

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR TITANIC SURVIVORS

Margaret Delia Devaney, 20, boarded *Titanic* as a third-class passenger at Queenstown, intending to settle in New York City, where her brother and two sisters lived. She was born on May 15, 1891 in Kilmacowan, near Ballysodare, in County Sligo, Ireland to John and Margaret Gunning Devaney. She was rescued in Collapsible C and loaned her pocketknife to the seaman in charge to enable him to cut free the oars necessary for rowing the boat. Following *Titanic*, she worked as a domestic in Manhattan until her marriage to John Joseph O’Neill in 1919 in St. Patrick’s Cathedral. They relocated to Jersey City, New Jersey where they raised four children. After the death of her husband in 1960, Margaret moved to Clifton, New Jersey, where she passed away on June 12, 1974 at age 83.

Elizabeth Dowdell, 31, of Union Hill, New Jersey, boarded *Titanic* at Southampton as nurse to six-year-old Virginia Ethel Emanuel, whom she was escorting to Virginia’s grandparents’ home in New York City. Elizabeth had been born on September 6, 1880 in West Hoboken, New Jersey to Matthew and Alice Carey Dowdell. She and her young charge were rescued in lifeboat 13, along with able-bodied seaman Robert Hopkins and Delia McDermott, who also are being remembered today. She later worked as a domestic for several wealthy families in Manhattan until her marriage to Harry Fierer on February 23, 1933. She passed away in the Bronx, New York, on November 16, 1962 at age 82.

Robert John Hopkins, 43, was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland on November 30, 1868 to John and Catherine McMullen Hopkins. Aboard *Titanic*, he was an able-bodied seaman assigned during the evacuation by First Officer Murdoch to lifeboat 13, which also brought Delia McDermott and Elizabeth Dowdell to safety. He and fireman Fred Barrett were instrumental in cutting the falls to free boat 13 from being crushed by boat 15, which was being lowered onto it from above. Prior to his *Titanic* experience, in 1900, he had emigrated to the United States with his wife, Annie Graham Hopkins, and lived in Manhattan where two sons, Robert and James, were born. Following the untimely death of his wife on February 3, 1907, he returned his sons to family in Liverpool, England where they were raised and educated. Robert, Sr. returned to the United States, living in West New York, New Jersey and later in Hoboken, New Jersey during his years at sea. He continued to live and work there as a stevedore on the docks in his later years, until his death on November 17, 1943. His grave remained unmarked until May 2016, when the Archdiocese of Newark and Titanic International Society, with the assistance of his descendants, commissioned and placed a stone in his memory.

Thomas Joseph McCormack, 19, was born on December 11, 1892 in Glenmore, County Longford to parents Bernard and Maria McKenna McCormack. He boarded *Titanic* at Queenstown as a third-class passenger. He was returning to his home in Bayonne, New Jersey following a visit with his elderly parents in Ireland. Accompanying Thomas were his two cousins, John and Philip Kiernan. Tom survived after immersion in the freezing water, but lost his two cousins. After his rescue, he returned to Bayonne, where he worked as a bartender. He served during World War I and received a Purple Heart. Following the war, he married Mary Ellen Donovan, but they had no children. Following the death of his wife in 1962, he retired to Elizabeth, New Jersey where he lived with his nephew during the last years of his life. Thomas McCormack died on November 4, 1975 at age 82. After his death, his name and dates never were engraved on the family stone, until the Archdiocese of Newark and Titanic International Society corrected this omission in May 2016.

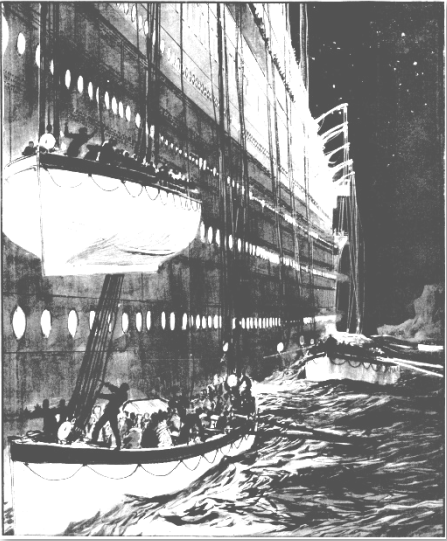
Bridget Delia McDermott, 28, embarked at Queenstown and was traveling third class aboard *Titanic*. She was born in Knockfarnaught, Lahardane, County Mayo on March 8, 1884 to Michael and Bridget Rowland McDermott. She was one of only three *Titanic* survivors from Addergoole parish in Lahardane, County Mayo. The other 11 from the group all perished in the disaster. Bridget escaped in lifeboat 13, after having to jump some fifteen feet into the boat. Following her rescue, she went to her cousin in St. Louis, Missouri where she worked as a domestic. She later moved to Atlantic City, New Jersey and then to Jersey City, where she met and married John Joseph Lynch. The couple had three children. For many years, she ran a boarding house on Union Street in Jersey City, where her husband worked for the railroad. She died in Jersey City on November 3, 1959 and joins the four other *Titanic* survivors at rest in Holy Name Cemetery.

Thank you to all who made
this special dedication possible

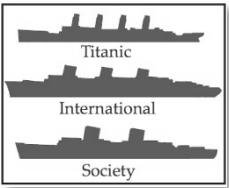
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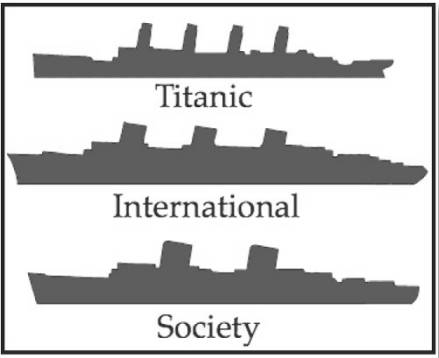
“At the going down of the sun and
in the morning, we will remember them.”
— Robert Laurence Binyon



A painting by Charles Dixon, published in April 1912, showing Lifeboat 13 (Robert Hopkins' boat) having drifted below Lifeboat 15, which is being lowered into the sea. After yelling to the crew lowering the boat to stop its descent, Hopkins now is trying to cut the falls (ropes) with a knife to allow his boat to move away from Titanic's side and out of harm's way. (Photo courtesy of Titanic International Society Archives)



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A MORNING OF REMEMBRANCE

Presented by
Titanic International Society
and
The Archdiocese of Newark

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Holy Name Cemetery
Jersey City, New Jersey



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PROGRAM

Welcome

Charles A. Haas
President, Titanic International Society

Remembering Robert John Hopkins

Robert L. Bracken
Treasurer, Titanic International Society

The Unveiling

The Family of Robert J. Hopkins

Prayers and Blessings

The Most Reverend John W. Flesey, STD
Auxiliary Bishop of Newark

Floral Tribute to Mr. Hopkins

The Hopkins Family
All join to sing “*Nearer, My God, to Thee*”
Kim Mesiti, Cantor

Conclusion



Floral Tributes to Titanic Survivors (at each respective gravesite)

- + Margaret Delia Devaney
 - + Elizabeth Dowdell
 - + Thomas Joseph McCormack
 - + Bridget Delia McDermott
- By Titanic International Society Members



Robert John Hopkins
(Photo courtesy of Virginia Hopkins
and Titanic International Society)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

GREETING

+Flesey: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

+Flesey: The grace and peace of God our Father,
who raised Jesus from the dead, be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

+Flesey: My dear friends, we gather today to pray for our brothers and
sisters whose bodies lie here in rest. They have passed from
death to life in company with the Lord Jesus, who died and
rose to new life. We pray that God may number them among
his elect in heaven.

Let us pray.
All-powerful God, whose mercy is never withheld from those
who call upon you in hope, look kindly on your servants –
Robert John Hopkins, Margaret Delia Devaney, Elizabeth
Dowdell, Thomas Joseph McCormack, and Bridget Delia
McDermott – who departed this life confessing your
name. Grant them a place of light, refreshment and peace,
through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

READING

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the
Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
about those who have fallen asleep,
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God,
through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we
who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.
For the Lord himself, with a word of command,
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,
will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise
first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up
together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.
Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console
one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25

Reader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

All: (repeat)

Reader: In you I trust; let me not be put to shame,
let not my enemies exult over me.
No one who waits for you shall be put to shame;
those shall be put to shame who heedlessly break faith.
(response)

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day.
(response)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

+Flesey: With Christ there is mercy and fullness of redemption;
let us pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father...

PRAYER OF BLESSING

+Flesey: Let us pray.

O God, By whose mercy the faithful departed find rest,
bless + this gravestone with which we mark the final resting
place of Robert John Hopkins. May he have everlasting life
and rejoice in you with your saints for ever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

+Flesey: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

+Flesey: May almighty God bless you, + the Father,
+ the Son, and + the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

