

The Many Members of the Nall Family – Part 4

Ellen and Alfred's next child was Walter, who was born on March 19, 1880 in Amherstburg. According to his draft registration card from September 1918, he was employed as a cook by the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, which toured the Great Lakes. At this time, he was living in Detroit with his wife Edith (b. circa 1885), who was the daughter of Alfred Berry (her mother is listed as "unknown"). Edith and Walter married on May 23, 1904 in Ecorse, Wayne, Michigan. According to his obituary, Walter lived in Windsor for 60 years and was employed by the Ford Motor Company of Canada for 30 years until his retirement in 1950. Walter and Edith had at least five children: Audrey Bessie (b. October 2, 1903), Andrea Bethrea (b. October 2, 1904), Alfred Francis (b. July 9, 1906), Edie Irene (b. September 14, 1909), and Ellen S. (b. September 8, 1911). Each were born in Windsor. Audrey Bessie was a housewife and married Daniel Dickerson, while Ellen S. married a man named Raymond Kennedy and Edie Irene married James Lewis.

Walter's sister, Grace Darling Nall was born on March 11, 1884 in Amherstburg. She married William Milton O'Dey on January 7, 1902 in Detroit, Michigan. William was born on September 2, 1877 and was the son of Minnie Larter (who was discussed earlier) and Joseph W. O'Dey, who, according to an obituary "had many friends in Amherstburg and was a Mason for thirty years." William worked as a porter and according to a draft registration card, William was drafted, in 1942, to fight in WWII at the age of 64. Grace and William had at least two children: Hugh Joseph O'Dey who was born on October 19, 1903 and Margaret Helen O'Dey, who was born on December 2, 1905. Both children were born in Windsor.

The last of the Nall children was George Foster Nall. He was born on July 17, 1887 and his death certificate states that his place of birth was Kentucky, which may or may not be correct,

considering all of his siblings were born in Amherstburg. On April 21, 1904, he married Emmaline Dorsey in Detroit. She was the daughter of John Dorsey and Mary Guyette.

According to a draft registration card for George Foster Nall, he was a marine steward for the Pittsburgh Steamship Company which operated on the Great Lakes and is the same steamship company that employed his older brother, Walter. This document also indicates that he may have married a second time because it lists Blanche Nall as a contact person, who was living at the same residence as George in Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio at that time. This led to the 1930 Census which lists a George and Blanche Nall living in Cleveland, Ohio. It also lists a daughter named Virginia and states that George was working as a Clerk for a garbage plant. Cleveland, Ohio must have been a special place for the Nall children considering seven out of ten lived there at one point in their lives, some temporarily, while others lived there for extended periods of time. The remaining Nall children found a home within Essex County or Michigan. No matter where they lived, the Nall name continued with the next generation. **Thanks for joining us for this month's installment of our family history series.**