

ABOUT: ELLEN CAVANAUGH RUSSELL

Born: 5-24-1859

Place: Hastings, Illinois

Died: 8-13-1933 at age 74, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Ancestry: Irish mother and father

Cause of Death: Angina

Burial: Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Married: September, 1886, to John Russell

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Lemont, Illinois

Children: Mabel (Mrs. John Barry), Elizabeth (Mrs. Fred Shultz), Nellie M., Margaret V. (Mrs. Thomas Kelly), Joseph, who died in infancy, and James

Dwellings: Lemont, Illinois, Chicago, Illinois

Fort Wayne, Indiana at the N.E. corner of

Harrison and Pontiac and at 316 East DeWald

Ellen Cavanaugh Russell was the third child of John and Ellen Carroll Cavanaugh. Her mother died in childbirth when Ellen was ten years old. There were six other children who survived. She watched the Chicago fire from her home in Hastings, Illinois, on October 8, 1871 when she was twelve years old. She married John Russell when she was twenty-five years old. John Russell died in 1917.

In 1923 Ellen decided to come to Fort Wayne, Indiana. Her sister, Elizabeth Cavanaugh Finnell was living in Fort Wayne as well as two of her children, Elizabeth and Margaret. Her children Nellie and James came with her at that time. Her daughter, Mabel, remained with her husband in Chicago. Ellen lived in Fort Wayne until her death.

Ellen was average to small in size, slightly plump with blue eyes and bright red hair. All of her children had red hair, especially Elizabeth and James. Ellen was a very gentle, quiet, kind and easy-going person. She took care of her grand-son, Tom, often from the time of his birth and Tom remembers spending many pleasant hours in her home on East DeWald Street.