (note 121).

<sup>132</sup> Ella Bull, no. 1189, and Herman Bull, no. 1190, "Evergreen Cemetery Burials" (note 68).

<sup>133</sup> "Teller's Wife, 36, Flees with Boy, 17" (note 124). All in [N.Y.] *Daily News*: "Forgiveness Awaits Wife Who Fleed Home," 18 Jan. 1922, p. 3, col. 1; "Wife's Flight With Lad Well Planned Affair," 19 Jan. 1922, p. 5, col. 1; "Costa's Father Sure Telegram to Bull, a Hoax," 20 Jan. 1922, p. 3, col. 2; "Police Watch All Trains for Mrs. Bull's Aid," final edition, 20 Jan. 1922, p. 3, col. 2; "Costa Lad Returns Without Mrs. Bull," 21 Jan. 1922, p. 3, col. 1–2; "Mrs. Bull Found in No. Carolina, Her Mind a Blank," final edition, 22 Jan. 1922, p. 6, col. 3; "Mrs. Bull With Husband and Child, on Way Home," 24 Jan. 1922, p. 3, col. 5; "Mrs. Bull Fleed Without Costa, Daughter Says," 26 Jan. 1922, p. 3, col. 2.

Child of Aubry Herman and Ella<sup>3</sup> (Dugan) Bull:

1. ELLANORE LOUISE<sup>4</sup> BULL, born in Brooklyn 25 October 1914;<sup>134</sup> died in Saddle River 21 February 2008;<sup>135</sup> married in Glen Rock 7 October 1933 GEORGE GREENE JR., born in Tuxedo Park, Orange County, New York, 10 September 1908, died in Saddle River 7 July 2001, aged 92, son of George and Susan (Hewitt) Greene.<sup>136</sup>

3. **CHARLES BERT<sup>2</sup> DUGAN** (Hugh<sup>1</sup>) was born in Owego 2 June 1865.<sup>137</sup> He died in the Arlington neighborhood of Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, 11 March 1945, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Owego.<sup>138</sup> Charles married first in Owego 23 January 1888 **CAROLINE "CARRIE" A. PHILLIPS**,<sup>139</sup> who was born in Dryden, Tompkins County, New York, probably about 1861.<sup>140</sup> Carrie died in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, 14 August 1937, and was buried in Owego.<sup>141</sup> She was the daughter of Augustus H. and Mary A. (Lewis) Phillips.<sup>142</sup> Charles married second in Jacksonville 18 January 1941 **MABEL A. (DARROW) (DISBROW) BLIGHT**,<sup>143</sup> who was born in Orwell,

<sup>134</sup> Eleanor L. Bull entry in birth index (note 123).

<sup>135</sup> Ellanore Greene obituary, *C. C. Van Emburgh* [funeral directors, Ridgewood, N.J.] (<https://www.vanemburgh.com/obituary/1921457>). Ellanore Greene marker, Saddle River Low Dutch Reformed Cemetery, Upper Saddle River, N.J., memorial 60,862,999, image, *Find a Grave*.

<sup>136</sup> George E. Greene [sic] Jr.–Ellanore Louise Bull marriage cert., 1933, alphabetically arranged by groom's surname, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. "Miss Bull Wed to G. Green Jr.: Glen Rock Girl Bride at Home Ceremony," *Bergen Evening Record*, 9 Oct. 1933, p. 23, col. 7. For birthplace, age, date of death, parents' names, and spouse's name, George Green Jr. death notice, *The Record* [Hackensack, N.J.], 10 July 2001, p. L-6, col. 4. George Greene Jr. marker, Saddle River Low Dutch Reformed Cemetery, Upper Saddle River, N.J., memorial 35,138,055, image, *Find A Grave*. For date and place of birth, George Greene Jr. card, World War II Draft Registration Cards for New Jersey, image, "U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947," *Ancestry*. The same birth date is found in the Index to Births in New York State, 1908, for George Greene Jr., born in Tuxedo, citing cert. 64597, which has not been examined.

<sup>137</sup> Dugan–Blight marriage license application (note 34).

<sup>138</sup> Charles Bert Dugan death cert., Fla., 1945, no. 5518, Florida Board of Health, Jacksonville. Charles B. Dugan, no. 2451, "Evergreen Cemetery Burials" (note 68), indicating he was buried in section 12, lot 11. Charles B. Dugan marker, Evergreen Cemetery, Owego, N.Y., memorial 111,341,601, image, *Find A Grave*, also transcribed by author 24 May 2019.

<sup>139</sup> Charles B. Dugan–Caroline A. Phillips marriage record, Owego Village Registrar's abstract, 1888, no. 371, Village Registrar's Records, Owego Town Clerk, Apalachin. The original marriage cert. at the Department of Health in Albany (no. 1349) has not been examined. Charles B. Dugan–Carrie A. Phillips marriage, 23 Jan. 1888, Marriage Register, 1886–1904, Providence United Methodist Church, Scranton, Lackawanna Co., Pa., unpaginated, chronically arranged, image of original records, "Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1669–2013," *Ancestry*, indicating they were married by Geo. Forsyth at "Dr. Stiles in Owego, N.Y."

<sup>140</sup> For birthplace, Dugan–Phillips [civil] marriage record (note 139), indicating she was age 27. Caroline A. Dugan death cert., Cook Co., Ill., 1937, no. 23436, Cook Co. Clerk's Office, Chicago, incorrectly stating her birthplace as Oswego and indicating she was born 29 May 1863. Caroline A. Dugan marker, Evergreen Cemetery, Owego, N.Y., memorial 111,341,568, image, *Find A Grave*; also transcribed by author 24 May 2019. Most censuses support a year of birth about 1861, consistent with her marker. Caroline A. Phillips, age 4, child, born Tompkins Co., in Augustus [sic] H. Phillips household, 1865 New York state census, Town of Binghamton, Elet. Dist. 3, Broome Co., N.Y., p. 23 (penned), dw. 152, fam. 179. Augustus H. Phillips household, 1870 U.S. census, City of Binghamton, Ward 2, Broome Co., N.Y., p. 112 (stamped), dw. 321, fam. 334 (NARA M593, roll 906), listing Carrie as age 9. A. H. Phillips household, 1880 U.S. census, Village of Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., ED 216, p. 9, dw. 101, fam. 111 (NARA T9, roll 937), listing Carrie as age 19. Two ages reported in censuses are outliers: Charles B. Dugan household, 1910 U.S. census, City of Hornell, Ward 2, Steuben Co., N.Y., ED 135, sh. 7B, dw. 166, fam. 183 (NARA T624, roll 1080), listing her age as 45; Chas. B. and Caroline Dugan, lodgers, in Ada M. Flemming household, 1920 U.S. census, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., ED 407, sh. 2A, dw. 12, fam. 28 (NARA T625, roll 315), listing her age as 54. She was not found in the 1900 census.

<sup>141</sup> Caroline A. Dugan death cert. (note 140). Caroline A. Dugan death notice, *Chicago* [Ill.] *Tribune*, 15 Aug. 1937, p. 14, col. 7. Caroline A. Dugan, no. 2450, "Evergreen Cemetery Burials" (note 68), indicating she was buried in section 12, lot 11. Caroline A. Dugan marker (note 140).

<sup>142</sup> Dugan–Phillips [civil] marriage record (note 139).

<sup>143</sup> Charles Bert Dugan–Mabel Darrow Blight marriage license (18 Jan. 1941) and certificate (returned 22 Jan. 1941), Duval Co., Fla., marriages 49:947 (DGS 4,539,438).



Bradford County, Pennsylvania, 4 May 1875.<sup>144</sup> Mabel died in Binghamton 17 March 1969, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Owego. She was the daughter of Franklin A. and Chloe A. (Dimmick) Darrow.<sup>145</sup>

Charles Bert Dugan was born into the hospitality industry. His birth on 2 June 1865 likely occurred in the hotel where the family lived and where his father, Hugh Dugan, worked at the time.<sup>146</sup> Hugh bequeathed the hotel to Charles and Charles's mother in 1885; Charles changed its name to the Dugan House.<sup>147</sup> An 1889 advertisement touted the "First-class Homelike Hotel, with the usual Fire Escapes, and . . . a new Strong Built Balcony . . . in front and one at the rear. The Balconies are the most perfect life-saving escapes at the time of fire. Only Temperance House in Town. Established 18 years. Terms \$1 per day. Single meals 25 cents."<sup>148</sup> Following his father's lead, Charles also became personally invested in his community.

Judging by the 1889 advertisement, Charles's membership in the local fire department would benefit the hotel. On 5 January 1885 Charles was granted a certificate as a fireman "attached to Ahwaga Steamer and Hose Company no. 6."<sup>149</sup> In January 1892 he was elected steward, then second assistant chief in May. In 1893 he was elected president.<sup>150</sup> Finally, in May 1894 Charles was elected chief. The local newspaper declared, "Deny it Who Can. There is No Such a Man as Dugan."<sup>151</sup> As fire chief, Charles was elected secretary for the committee for entertainment of the Central New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, which was to meet in Owego in August 1895.<sup>152</sup>

Nationally, Charles was elected a delegate to the National Ticket Brokers Association in May 1892.<sup>153</sup> In the late 1800s ticket brokers organized to "eliminate disreputable resellers," whose practices affected theater productions, live events, and even railroad travel.<sup>154</sup> A notice in the *Owego Daily Record* stated that "Mr. Dugan can furnish tickets to any part of the union and on all railroads. . . . He is also agent for the White Star line, Red Star line and French and Italian steamship companies. Tickets are sold to all parts of the old world."<sup>155</sup>

<sup>144</sup> For birth date and place, Dugan–Blight marriage license application (note 34).

<sup>145</sup> Mrs. Mabel Blight Dugan death notice, *Evening Press* [Binghamton, N.Y.], 19 Mar. 1969, p. 9-C, col. 1. Mabel D. Blight marker, Evergreen Cemetery, Owego, N.Y., memorial 112431699, image, *Find A Grave*; also transcribed by author, 24 May 2019. Mabel Dugan Blight, no. 850, "Evergreen Cemetery Burials" (note 68), indicating she was buried in section 4, lot 38.

<sup>146</sup> For birth date, Dugan–Blight marriage license application (note 34). For 1865 residence, Charles Dugan with Hugh Dugan in Fred Cable household, 1865 New York state census (note 25).

<sup>147</sup> "Local Record," *Tioga County Record* [Owego, N.Y.], 13 Mar. 1886, [p. 3], col. 1.

<sup>148</sup> "The Dugan House," *Owego* [N.Y.] *Daily Record*, 23 Aug. 1889, [p. 2], col. 6. Eighteen years prior, about 1867, Hugh became landlord of the Exchange House.

<sup>149</sup> "Corporation Proceedings," *Owego Daily Blade*, 8 Jan. 1885, [p. 3], col. 4. "Charles Dugan, Fireman," Owego Fire Department photograph, circa 1885, Tioga County Historical Society, Owego.

<sup>150</sup> "Fire Companies' Elections: Ahwaga Steamer and Hose Co.," *Owego Daily Record*, 28 Jan. 1892, [p. 3], col. 3. "Fire Department Election," *Owego Daily Record*, 26 May 1892, [p. 3], col. 2. "Fire Companies' Elections: Ahwaga Steamer and Hose Co.," *Owego Daily Record*, 26 Jan. 1893, [p. 3], col. 2.

<sup>151</sup> "Dugan's the Man," *Owego Daily Record*, 31 May 1894, [p. 3], col. 2.

<sup>152</sup> "The Situation," *Owego Daily Record*, 8 Feb. 1895, [p. 3], col. 2. "Charles B. Dugan, Fire Chief, 1894–1895," Owego Fire Department photograph. Tioga County Historical Society, Owego.

<sup>153</sup> "Ticket Broker C. B. Dugan," *Tioga County Record*, 19 May 1892, [p. 3], col. 6.

<sup>154</sup> "Ticket Speculators," *History of the Secondary Ticket Market* (<https://www.clickitticket.com/the-history-of-the-secondary-ticket-market.asp>), referring to the American [sic] Ticket Brokers' Association.

<sup>155</sup> "Owego of Today: C. B. Dugan," *Owego Daily Record*, 19 Oct. 1892, [p. 3], col. 4.

Politics were also important in Owego. In the 1880s, temperance groups first appeared in New York, and several national organizations had affiliates in Owego. These included the Salvation Army, the Young Men's Christian Association, Women's Christian Temperance Union, Royal Templars of Temperance, and Prohibition Party.<sup>156</sup> Founded in 1869, the Prohibition Party supported alcohol reform through passage of the eighteenth amendment.<sup>157</sup> In July 1887 the local Party's convention met at the Dugan House, still a temperance hotel. Their nomination for county treasurer, Charles B. Dugan, was one of nine Tioga County representatives elected to attend their state convention in Syracuse.<sup>158</sup> Charles also served as inspector of elections from 1894 through 1896.<sup>159</sup> His 1895 bid for the Republican nomination for Tioga County sheriff was not successful.<sup>160</sup> But Charles's activities were not confined to business and community.

On 23 January 1888 Charles married Caroline A. "Carrie" Phillips at the home of Dr. C. L. Stiles in Owego, where Carrie lived and worked as a clerk.<sup>161</sup> Dr. Stiles had been the attending physician at Hugh Dugan's death.<sup>162</sup> Methodist minister George Forsyth of Scranton, formerly of Owego, the same man who conducted Hugh's funeral, performed the marriage ceremony.<sup>163</sup> A reception with dinner was held at the Dugan House, "attended by the near relatives of the bride and groom and by the Dugan House boarders." Charles and Carrie moved into the Dugan House with his widowed mother, Jeanette.<sup>164</sup> Carrie's father, Augustine, also lived and worked there.<sup>165</sup> Always trying to improve the hotel's profitability, in 1892 Charles entered into a contract to feed prisoners at Owego County Jail.<sup>166</sup>

Charles and Carrie lived in Owego until early August 1896, when Charles "closed negotiations for the Crandall House at Binghamton and went to that city" with plans to open the hotel within one to two weeks.<sup>167</sup> Unfortunately, three years later he closed the Crandall, "stating that he could not make it pay."<sup>168</sup> Further, soon after the closure, "two Chattel Mortgages against Charles

<sup>156</sup> Hilda R. Watrous, *Owego Reflections: 1887–1987* (Interlaken, N.Y.: Heart of the Lakes, 1994), 31, 47.

<sup>157</sup> Holland Webb, "Temperance Movements and Prohibition," *International Social Science Review* 74 (1999): 61–69.

<sup>158</sup> "Prohibition Nominations," *Owego Daily Record*, 29 Oct. 1887, [p. 1], col. 1. Watrous, *Owego Reflections: 1887–1987* (note 156), 31, 47.

<sup>159</sup> "Polling Places Appointed," *Owego Daily Record*, 6 Sept. 1894, [p. 1], col. 7. "Inspectors of Elections Appointed" (note 79), indicating Charles was one of the inspectors who was replaced in 1896 because of "resignations or removal from the district."

<sup>160</sup> "Tioga County Republicans," *Elmira Daily Gazette and Free Press*, 16 Sept. 1895, [p. 5], col. 4.

<sup>161</sup> Dugan–Phillips [civil] marriage record (note 139). *Directory of Tioga County, New York, 1887–'88* (note 74) 137, for Carrie Philips, clerk, boarding at 228 Front.

<sup>162</sup> Hugh Dugan death cert. (note 5).

<sup>163</sup> Dugan–Phillips [civil] marriage record (note 139). Dugan–Phillips [church] marriage record (note 139).

<sup>164</sup> "Dugan–Phillips [*sic*]," *Owego Daily Record*, 24 Jan. 1888, [p. 3], col. 3. Charles B. Dugan, Carrie A. Dugan, and Jeannette Dugan, 1892 New York state census, Town of Owego, Elect. Dist. 1, Tioga Co., p. 6 (penned), col. 2.

<sup>165</sup> Augustine [*sic*] Phillips, 1892 New York state census, Town of Owego, Elect. Dist. 1, Tioga Co., p. 6 (penned), col. 2, immediately after the Dugans. Charles was listed as hotel proprietor, and Augustine as a hotel clerk.

<sup>166</sup> "All Sorts Assorted," *Elmira Daily Gazette and Free Press*, 27 Dec. 1892, [p. 2], col. 1.

<sup>167</sup> "C. B. Dugan Takes the Crandall" (note 79). J. E. Williams, comp., *Williams' Binghamton City Directory for 1897* (Binghamton, N.Y.: F. R. Keough and G. W. Daniels, 1897), 3; and same title and publisher for [1898] 252, and [1899] 255.

<sup>168</sup> "C. B. Dugan Quits," *Owego Daily Record*, 26 June 1899, [p. 3], col. 2.

B. Dugan, Proprietor of the Crandall House . . . are in the hands of the Sheriff, who has attached the furniture and personal property covered.”<sup>169</sup> On 14 April 1905 Charles filed for bankruptcy.<sup>170</sup> One newspaper reported “Petitions in voluntary bankruptcy were filed as follows: . . . Charles B. Dugan, a railroad employee of Jamestown, liabilities \$18,108.41 and assets \$40. Dugan formerly conducted a hotel at Binghamton and contracted most of his debts there.”<sup>171</sup> On 20 June 1905 the court discharged Charles from his debts.<sup>172</sup>

Charles and Carrie moved to Jamestown, Chautauqua County, New York, by 1903, probably because of Charles’s new job. “The Erie [Railroad] has created a new position, that of inspector of its dining and cafe cars, restaurants and similar services and it has been tendered to and accepted by Charles B. Dugan . . . who left the employ of the Pullman Company to accept it.”<sup>173</sup> A few years later they moved to Hornell, Steuben County, New York.<sup>174</sup> Charles’s relationship with Dr. Stiles, at whose home he and Carrie were married, may have helped him find work with the railroad. Around 1900 Dr. Stiles was “the appointed surgeon for the Erie railroad company in this vicinity.”<sup>175</sup> Another possibility is that Caroline’s brother-in-law, who worked as a clerk superintendent for the same railroad, helped find Charles work.<sup>176</sup>

By early 1913 Charles and Carrie had moved to Chicago, where Charles worked as “supervisor of the dining service cars and hotels for the Illinois Central Railroad Company.”<sup>177</sup> The couple was living in Chicago when Carrie died in August 1937, aged 74 years, 2 months, 16 days.<sup>178</sup> Charles brought her back to Owego for burial in the Dugan plot in Evergreen Cemetery.<sup>179</sup> But he was not ready to settle in Chicago or Owego.

After Carrie’s death, Charles moved to Jacksonville, Florida, when he “chanced to meet” Mabel A. (Darrow) (Disbrow) Blight, a widow from Elmira,

<sup>169</sup> “Attached on Chattel Mortgages,” *Broome Republican* [Binghamton, N.Y.], 1 July 1899, [p. 6], col. 4. Charles never owned the Crandall, but he did manage it. Charles Dugan’s name was not found in indexes to Broome Co., N.Y., deeds and mortgages, 1863–1910, according to Regina Cobb, who searched the indexes at Broome Co., N.Y., Courthouse, Binghamton. Cobb reported that “The property appears to have been passed down from the original owner, Albert Way, to his heirs for several generations before being sold to Arthur M. Signor in 1905. There is no indication that Charles B. Dugan ever owned the Crandall Hotel/House property.”

<sup>170</sup> In the Matter of the Petition of Charles B. Dugan to be declared bankrupt, no. 2101, entered 14 Apr. 1905, U.S. District for the Western District of N.Y., 1898 Act Bankruptcy Dockets, 1900–1908, National Archives at New York City. The corresponding case file, no. 2101, is not extant (Jake Ersland, Deputy Director of Archival Operations, National Archives at Kansas City, Missouri, 23 May 2019, email to author, stating “There is only a sampling of the bankruptcy cases from the Western District of New York for that time period, and this case [#2101] is not a part of what was kept”).

<sup>171</sup> “Petitions in Bankruptcy,” *Buffalo* [N.Y.] *Evening News*, 3 o’clock edition, 14 Apr. 1905, p. 1, col. 4.

<sup>172</sup> In the Matter of the Petition of Charles B. Dugan (note 170).

<sup>173</sup> “C. B. Dugan’s New Position,” *Owego Daily Record*, 18 July 1903, p. 3, col. 4.

<sup>174</sup> *Moore’s Standard Directory of Hornell, N.Y.* [1908–1909] (New York: S. H. Moore Co., 1908), 74. Charles B. Dugan household, 1910 U.S. census (note 140).

<sup>175</sup> Kingman, *Our County and Its People* (note 6), 544, for Charles L. Stiles.

<sup>176</sup> For Carrie’s brother-in-law, Mary A. Hooker death notice, *Binghamton* [N.Y.] *Press and Leader*, 29 Mar. 1923, p. 7, col. 1, mentioning Mrs. Charles B. Dugan of Chicago as Mary’s sister. *Moore’s Standard Directory of Hornell, N.Y., 1908–1909* (note 174), 97, Archie Hooker (Mary A.), clk. supt. of Erie R.R. h 378 Canistota.

<sup>177</sup> “New Year’s Guests at Prominent Owego Homes,” *Binghamton Press and Leader*, 3 Jan. 1913, p. 16, col. 3.

<sup>178</sup> Chas. B. and Caroline Dugan, lodgers, in Ada M. Flemming household, 1920 U.S. census (note 140). Caroline A. Dugan death cert. (note 140). Charles’s employment with the railroad may have been the reason that his address was listed as Memphis, Tenn., when he served as informant for his mother’s death record in 1918 (note 92). Neither Charles nor Caroline was found listed in the 1930 census.

<sup>179</sup> Caroline A. Dugan, no. 2450, “Evergreen Cemetery Burials” (note 68). Caroline A. Dugan marker (note 140).

Chemung County, New York. According to the 1941 newspaper announcement of their wedding, “She and Mr. Dugan were friends when both resided in Binghamton over 40 years ago. They had not seen each other since.”<sup>180</sup> Mabel had moved to Binghamton before 1905, living there with and without her first husband, Arthur P. Disbrow.<sup>181</sup> She married second in December 1916 widower William Harris Blight.<sup>182</sup> William, twenty years Mabel’s senior, died 1 August 1935, aged 80.<sup>183</sup>

Charles worked in the poultry industry in Jacksonville in January 1941.<sup>184</sup> He and Mabel lived in Florida until his death there on 11 March 1945. His body was returned to Owego and was buried with his Dugan family in Evergreen Cemetery.<sup>185</sup>

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<sup>180</sup> “Mrs. Blight Wed in Florida,” *Elmira* [N.Y.] *Star-Gazette*, 29 Jan. 1941, p. 4, col. 4.

<sup>181</sup> Arthur P. Disbrow and Mabel A. Darrow entries, Index to Marriages in New York State, 1898, image, *Ancestry*, referring to marriage cert. 11229 (Owego, 29 June 1898); the marriage record has not been examined. For residence with husband, Mabel A. Disbrow in Arthur P. Disbrow household, 1905 New York state census, City of Binghamton, Ward 9, Elect. Dist. 9, Broome Co., p. 3 (penned). For Mabel on her own, *Williams’ Broome County and Binghamton City Directory for 1905* (Binghamton, N.Y.: J. E. Williams, 1905), 551, for Darrow, Mabel, no entry for Disbrow.

<sup>182</sup> “Blight–Darrow Nuptials,” *Scranton* [Pa.] *Times*, 28 Dec. 1916, p. 5, col. 5. “William Blight, Coal Merchant, Is Dead at 80,” *Elmira* [N.Y.] *Star-Gazette*, 1 Aug. 1935, p. 2, cols. 3–4, indicating he was married twice, that his first wife died about 1915, and that he married Mabel in 1918 [*sic*]. Mabel D. Blight in William H. Blight household, 1920 U.S. census, City of Elmira, Ward 9, Chemung Co., N.Y., ED 39, sh. 2A, dw. 32, fam. 42 (NARA T625, roll 1093).

<sup>183</sup> “William Blight, Coal Merchant, Is Dead at 80” (note 182). William Harris Blight marker, Oak Hill Cemetery, Towanda, Pa., memorial 40,011,195, image, *Find a Grave*.

<sup>184</sup> Dugan–Blight marriage license application (note 34).

<sup>185</sup> Charles Bert Dugan death cert. (note 138). Charles B. Dugan burial (note 138). Charles B. Dugan marker (note 138).