

# The McCarricks

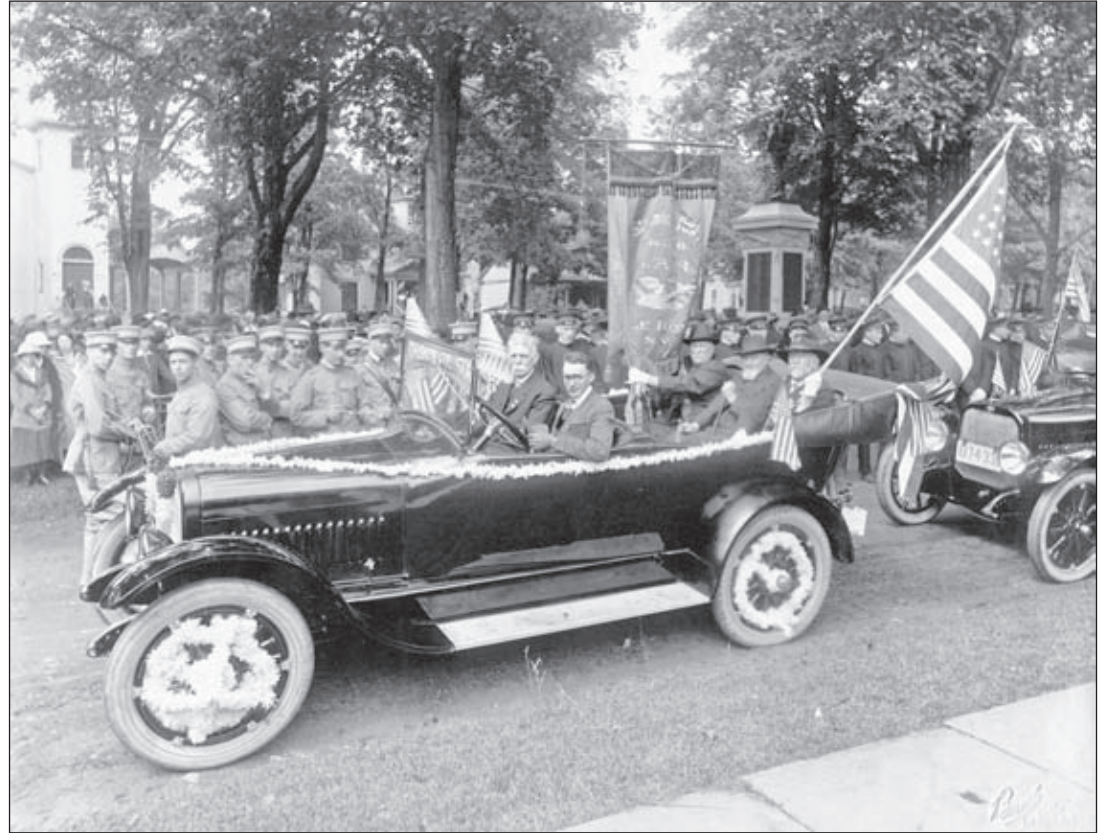
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Ruth Harvie handed me a newspaper clipping from 1916 about two Civil War veterans from Le Roy. Early in the battle of Winchester, Julius Armbruster, a member of Company E, 151st New York Volunteers, was shot in the head. The bullet entered his nose and came out the back of his head. The captain of the company ordered him taken to the rear and then turned to a young drummer boy, Patrick McCarrick, to "Stay with the man until he dies." McCarrick, stayed with the injured soldier in the hospital tent for several days and it seemed as if Armbruster would most certainly die, but he took a turn for the better and in a few months he recovered and was sent home.

Armbruster eventually moved to Rochester and lived on St. Paul Boulevard. McCarrick returned to Le Roy. The story of the drummer boy and the wounded soldier was recalled by Anton Sauer of Rochester who had served with the 151st and remembered the day when the young soldier was ordered to accompany the wounded Armbruster.

I checked the Civil War records of the Staunton Post, Grand Army of the Republic and could not find Patrick McCarrick, but did find Bernard McCarrick who also served in the 151st Regiment of the NY Volunteers. I suspect that Bernard McCarrick was Patrick's father, since Patrick's obituary states that he was "not only a veteran, but the son of a veteran."

The McCarricks were from Ireland. Bernard was born in 1819. Patrick, his son, was born in 1847 and it was noted that he came to the United States when he was five. According to the GAR files, Bernard enlisted on the 24th day of August 1862 as a Private in Company G 151st NY Volunteer Infantry for three years. Patrick, his son, enlisted on August 27 as a musician in Company E of the 151st Volunteers which was



Photograph believed to be taken in 1917 during the reunion of the 151st New York Volunteer Infantry - Civil War Veterans.

recruited at Lockport, with 56 other Le Royans. In less than two months the regimental quota of 1000 men was reached. On October 23, the Regiment broke camp at Lockport and left for the war, spending the winter at Baltimore in the Lafayette Square barracks.

On Sunday morning, April 26, the Regiment marched for Harper's Ferry when they met their first war experience. The Regiment was very active in the war and was in a number of battles. Patrick was discharged on June 26, 1865 and his father was discharged on August 20, 1865 as a Private at Annapolis.

On November 23, 1871, Patrick married Margaret McMullen of Batavia. At the time of his death in 1921, he had three surviving daughters: Mrs. John Murphy, Mrs. Antone Schimley, Jr. and Mrs. John Murray. Patrick McCarrick worked as a carpenter and he built the steamboat, "Shiloh" for S.C. and George H. Wells and operated it on Silver Lake for many years and for

that reason was called "Captain" McCarrick. Patrick suffered terribly from rheumatism and was an invalid for the last 35 years of his life. Never the less, he played a very active role in the 151st Regimental Reunions.

In 1917, Patrick entertained the Regiment's 55th anniversary in Le Roy. A parade of the Le Roy Band, the Boy Scouts and automobiles carrying the veterans was held and afterwards a ball game was played on the school athletic field. The meeting was called together at the Presbyterian

Church and the group joined together in prayer and then everyone sang "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Grounds." (Probably one of the saddest songs that I know of.)

In 1919, Patrick was elected president of the 151st Volunteers at a reunion held in Buffalo. At the time of his death in 1921, he and William Walkley were the only surviving members of the Le Roy contingent of 56 men who enlisted in Lockport in 1962.



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