Lynch, Beatrice Gallagher, 1897-1985

Name at birth/Nicknames/Other identifying names: Beatrice Gladys Gallagher

Date of birth: August 20, 1897

Place of birth: Cleveland, OH

Date of death: December 16, 1985

Buried (name of cemetery, city): Holy Cross Cemetery, Cleveland OH

Parents: Michael Gallagher and Grace Gallagher

Siblings: Martin (Helen Staley), Dennis (Catherine Gordon), Francis “Happy” (Margaret Malloy), Grace (Joe Janner)

Grandparents: Michael “Micky Peggy” Gallagher and Bridget Cattigan Gallagher and Martin Gallagher and Mary Gallagher

Spouse: James J. Lynch

Married: April 24, 1924, in New York

Children: James, Thomas (Margaret Gibbons), Francis, Maureen (James Berry), Jackie, Michael Joseph (Bonnie Armbruster), Dennis (Mary Kay Joyce)

Immigration information: n/a

Principal addresses/neighborhoods/parishes: Was born and raised in the Angle, in St. Malachi’s Parish. Her family lived at a variety of addresses in the Angle—on Division, Orth, W. 28th, and Bentley Alley. After her father died, in 1916, she and her siblings rented a house on W. 44th and John, in St. Patrick’s Parish. After marrying, she and her husband and family lived at a variety of addresses on W. 104th, W. 105th, and W. 106th Street, all in St. Ignatius Parish, finally buying a house at 2122 W. 105th Street in about 1937 and living there until she moved to the Franciscan Village in 1982.

Education: She attended school through the 10th grade at St. Malachi’s, with a “commercial” certificate.

Work: She held a wide variety of jobs—Buckeye Laundry, hat check girl at the Hotel Cleveland, aircraft factory during WWI, Federal Knitting Mill, Board of Elections, May Company

Organizations/activities: Her two most important activities were Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Democratic Party. She held offices in the LAOH on the division, county, and state levels. She was Hibernian woman of the year in 1957, Irish Mother of the year in 1972, and co-chair, with her husband James, of the St. Patrick’s Day parade in 1962. She was Democratic Ward Club President (Ward 1) and precinct captain from 1945-1982.