

JOSEPH GREHAN FAMILY HISTORY

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PREFACE

This family history was started to provide more information about this family.

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This family history starts with Joseph Ignatius Grehan who first arrived in America around 1859. Apparently, he left his parents, Patrick and Harriet Grehan, in England.

The Civil War began on April 12, 1861.

Joseph Grehan, age 27, white, a Boatman, unmarried, born in England, living in Cumberland, Md., registered for the Civil War Draft.¹ In Oct. 1861, as a member of the Second Maryland Infantry, Potomac Home Brigade, he participated in an action near Springfield, Va. [now W. Va.]. History of Allegany County included the following letter:

*Headquarters,
2nd Regiment, P. H. Brigade,
Camp Thomas, Oct. 27, 1861.*

Brigadier General C. M. Thurston:

Sir: In compliance with verbal orders received after consultation with General Kelly and yourself, the night of the 25th instant, I concentrated 700 of my regiment at Camp at North Branch Bridge, and on the following morning, at 5:30 o'clock, marched in the direction of Romney, passing through Frankfort, upon arriving at a point one and one-half miles from Springfield. The rear of my column was fired upon by the enemy from the heights of the road; wounding two men, detaining the column. About one hour was occupied in clearing the woods of the enemy and dressing the wounded. We marched thence through Springfield, seeing frequent signs of the enemy's horsemen in retreat towards the bridge over South Branch of the Potomac. Upon arriving within a half mile of the bridge, my flankers and skirmishers on the left and front discovered the enemy on the opposite side of the river, when a brisk fire at once commenced. About this time the guns of Gen. Kelly's column in vicinity of Romney were heard. After skirmishing with the enemy across the river about half an hour, I determined to force our way over the bridge. The enemy numbering (by the best information we could get) from four to six hundred, including cavalry, having beforehand prepared to defend its passage, had arranged covers for his riflemen on an eminence immediately fronting the bridge.

Captain Alexander Shaw, of Company A, who led the advance of the column to this point, was with his company, directed to lead the way across the bridge, at a double-quick step. Supported by the remainder of the regiment, Captain Shaw promptly moved his company as directed, and when about half way across the bridge, discovered that a portion of the plank flooring on the further side had been removed. The enemy on discovering the movement, opened fire by volley, killing one and wounding six of my men, causing the company to seek shelter behind the parapets of the bridge.

After skirmishing some time from the parapets of the bridge and an eminence on our left, and not hearing the fire of Gen. Kelly for the previous hour, I concluded he had carried Romney, and the object of my march, to create a diversion in his favor being accomplished, I determined to retire, which I did in good order, to Oldtown, in Maryland, arriving there about 9 o'clock P.M., after a march of 25 miles.

It is with pleasure that I speak of the good behavior of all my officers and men, and would call your attention particularly to the gallant charge led by Capt. Alexander Shaw. Captain Fiery, of Dragoons, with his company, rendered very efficient service by drawing the fire of the enemy from my regiment at the bridge. I was much gratified at and indebted to Mr.

¹ U. S. Civil War Draft Registrations Records, Maryland, 4th Congressional District, Sep. 13, 1861.

Grehan, who volunteered to go with me, for his prompt and cheerful assistance. Mr. Grehan was frequently exposed to severe fire of the enemy.

“I am, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

Thomas Johns,

Col. 2nd Regiment, Potomac Home Brigade”²

As a result of this, Joseph I. Grehan was made an Aide de Camp for Brigadier General C. M. Thurston. Joseph I. Grehan was discharged in Jan. 1862, after 4 months service.

On May 15, 1863, Joseph I. Grehan, in consideration of a mortgage for \$1,650, purchased the canal boat “Nimrod.”³ Also on May 15, 1863, Joseph I. Grehan, in consideration of a mortgage of \$1,500, purchased the canal boat “General McClellan,”⁴ both from Henry Thomas Weld, of Cumberland. The mortgages were to be paid off with trippage fees of \$40 per trip, with interest.

In 1863 we can verify that the “Nimrod” with respect to Georgetown:

Arrived	Departed
5/6/1863	5/8/1863
5/18/1863	5/19/1863
5/27/1863	5/28/1863
6/8/1863	6/8/1863

The average round trip was about 10 days, which would be consistent with expeditious freighting, probably running day and night. No records have been found for the “Nimrod” after June. 8, 1863.

Confederate raiders routinely crossed the Potomac and captured canal boats; burning the boats and carrying off the horses and mules. While the newspapers of the day usually recorded the event, they did not list

the names of the boats burned. We suspect that is what happened to the “Nimrod.”

And the “Gen. McClellan” with respect to Georgetown:

Arrived	Departed
1/17/1863	1/17/1863
3/31/1863	4/3/1863
4/11/1863	4/11/1863
5/4/1863	5/7/1863
5/18/1863	5/19/1863
5/27/1863	5/28/1863
6/6/1863	6/8/1863
6/17/1863	
	8/3/1863
8/26/1863	8/26/1863
9/4/1863	9/8/1863
	9/28/1863

The average round trip was about 13 days, which would still be expeditious freighting allowing for interruptions from the Confederates. Note that on 5/18 and 5/27 the “Nimrod” and “Gen. McClellan” arrived at the same time, suggesting that Capt. Grehan brought them down in tandem. Bringing two boats in tandem, i.e. with one crew plus a tow-boy, could mean extra profits. The data for 1863 remains incomplete.

We can verify that the “Gen. McClellan” arrived in Georgetown on April 22 and again on May 25, 1864. The data for 1864 remains incomplete.

At the start of the 1865 boating season, the coal companies were paying \$3 per ton to freight coal to Georgetown, Alexandria or

Washington. A typical canal boat could carry 110 tons of coal = \$330 per trip, so, paying \$40 or even \$60 per trip as an installment on the mortgage was possible. However, the Confederates were known to attack and burn canal boats as targets of opportunity.

The Civil War ended on April 9, 1865.

² *Answering the Call*, by Keith O. Gary, © 1996, Keith O. Gary, pp.13-15.

³ Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, MD, Deed Book 21, p. 224, 7/21/1863.

⁴ Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, MD, Deed Book 21, p. 226, 7/21/1863.

We did find a record that on April 11, 1865 the canal boat “Gen. McClellan” arrived in Georgetown with 106 tons 18 hundredweight of coal consigned to J. I. Grehan. No records have been found for either the canal boats “Nimrod” or the “Wren” in 1865.

On Wed. May 17, 1865, the agents of the coal companies held a conference and reduced the freight rate from \$3 per ton to \$2 per ton. While the threat from Confederate forces was gone the new, lower rate squeezed the boatmen in making their mortgage installment payments and a profit.

On Oct. 31, 1865, Joseph I. Grehan, in consideration of a mortgage of \$2,268, purchased the canal boat “Wren,”⁵ from Henry Thomas Weld, of Cumberland. The mortgage was to be paid off with trippage fees of \$60 per trip, with interest.

Sometime after the Civil War, Joseph I. Grehan returned to England, where he married Mary Josephine Kelly on Feb. 20. 1868.⁶ They came back to the U.S. and lived in Cumberland, Maryland. They had two children there, Mary (born about 1868) and Walter (born about 1870).

In 1869 we have a record of canal boats passing Lock 5, which was the Collector’s Office for way-bill verification on descending boats and way-bill supply for ascending boats. From that record we find the Gen. McClellan arrived on: 4/14, 4/29, 5/16, 5/30, 6/14, 6/26, 7/8 and 7/22, which means a round trip of about 14 days, typically. We find the Wren arrived on: 5/22, 6/4, 6/15, 6/25, 7/9 and 7/23 which means a round trip of about 14 days, typically. The arrival dates do not match, suggesting two captains vice Capt. Grehan with two bots in tandem. It also suggests that Joseph I. Grehan was busy boating in 1869, vice running a general store at Lock 67.

Mary Josephine Grehan died circa 1870, possibly at childbirth.

The 1870 census listed Joseph I. Grehan, age 32, a retail merchant with real estate valued at \$1,100 and a personal estate valued at \$4,000, living in Springfield, W. Va.⁷ He was born in England, could read and write and had been denied voting rights. A wife and children were not listed suggesting that earlier that year (1870) he had taken the children back to England and returned. He was living with the M. Hampton family; M. Hampton, age 51, was a Clerk in a Store. The residence also included Mahlon H. Russell, age 40, a Retail Merchant also, who also had real estate valued at \$1,00 and a personal estate valued at \$4,000.

In 1870, Mahlon H. Russell and Joseph Grehan were partners in a retail store on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal at Lock 67, which is located at Mile Post 161.76.⁸ The lease was signed on June 2, 1870 although the partners had already occupied two frame buildings, one a store and the other a hay shed, with annual lease payments of \$36 starting in Nov. 1, 1870. The partners lived in Springfield, W. Va., which is located across the Potomac river from Oldtown, Md. [M.P. 167.04]. Okonoko Ford across the Potomac river was located at Mile Post 161.82, near culvert No. 215, built in 1850. There was also a ford across the Potomac river from South Branch

⁵ Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, MD, Deed Book 24, p. 68, 11/18/1865.

⁶ *The Belfast Newsletter*, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 2/24/1868.

⁷ 1870 Census, West Virginia, Hampshire County, Springfield, enumerated on 7/28/1870, p. 3.

⁸ Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, MD, Deed Book 32, p. 445, 8/27/1870.

Depot, B. & O. Railroad, to Lock 68 [M.P. 164.82]. Thus, there were routes to commute from Springfield W. Va. to Lock 67 on the C. & O. Canal.

After Mary Josephine Grehan's death, Joseph I. Grehan took the 2 children back to Ireland to be brought up by their Kelly relatives. He then returned to America.

Joseph I. Grehan, of Cumberland, Md. widowed, age 36, married Hannah B. Broders, of Oak Grove, Fairfax county, Va. on Jan. 2, 1872 in Alexandria, Va.⁹

On Feb. 27, 1875, in consideration of \$550, Lloyd Lowe and Nancy Jane Lowe, his wife, did sell to Mahlon H. Russell and Joseph I. Grehan, of Allegany county, Lot No. 2, on the tow path side of the C. & O. Canal below the Town Creek Aqueduct, containing 16 acres and 59 perches.¹⁰ So it would seem that after the marriage, Joseph and Hannah Grehan lived in the Cumberland area, vice Alexandria.

Sometime between 1875 and 1880, Joseph and Hannah Grehan moved from Allegany County to Fairfax County; he gave up the retail merchant role and became a farmer near Mt. Vernon, Va,

The 1880 census listed Joseph Grehan, age 41, a farmer, as living in Mount Vernon, Va.¹¹ Living with him were: Hannah B., age 30, wife; John J., age 5, son.

On Jan 20, 1881, in consideration of \$500, Joseph and Hannah Grehan, of Fairfax County, Va., sold all their interest in the two pieces of land and the improvements thereon at Lock No. 67, on the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, including all the stock of goods of every description and the incurred debts to Mahlon H. Russell.¹²

The 1900 census reported Joseph Grehan, age 59, married 24 years, working as a Gardner in Mt. Vernon, Va.¹³ Living with him were: Hannah, age 48, wife, married 24 years, she had 4 children all of whom were then still living; John J., age 24, son, working as an Insurance Agent; William, age 17, son, working as a farm laborer; Hannah, age 13, daughter; Elizabeth, age 12, daughter; and Mollie A. Broders, age 57, cousin.

Joseph Grehan died in April 1909, his obituary read: "DEATH OF JOSEPH I. GREHAN – Mr. Joseph I. Grehan, an old, well-known and respected resident of Fairfax county, died at his home at Franconia at an early hour this morning. The deceased leaves a widow and several children. Mr. Grehan was 73 years old. He had many acquaintances and friends in this city."¹⁴

Another newspaper had the obituary: "**Joseph I. Grehan**, seventy-three years of age, died at this home at Franconia, about 5 o'clock this morning. Mr. Grehan was stricken with paralysis at 3 o'clock this morning and died two hours later. He was a well-known farmer of Franconia and is

⁹ *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Wednesday, 1/10/1872, p. 3.

¹⁰ Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, MD, Deed Book 44, p. 310, 3/1/1875.

¹¹ 1880 Census, Virginia, Fairfax County, Mt. Vernon, District 36, enumerated on 6/11/1800, p. 23.

¹² Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, MD, Deed Book 55, p. 189, 3/9/1881.

¹³ 1900 Census, Virginia, Fairfax County, Mt. Vernon, District 20, enumerated on 6/6/1900, p. 4A.

¹⁴ *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Friday 4/23/1909, p. 4.

survived by a widow and several children. His funeral will be held from St. Mary's church in this city on next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock."¹⁵ Later, the same newspaper reported: "The funeral of Joseph I. Grehan was held from St. Mary's Catholic Church this afternoon. The Rev. Father Kelly conducted the services in the church and at St. Mary's Cemetery."¹⁶

The 1910 census listed William Grehan, age 26, a general farmer, living in Mt. Vernon, Va.¹⁷ Living with him were: Hannah B., age 62, mother; John J., age 36, brother, an insurance agent; Rebecca Moore, age 77, aunt; William H. Monroe, age 67, cousin, a painter; E. C., age 21, sister, a Public School teacher; and M. A. Broders, age 74, aunt.

In 1913, John J. Grehan, an agent for Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.; William J. Grehan, an agent for Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.; and Miss Elizabeth Grehan, a 4th grade teacher at The Lee School for Girls, all lived at 904 Prince St., Alexandria, Va.¹⁸

In 1914 Hannah B. Grehan (widow of Joseph) lived at 904 Prince Street, Alexandria, Va.¹⁹ Living with her were: son, John J., an insurance agent and daughter, Miss. Elizabeth Grehan, a 4th Grade teacher at Lee Grammar School.

In 1915 Hannah B. Grehan (widow of Joseph) lived at 904 Prince Street, Alexandria, Va.²⁰ Living with her were: son, John J., an insurance agent and daughter, Miss. Elizabeth Grehan, a teacher at Lee Grammar School. We found that William J. Greenan, an insurance inspector, lived at 904 Prince St. also²¹

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World War I came along and men had to sign up for the draft, including:

William Grehan, age 36, born on Nov. 30, 1882.²⁴ He was then living in Aldie, Va. Effa Susan Grehan (Wife) was his nearest relative. He worked in a garage, self-employed. He was medium in height, medium in build, brown eyes and brown hair.

In 1918 Hannah B. Grehan (widow of J. I.) lived at 904 Prince Street, Alexandria, Va.²⁵ Living with her was their son, John J., an Agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Also living with

¹⁵ *Washington Times*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Friday, 4/23/1909, p. 12.

¹⁶ *Washington Times*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Sunday, 4/25/1909, p. 3.

¹⁷ 1910 Census, Virginia, Fairfax County, Mt. Vernon, District 35, enumerated on 4/15/1910, p. 1A

¹⁸ Alexandria, Virginia, City Directory, 1913, p. 140.

¹⁹ Alexandria, Virginia, City Directory, 1914, p. 136.

²⁰ Alexandria, Virginia, City Directory, 1915, p. 184.

²¹ *Ibid.*

²² Alexandria, Virginia, City Directory, 1916, p. 185.

²³ Alexandria, Virginia, City Directory, 1916, p. 184.

²⁴ U. S., World War I, Draft Registration Cards, Serial No. 1756, order No. A457, dated 9/12/1918.

²⁵ Alexandria, Virginia, City Directory, 1918, pp. 205 & 205.

her were William J. Greenan, U. S. A. (U. S. Army?) and his wife, Elizabeth (Grehan) Greenan who still was a teacher at Lee School.²⁶

In January 1919, Hannah Grehan died; her obituary read: “Mrs. Hannah B. Grehan, 70 years old, widow of Joseph I. Grehan, died at 4 o’clock this morning at her residence, 904 Prince Street. She was a Miss Broders. Surviving her are the following children: John Grehan, Mrs. William Greenan, William Grehan, this city; Mrs. Lawrence Beckley, Pleasantville, N. J.”²⁷ Her certificate of death listed her birth date as July 9, 1848 and her death date as Jan. 30, 1919.²⁸ Also living in the family home were William J. Greenan, U. S. A. (U. S. Army?) and his wife, Elizabeth (Grehan) Greenan who still was a teacher at Lee School.²⁹

The 1920 census listed William Grehan, age 37, a mechanic in his own garage, living in Aldie, Va., on the Alexandria-Winchester Turnpike [now U.S. 50].³⁰ Living with him were: Effa, age 32, wife; Margaret G., age 2, daughter; Joseph I., age 5/12, son; James R. McGeoth, age 63, father-in-law; a boarder and two servants.

The 1920 census also listed William J Greenan, age 31, a bookkeeper at the U. S. Torpedo Station, in Alexandria, Va. and Elizabeth C. Greenan, age 31, wife, and John J. Grehan, age 46, as roomers in the home of Frank J. Anderson, age 46, a naturalized citizen from Sweden, living on Rosemont Ave.³¹ It appears that after mother Hannah Grehan died, the family home was sold and the survivors took rooms with Mr. and Mrs. Anderson. We also find that in 1920 William Greenan was an auditor and Elizabeth Greenan was still a teacher at Lee School, living in Johnson’s Sub Division³² John J. Grehan was an agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and lived in Johnson’s Sub Division.³³

In 1921, William J. Greenan, a clerk at the U. S. N. Torpedo Station, was living at 101 N. Columbus St., Alexandria.³⁴ We found that John J. Grehan, an agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. also lived at 101 N. Columbus St., Alexandria.³⁵

William Grehan died on Feb. 13, 1928 of bronchopneumonia at home.³⁶ He was married to Effie Grehan and was an automobile dealer in Alexandria, Va. He was buried on Feb. 15, 1928, in Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Aldie, Va.

²⁶ Alexandria, Virginia, City Directory, 1918, p. 204.

²⁷ *Washington Herald*, Washington, D.C., newspaper, Friday, 1/31/1919, p. 4.

²⁸ Certificate of Death, Commonwealth of Virginia, No. 177, Registered No. 34, dated 2/1/1919.

²⁹ Alexandria, Virginia, City Directory, 1919, p. 218.

³⁰ 1910 Census, Virginia, Loudoun County, Mercer, District 72, enumerated on 1/1910, p. 6B.

³¹ 1920 Census, Virginia, Alexandria, Ward 3, enumerated on 1/30/1910, p. 88B.

³² Alexandria, Virginia, City Directory, 1920, p. 215.

³³ Alexandria, Virginia, City Directory, 1920, p. 216.

³⁴ Alexandria, Virginia, City Directory, 1921, p. 214.

³⁵ Alexandria, Virginia, City Directory, 1921, p. 215.

³⁶ Certificate of Death, Commonwealth of Virginia, No. 3764, Registration District 532C, dated 2/15/1928.

In 1928, William J. and Elizabeth G. Greenan were living at 912 Prince St., Alexandria; he was an accountant for Fruit Growers' Express.³⁷ John J. Grehan, still an agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., had moved to Aldie, Va.³⁸

The 1930 census reported William J. Greenan, age 41, an accountant for a railroad car shop and lived on Masonic View Ave., Alexandria.³⁹ Living with him were: Elizabeth G., age 42, wife, Elizabeth J., age 6, daughter, and a boarder.

John Joseph Grehan died on June 1, 1936; at the time of death he was living at 119 Masonic View Ave., Alexandria, Va.⁴⁰

World War II came along, and men had to sign up for the draft, including:

William John Greenan, age 54, born on Aug. 3, 1888, in Pittsburgh, Penn.⁴¹ He was then living at 207 Masonic View Ave., Alexandria, Va. Mrs. W. J. Greenan of the same address would always know his address. He worked at Fruit Growers Express Co., Alexandria. He was 5'-10" tall, with brown hair, gray eyes, a light complexion and a birthmark on his right leg.

Joseph Ignatius Grehan, age 21, born on July 29, 1919, in Aldie, Va.⁴² He was then living at 222 East Fayette, Leesburg, Va. Mrs. Margaret S. Grehan of the same address would always know his address. He worked for Lawrence Hutchison, Leesburg, V. He was 5'-11" in height, 170 lbs., brown eyes, black hair, a light complexion and had a scar on left forefinger knuckle.

The 1940 census reported William J. Greenan, age 51, an accountant, lived at 207 Masonic View Ave., Alexandria.⁴³ Living with him were: Elizabeth G., age 52, wife, and Elizabeth J., age 16, daughter.

William John Greenan die on Nov. 1, 1950, at Circle Terrace Hospital⁴⁴ and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., Plot Sec. 8, Site 5071. At the time of his death, Mr. Greenan was the Chief Accountant at Fruit Growers' Express Co.

Elizabeth Compton Greenan [*nee*. Grehan] died on Feb. 20. 1975 at the Woodbine Nursing Home, 2729 King Street, Alexandria, Va.⁴⁵ Her father was listed as Joseph I. Grehan and her mother as Hannah Broders

³⁷ Alexandria, Virginia, City Directory, 1928, p. 200.

³⁸ *Ibid.*

³⁹ 1930 Census, Virginia, Alexandria, District 1, enumerated on 4/1/1930, p. 6B.

⁴⁰ Certificate of Death, Commonwealth of Virginia, No. 14520, Registration District 166, dated 6/2/1936.

⁴¹ U. S., World War II, Draft Registration Cards, Serial No. U4036, dated 4/27/1942.

⁴² U. S., World War II, Draft Registration Cards, Serial No. 581, Order No. 2376, dated 10/16/1940.

⁴³ 1940 Census, Virginia, Alexandria, District 101-20, enumerated on 4/9/1940, p. 4B.

⁴⁴ Certificate of Death, Commonwealth of Virginia, File No.24186, Ser. No. 379, dated 11/2/1850.

⁴⁵ Certificate of Death, Commonwealth of Virginia, No. 75-003436, dated 2/21/1975.

VITAL STATISTICS OF GREHAN FAMILY

Name	Rel.	Born	Married	Died
Joseph Ignatius Grehan	hus	9/1840	1868	4/23/1909
Mary Josephine Kelly (1 st)	wife			-1872
<i>Mary Josephine Kelly Grehan</i>	dau	1868		1945
<i>Walter Kelly Grehan</i>	son	1870		3/1920
Joseph Ignatius Grehan	hus	9/1840	1/2/1872	4/23/1909
Hannah Rachel Broders (2 nd)	wife	7/9/1848		1/30/1919
<i>John Joseph Grehan</i>	son	10/16/1873	never	6/1/1936
<i>William Grehan</i>	son	11/30/1882		2/13/1928
<i>Hannah Grehan</i> (Beckley)	dau	7/1886		
<i>Elizabeth Compton Grehan</i> (Greenan)	dau	2/19/1888		2/20/1975
End of 1st Generation				
William Grehan	hus	11/30/1882		2/13/1928
Effa Susan McGeath	wife	1888		
<i>Margaret Effa Grehan</i> (Crutchfield)	dau	12/19/1917	6/27/1942	4/29/2005
<i>Joseph Ignatius Grehan</i>	son	7/29/1919		1995
Lawrence Beckley	hus	1882		
Harriet (Hannah) Grehan	wife	7/1886		
<i>Frank Beckley</i>	son	1908		
<i>William Joshua Beckley</i>	son	1913		
<i>Lawrence Beckley</i>	son	1917		
<i>Elizabeth Beckley</i>	dau	1919		
William John Greenan	hus	8/3/1888		11/1/1950
Elizabeth Compton Grehan	wife	2/19/1883		2/20/1975
<i>Elizabeth J. Greenan</i>	dau	1924		
End of 2nd Generation				
Andrew Jackson Crutchfield	hus		6/27/1942	
<i>Margaret Effa Grehan</i>	dau	12/19/1917		4/29/2005
Joseph Ignatius Grehan	hus	7/29/1919	2/4/1939	
Margaret Cecelia Watkins	wife	1920		
<i>Patricia A. Grehan</i>	dau	1940		

Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, MD, Deed Book 21, page 224, 7/21/1863.

At the request of H. T. Weld this mortgage was recorded July 21st 1863.

This Indenture, made this 15th day of May eighteen hundred and sixty three, between Joseph I. Grehan of Allegany County, State of Maryland of the first part and Henry Thomas Weld of Allegany County, State of Maryland, of the second part.

Whereas the said Henry Thomas Weld has this day sold to the said Grehan the Canal Boat called "Nimrod" at and for the sum of sixteen hundred and fifty dollars which the said Grehan is to pay unto the said Weld and his assigns, in installments of forty dollars each with interest, the accruing interest to be paid at each installment from the beginning for every trip made by said boat from Cumberland to Georgetown, Alexandria, or Washington City, until the entire balance of said purchase money is paid, with interest thereon from this date, crediting the respective payments thereon, as of the time when such payments shall be made.

And whereas, it was a part of said contract of purchase and sale between the said Grehan and the said Weld that the said Grehan shall use the said boat in freighting coal from Cumberland to the points aforesaid, in regular trips, with as much expedition and regularity as can be reasonably done; and to receive the loads of the said boat promptly at each trip with coal of such company or person as the said Weld shall direct; and to freight the same at the lowest current rates which shall be paid by the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company, the Borden Mining Company and the Allegany Mining Company; and keep said boat in proper repair; all of which said stipulations the said Grehan hereby covenants and agrees with the said Weld and his assigns to fulfill and perform.

Provided always that if the said Weld should not be prepared with coal within twenty four hours of the boat being reported by the Captain as ready to receive her load, then the said Grehan to have the right of loading wherever he chooses for that trip; provided the detention is not caused by a glut of boats, in which case, all must take their turn. And whereas the said Grehan is anxious to secure unto the said Weld and his assigns, the regular and due payment of each and every installment of said purchase money; and also to secure to the said Weld and his assigns, the regular, prompt and due performance of the covenants aforesaid, the said Grehan is willing to execute these presents.

Now this Indenture Witnesseth, that the said Grehan for and in consideration of the premises hath granted, bargained, and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto the said Henry Thomas Weld, his executors, administrators and assigns, the Canal Boat called "Nimrod" to have and to hold the same unto the said Henry Thomas Weld, his executors, administrators and assigns, forever.

Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby declared to be the true intent and meaning of these presents, that if the said Grehan shall well and truly pay unto the said Weld, his executors, administrators or assigns, the aforesaid installments of purchase money, upon each and every trip as aforesaid until the whole purchase money with the interest as aforesaid, shall be fully paid; and if the said Grehan shall well and truly do and perform all the covenants on his part to be

done and performed as set forth in this mortgage, then this instrument of writing and every matter and thing herein contained shall cease and be utterly null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law.

And this instrument further witnesseth, that it is mutually agreed between the parties aforesaid, that in case of any default upon the part of the said Grehan to make regular payments on account of said purchase money, as herein provided, or in case of a refusal or neglect upon the part of the said Grehan to freight for the company or person designated by said Weld; or in case of a failure or neglect to use all diligence, care and skill in making such trips with said boat, as before mentioned; or in case said boat is not kept in proper repair; or in case of a failure to perform any of the stipulations or recitals in this mortgage named, to be done and performed on the part of the said Grehan, then, and in either event, the said Henry Thomas Weld or his assigns, is hereby authorized to take immediate possession of said boat and after ten days public notice thereof, in a newspaper printed in the City of Cumberland, to sell said canal boat at public sale, as mortgagee, to the highest bidder for cash or on credit; and out of the proceeds of such sale pay first the expenses of such sale and advertisement and then the balance due to said Weld, or his assigns, of said purchase money and interest.

In witness whereof the said Joseph I. Grehan hath hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal on the day and year first above written.

Teste: Andrew Gonder

Joseph I. Grehan {Seal}

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: I hereby certify that on this 12th day of May 1863, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for said County, personally appeared Joseph I. Grehan and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his act and deed.

Andrew Gonder, J.P.

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that on this 13th day of May 1863 before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Allegany County, personally appeared Henry Thomas Weld, the mortgagee in the foregoing mortgage, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that the consideration set forth in the foregoing mortgage is true and bona fide as herein set forth. In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name on the day and year aforesaid.

Andrew Gonder, J.P.

Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, MD, Deed Book 21, page 226, 7/21/1863.

At the request of H. T. Weld this mortgage was recorded July 21st 1863.

This Indenture, made this 15th day of May eighteen hundred and sixty three, between Joseph I. Grehan of Allegany County, State of Maryland of the first part and Henry Thomas Weld of Allegany County, State of Maryland, of the second part.

Whereas the said Henry Thomas Weld has this day sold to the said Joseph I. Grehan the Canal Boat called "General McClellan" at and for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars which the said Grehan is to pay unto the said Weld and his assigns, in installments of forty dollars each with interest from the 21st day of October 1862, accruing interest to be paid at each installment from the beginning for every trip made by said boat from Cumberland to Georgetown, Alexandria, or Washington City, until the entire balance of said purchase money is paid, with interest thereon from this date, crediting the respective payments thereon, as of the time when such payments shall be made.

And whereas, it was a part of said contract of purchase and sale between the said Grehan and the said Weld that the said Grehan shall use the said boat in freighting coal from Cumberland to the points aforesaid, in regular trips, with as much expedition and regularity as can be reasonably done; and to receive the loads of the said boat promptly at each trip with coal of such company or person as the said Weld shall direct; and to freight the same at the lowest current rates which shall be paid by the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company, the Borden Mining Company and the Allegany Mining Company; and keep said boat in proper repair; all of which said stipulations the said Grehan hereby covenants and agrees with the said Weld and his assigns to fulfill and perform.

Provided always that if the said Weld should not be prepared with coal within twenty four hours of the boat being reported by the Captain as ready to receive her load, then the said Grehan to have the right of loading wherever he chooses for that trip; provided the detention is not caused by a glut of boats, in which case, all must take their turn. And whereas the said Grehan is anxious to secure unto the said Weld and his assigns, the regular and due payment of each and every installment of said purchase money; and also to secure to the said Weld and his assigns, the regular, prompt and due performance of the covenants aforesaid, the said Grehan is willing to execute these presents.

Now this Indenture Witnesseth, that the said Grehan for and in consideration of the premises hath granted, bargained, and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto the said Henry Thomas Weld, his executors, administrators and assigns, the Canal Boat called "General McClellan" to have and to hold the same unto the said Henry Thomas Weld, his executors, administrators and assigns, forever.

Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby declared to be the true intent and meaning of these presents, that if the said Grehan shall well and truly pay unto the said Weld, his executors, administrators or assigns, the aforesaid installments of purchase money, upon each and every trip as aforesaid until the whole purchase money with the interest as aforesaid, shall be fully paid;

and if the said Grehan shall well and truly do and perform all the covenants on his part to be done and performed as set forth in this mortgage, then this instrument of writing and every matter and thing herein contained shall cease and be utterly null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law.

And this instrument further witnesseth, that it is mutually agreed between the parties aforesaid, that in case of any default upon the part of the said Grehan to make regular payments on account of said purchase money, as herein provided; or in case of a failure to make regular trips as aforesaid with said boat; or in case of a refusal or neglect upon the part of the said Grehan to freight for the company or person designated by said Weld; or in case of a failure or neglect to use all diligence, care and skill in making such trips with said boat, as before mentioned; or in case said boat is not kept in proper repair; or in case of a failure to perform any of the stipulations or recitals in this mortgage named, to be done and performed on the part of the said Grehan, then, and in either event, the said Henry Thomas Weld or his assigns, is hereby authorized to take immediate possession of said boat and after ten days public notice thereof, in a newspaper printed in the City of Cumberland, to sell said canal boat at public sale, as mortgagee, to the highest bidder for cash or on credit; and out of the proceeds of such sale pay first the expenses of such sale and advertisement and then the balance due to said Weld, or his assigns, of said purchase money and interest.

In witness whereof the said Grehan hath hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal on the day and year first above written.

Teste: Andrew Gonder

J. I. Grehan {Seal}

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: I hereby certify that on this 12th day of May 1863, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for said County, personally appeared Joseph I. Grehan and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his act and deed.

Andrew Gonder, J.P.

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that on this 13th day of May 1863 before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Allegany County, personally appeared Henry Thomas Weld, the mortgagee in the foregoing mortgage, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that the consideration set forth in the foregoing mortgage is true and bona fide as herein set forth. In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name on the day and year aforesaid.

Andrew Gonder, J.P.

Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, MD, Deed Book 24, p. 68, 11/18/1865.

At the request of Henry Thomas Weld, this Mortgage was recorded Nov. 18th 1865.

This Indenture made this 31st day of October eighteen hundred and sixty [five], between Joseph I. Grehan of Allegany County, State of Maryland of the first part and Henry Thomas Weld of Allegany County, State of Maryland of the second part. Whereas the said Henry Thomas Weld has this day sold to the said Grehan the Canal Boat called "Wren" at and for the sum of twenty two hundred and sixty eight dollars of which the said Grehan has this day paid the sum of sixty dollars and is to be paid unto the said Weld and his assigns the balance of the purchase money in installments of sixty dollars each for every trip made by said boat from Cumberland to Georgetown, Alexandria or Washington City and intermediations until the entire balance of said purchase money is paid, with interest thereon from this date, crediting the respective payments thereon as of the time when such payments shall be made.

And whereas, it was a part of said contract of purchase and sale between the said Grehan and the said Weld that the said Grehan shall use the said boat in freighting coal from Cumberland to the points aforesaid in regular trips with as much expedition and regularity as can be reasonably done, and to receive the loads of said boat promptly at each trip with the coal of such company or person as said Weld shall direct and to freight the same at the lowest current rate which shall be paid by the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company, the Borden Mining Company and the American Mining Company and keeping said boat in proper repair, all of which said stipulations the said Grehan hereby covenants and agrees with the said Weld and his assigns to fulfill and perform. Provided Always, that if from any cause whatsoever, said Weld shall not be prepared with coal within twenty-four hours of the boat being reported by the captain as ready to receive her load, then the said Grehan to have the right of loading wherever he chooses for that trip provided the detention is not caused by a glut of boats in which case all must take their turn. And Whereas the said Grehan is anxious to secure unto the said Weld and his assigns the regular and due payment of each and every installment of said purchase money, and also to secure to the said Weld and his assigns the regular, prompt and due performance of the covenants aforesaid, and the said Grehan is willing to execute these presents. Now this Indenture Witnesseth, that the said Grehan for and in consideration of the premises, hath granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto the said Henry Thomas Weld, [his executors, administrators and assigns, the Canal Boat called "Wren"] to have and to hold the same unto the said Henry Thomas Weld, his executors, administrators and assigns, forever. Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby declared to be the true intent and meaning of these presents, that if the said Grehan shall well and truly pay unto the said Weld, his executors, administrators or assigns, the aforesaid installments of purchase money upon each and every trip as aforesaid, until the whole purchase money, with interest as aforesaid, shall be fully paid, and if the said Grehan shall well and truly do and perform all the covenants on his part to be done and performed as set forth in this Mortgage, then this instrument of writing and every matter and thing herein contained shall cease and be utterly null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law.

And this Instrument further Witnesseth, that it is mutually agreed between the parties aforesaid, that in case of any default upon the part of the said Grehan to make regular payments on account

of said purchase money as herein provided, or in case of a failure to make regular trips as aforesaid with said boat, or in case of a refusal or neglect upon the part of the said Grehan to freight for the company or person designated by said Weld, or in case of a failure or neglect to use all diligence, care and skill in making such trips with said boat as before mentioned, or in case said boat is not kept in proper repair, or in case of a failure to perform any of the stipulations or recitals in this mortgage named to be done and performed on the part of the said Grehan, then and in either event the said Henry Thomas Weld, or his assigns, is hereby authorized to take immediate possession of said boat and after ten days public notice thereof in a newspaper printed in the City of Cumberland to sell said boat at public sale, as mortgagee, to the highest bidder for cash or on credit, and out of the proceeds of such sale pay first the expenses of such sale and advertisement, and then the balance due to said Weld, or his assigns, of said purchase money and interest. In Witness whereof the said Grehan hath hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal on the day and year first above written.

Teste: J. B. Widener

Joseph I. Grehan {Seal}

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: I hereby certify that on this 31st day of October 1865 before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for said County, personally appeared Joseph I. Grehan and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his act and deed.

J. B. Widener, J.P.

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that on this 14th day of November 1865 before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Allegany County, personally appeared Henry Thomas Weld the mortgagee in the foregoing mortgage and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the consideration set forth in the foregoing mortgage is true and bona fide as herein set forth.

In Witness Whereof I hereunto subscribe my name on the day and year aforesaid.

J. B. Widener, J. P.

Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, MD, Deed Book 32, p. 445, 8/27/1870.

At the request of Russell & Grehan, this Lease was recorded August 27th 1870.

This Lease, made this second day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy, between the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company of the first part and Mahlon H. Russell & Joseph I. Grehan of Allegany County, State of Maryland of the second part. Witnesseth that the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company in consideration of the payments of the rents and the full observance of the conditions hereinafter specified by the aforesaid parties of the second part or their assign, doth hereby demise, lease, and to farm let unto the said Mahlon H. Russell & Joseph I. Grehan for the term or period of twenty years commencing therefor on the first day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-nine, all and singular that piece or parcel of ground being fifty [feet] front & thirty feet deep, situate on the berm side of the aforesaid Canal at Lock Number Sixty-seven on said Canal and on which said piece or parcel of ground there is a frame building now occupied by the aforesaid parties of the second part as a store house. And all and singular a certain other piece or parcel of ground being forty feet front and twenty-five feet deep situate on the berm side of the said Canal nearly opposite the aforesaid lock, and adjoining the old cement house, and in which said piece or parcel of ground there is a frame building, now occupied by the aforesaid parties of the second part as a hay shed or known for the storage of hay. And also a right of way across the canal flume to and from the aforesaid two pieces or parcels of ground. And the said Mahlon H. Russell and Joseph I. Grehan for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns covenant with the aforesaid Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company that they will annually pay to the said Company, as the annual rent for the aforesaid property the yearly sum of thirty-six dollars from the first day of November A. D. 1870 and the conditions of this lease are that the aforesaid property shall be so used and occupied as not to interfere in the slightest manner with the free, ample and full operations of the aforesaid Canal and that this lease be not assigned or underlet without the permission first had obtained and that said Canal Company do not in any manner except as against its own acts warrant the title to or quit possession of any of the property hereby demised. And this lease further Witnesseth: that the said Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company doth hereby appoint R. Chew James its attorney to acknowledge these presents as the act of said Company. Witness the hands and seals of the aforesaid parties of the second part and the corporate seal of the said Company and the signature of the President thereof.

Test:

Andrew Gonder

J. H. Gordon {Seal}

Pres. Canal Co.

Mahlon H. Russell {Seal}

Joseph I. Grehan {Seal}

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: I hereby certify that on this Tenth day of June A. D. 1870, before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Allegany County, personally appeared Mahlon H. Russell and Joseph I. Grehan & did each acknowledge the foregoing instrument of writing to be their respective act and deed and at the same time also personally appeared before me R. Chew James, Attorney of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company and acknowledged the foregoing instrument of writing to be the act and deed of the said Company.

Andrew Gonder, J.P.

Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, MD, Deed Book 44, p. 310, 3/1/1875.

At the request of Russell & Grehan, this Deed was recorded March 1st 1875.

This deed made this 27th February in the year of our Lord, one thousand and eight hundred and seventy-five, by Lloyd Lowe and his wife Nancy Jane Lowe of Cumberland, Allegany County and State of Maryland. Witnesseth, that the said Lloyd Lowe and Nancy Jane Lowe, his wife, in consideration of the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars current money hereby received, do grant unto Mahlon H. Russell and Joseph J. Grehan of Allegany County, State of Maryland, all and singular the following described lot and parcel of land lying in said Allegany County in the State of Maryland, which is described as follows: Lot No. 2, lying on towing path side of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and below the Town Creek Aqueduct, a part of the condemnation on the Tidball property (by the Ches. and Ohio Canal) and bounded on the North by the said Ches. & Ohio Canal and on the South by the Potomac River as follows: Beginning at a stone planted near the foot of the canal bank near the Aqueduct and running thence South 18° East 14 perch to a Sycamore on the River, thence South 89° East 10 perches; North 77° East 34 perches; North 74° East 30 perches, South 83° East 38 perches to a Maple tree standing in a ravine; thence North 3° West 22 perches to the foot of Canal bank; then South 80° West 70 perches, South 72° West 71 perches to the place of the beginning, containing sixteen acres and (59) fifty-nine perches, more or less, and being a part of the same lots or parcels of land which were leased for (99) ninety-nine years, and renewable forever, to James Robertson (now deceased) by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company by deed bearing date the 8th day of December 1859 and recorded in Liber H. R. No. 19, folio 111, one of the Land Records of Allegany County. The same piece of land hereby conveyed was devised to John Robertson by the last will and testament of James Robertson (now deceased). I, the said Lloyd Lowe do covenant that I will warrant specially the property hereby conveyed. Witness our hands and seals this – day of ----- A. D. 1875.

Test:

Herman H. Hobrock

Lloyd Lowe {Seal}

Nancy Jane Lowe {Seal}

State of Maryland, County of Allegany, to wit: I hereby certify that on this 27th day of February in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five (A. D. 1875) before me, the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Allegany County, personally appeared Lloyd Lowe and Nancy Jane Lowe, his wife, and did acknowledge the foregoing deed to be their respective act.

Herman H. Hobrock, J.P.

Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, MD, Deed Book 55, p. 189, 3/9/1881.

At the request of Mahlon H. Russell, this Deed was recorded March 9th 1881, @ 5:10 P.M.

This Deed, made this 20th day of January 1881 between Joseph J. Grehan and Hannah B. Grehan, his wife, of the County of Fairfax and State of Virginia of the first part and Mahlon H. Russell of the County of Hampshire and State of West Virginia of the second part. Witnesseth, That for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge, the said Joseph J. Grehan and Hannah B. Grehan, his wife, do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Mahlon H. Russell all the right, title and interest of then the said Joseph J. Grehan and Hannah B. Grehan, his wife, of, in and to all those two pieces or parcels of land and the improvements thereon lying and being in Allegany County, Maryland at Lock No. 67 on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. one piece of land which was conveyed to Mahlon H. Russell and Joseph J. Grehan from Lloyd Lowe containing 16 acres by deed bearing date 27th February 1875 and recorded in one of the Land Records of Allegany County, Maryland, Liber T. L. No. 44, folio 310, and the other being a Lease from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to Mahlon H. Russell & Joseph J. Grehan fro a lot on berm bank of said Canal at Lock No. 67, said lease bearing date 2nd day of June 1870 and recorded in Liber H. R. No. 32, folio 445, one of the Land Records of Allegany County, Maryland, also all the interest and claims of the said parties of the first part to the entire stock of goods of every description in and at the store at Lock No. 67 on said Chesapeake & Ohio Canal. Also, all the right, title and interest of, in and to any and all debts or demands due the firm of Mahlon H. Russell and Joseph J. Grehan, heretofore trading in any business under the name and firm of Russell & Grehan, and for a further consideration the said Mahlon H. Russell hereby binds himself to cancel and pay in full any, all outstanding debts or just demands that may have been contracted by Mahlon H. Russell and Joseph J. Grehan while trading under the name and firm of Russell & Grehan.

The said Joseph J. Grehan and Hannah B. Grehan covenant that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed.

Witness our hands & seals.

Joseph I. Grehan {Seal}

Hannah B. Grehan {Seal}

State of Virginia, City of Alexandria, to wit: I, K. Kemper, a Notary Public of the City aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that Joseph I. Grehan whose name is signed to the writing hereunto annexed, bearing date on the 20th day of January 1881, has acknowledged the same before me in my City aforesaid. And I do further certify that Hannah B. Grehan, the wife of Joseph I. Grehan, whose names are signed to the writing hereunto annexed bearing date on the 20th day of January 1881, personally appeared before me in the City aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from he said husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Hannah B. Grehan, acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal this 25th day of February A.D. 1881.

K. Kemper, Notary Public