

RESEARCH AT THE LIBRARY AND THE QUINCY HISTORICAL SOCIETY RE WILLIAM B. BULL AT 222 SOUTH 16TH STREET

By Charles M McClain on February 16, 17, 23 & 27, 2012

Data from Quincy City Directories on the Bull family.....

1882 - - Wm B at father's house; Maine, SW corner of 16th

1884-85 - - Wm B at father's house; Maine, SW corner of 16th

1885-86 - - Wm B residing at 1408 Maine

1887-88 - - Lorenzo residing Maine, SW corner of 16th; William B contracting engineer Quincy Water

Works (researcher's note – no residence listed)

1889-90 - - William B Bull residing 16th, SW corner Jersey

1891-92 - - William B residing at 222 S 16

1896-97 - - William B residing 222 S 16

1898-99 - - William B Bull residing Chicago; Proctor Taylor residing at 222 S 16

1903 - - Wm B residing in Chicago; Proctor Taylor residing at 222 S 16th

1906 - - William B (wife Mary) capitalist, residing Chicago Illinois; William R Lockwood (wife Kate W)

residing at 222 S 16th; Proctor Taylor (wife Sarah L) residing at 225 S 16th

1908 - - Wm R Lockwood (wife Kate W) residing 222 S 16th

1914 - - Mrs Katherine Lockwood residing at 222 S 16th

1916 - - Mrs Kate Lockwood residing at 222 S 16th street

1918 - - Mary B at 1550 Maine

1923-24 - - Mary and William B at 1550 Maine

1926-27 - - William B and Mary Bull residing at 1550 Maine

1928-29 - - William B and Mary Bull residing at 1550 Maine

1930-31 - - Kate Lockwood at 222 S 16th; no Bulls in the Directory

Data from "Quincy and Adams County – History and Representative Men", 1919 Vol I

- Quincy water works owned and superintended by private parties until 1904 when sold to Municipal ownership, then bought from Lorenzo and William B Bull for \$650,000
- William B Bull of NY City; 1 of 6 children; middle name of Benedict (mother's maiden name).
- Lorenzo Bull died at age 87 on November 2, 1905. His wife had died in 1903.

Data from the Quincy Herald newspaper, March 25, 1930 obit for William B Bull

- William B Bull died March 25, 1930 at his home at 1550 Maine where he lived with his sister, Miss Mary B Bull
- William had been married twice; survived by three daughters and one son.
- While residing in Chicago, he had been associated with the O. H. Jewell Filter Company.
- William was a founder of Blessing Hospital; he was a member of the first board of trustees of the Hospital, started in 1875.
- He was known world-wide as the originator of the process of water purification by use of sulphite of iron, and the first use of this process for city water purification was first used in effect for the Quincy Water Works plant by William B Bull in 1902. He blazed the trail for modern water purification.
- William's sister, Miss Mary Breman Bull (with whom he lived at the time of his death) died a few months later on June 29, 1930.

Data from the U. S. Federal Census of 1900 on William B Bull:

- Age 54, born in Nov 1845;
- Home in 1900 – Chicago, Ward 24, Cook County, Illinois
- Living with wife; married W Mary Bull in 1882; years married – 18
- Household members – W Mary Bull – age 41; Margaret Bull – 16; Helen Bull – 14; Hilda Bull – 12; Lorenza Bull – 10.

RESEARCHER'S NOTE: It has previously been thought that William and Mary were married circa 1887 and went on their honeymoon to Europe during the time that Lorenzo Bull had their residence at 222 South 16th built. The data above does not agree with this thought. Needs research.

Data from the U. S. Federal Census on William B Bull:

- 1910 - Living in Chicago, Cook County; divorced; living with three of his children (Margaret, Hilda & Lorenzo)
- 1920 - not in Chicago or Quincy

1900 United States Federal Census

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Birth Date:	Nov 1845																						
Birthplace:	Illinois																						
Home in 1900:	Chicago Ward 24, Cook, Illinois [Cook]																						
Race:	White																						
Gender:	Male																						
Relation to Head of House:	Head																						
Marital Status:	Married																						
Spouse's Name:	W Mary Bull																						
Marriage Year:	1882																						
Years Married:	18																						
Father's Birthplace:	Illinois																						
Mother's Birthplace:	Illinois																						
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Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: *Chicago Ward 24, Cook, Illinois*; Roll: T623; Page: 9B; Enumeration District: 720.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1900 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004.



Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

Description:

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1900 United States Federal Census, the Twelfth Census of the United States. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, address, relationship to the head of household, color or race, sex, month and year of birth, age at last birthday, marital status, number of years married, the total number of children born of the mother, the number of those children living, birthplace, birthplace of father and mother, if the individual was foreign born, the year of immigration and the number of years in the United States, the citizenship status of foreign-born individuals over age twenty-one, occupation, and more. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1900 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)

1910 United States Federal Census		
Name:	William B Bull	
Age in 1910:	65	
Birth Year:	1845	
Birthplace:	Illinois	
Home in 1910:	Chicago Ward 21, Cook, Illinois	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Relation to Head of House:	Lodger	
Marital Status:	Divorced	
Father's Birthplace:	Connecticut	
Mother's Birthplace:	Massachusetts	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Caroline Adsit	36
	Jennie M Adsit	40
	Rosina Hooley	71
	Mary Hooley	35
	Grace E Hurlburt	43
	Robert Hurlburt	25
	Margaret C Scanlan	50
	Mary A Scanlan	40
	Nellie E Scanlan	31
	Ellen Ohara	59
	Marion T Ohara	27
	Josephine Wollensik	56
	Florian Wallace	35
	Ella M Wallace	31
	John P Denison	41
	Emma Denison	35
	Henry W Bishop	80
	Jesica Bishop	20
	Harold Johnson	26
	Ida Johnson	26
	Emma Scott	30
	Charles W Comes	62
	Mary Comes	54
	John E Holland	37
	Alice Holland	33
	John Holland Jr	9
	Mary Mcnerney	26
	Freverie De Long	44
	Mary S De Long	42
	Charles De Long	20

Source Citation: Year: 1910; Census Place: Chicago Ward 21, Cook, Illinois; Roll: T624_264; Page: 11A; Enumeration District: 0934; Image: 551; FHL Number: 1374277.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.



Original data: Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910 (NARA microfilm publication T624, 1,178 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: [NARA](#)

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This database is an index to the head of households enumerated in the 1910 United States Federal Census, the Thirteenth Census of the United States. In addition, each indexed name is linked to actual images of the 1910 Federal Census. The information

Tom Fentem

From: BARBARAMCCLAIN [barbaramcclain@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 9:59 AM
To: Tom Fentem
Subject: research of 222 South 16th
Attachments: Wm B Bull.docx; Bull.docx

Tom - I have spent quite a bit of time researching 222 South 16th Street for the Landmarking of Hal Oakley's house. I took the first three paragraphs of the draft Landmark application and re-wrote them - see first attachment. My backup notes for which I used to do the re-write are included as the second attachment.

This should take care of Hal's comments regarding page 1 of the Landmark application in his email of Sep 12, 2011. Can you take of addressing his other comments??

If you have any questions, please let me know!!

Chuck

Provide information about the historical significance of the proposed Landmark.

William Benedict Bull, son of prominent Quincy banker and civic icon Lorenzo Bull, was born on November 8, 1845. In the 1860s, he worked as a cashier in his father's bank at 436 Maine Street, at first known as the Merchants and Farmers National Bank and later as the State Savings Loan & Trust Company. In the 1870s and 1880s, William was the contracting engineer and superintendent of the city's water works on the Mississippi River at the foot of Maine Street. The water works had been principally financed by his father and built by Colonel Edward Prince in 1873-4. Additionally, William helped finance the construction of one of Quincy's grand theaters, the Empire Theater in the 100 block of North 8th Street, as well as the Newcomb Hotel at 4th and Maine Streets. He was also a founder of Blessing Hospital as he was on the original Board of Directors when the institution was started in 1875.

The house at 222 South 16th Street was built on property owned by Lorenzo and Margaret Bull circa 1887 as a gift for William and his wife, Mary. The construction cost was reported to have been \$8,000.00. Lorenzo hired prominent late-nineteenth century Chicago architect Joseph Lyman Silsbee for the architectural plans. Silsbee also designed a new carriage house for Lorenzo's house at 1550 Maine Street at the same time. This latter building, now known informally as the "Art Barn" at 1515 ^{located} Jersey Street, has been converted to exhibition space for the Quincy Art Center.

William is documented as first occupying the house at 222 South 16th Street in 1887, and he and his family remained there until 1897. The Quincy City Directory for 1898 listed William B. Bull as residing in Chicago, ~~Cook County, Illinois.~~ Probably because of the importance of the Bull family in Quincy, William continued to be listed in City Directories in the early 1900s even though he was not a resident. (The 1906 Quincy City Directory listed William B. Bull (capitalist) and wife Mary as residing in Chicago). In the ^{1900 U.S.} United States Federal Census for 1900, William B. Bull was recorded as living in Chicago with his wife W. Mary Bull (age 41) whom he had married in 1882. Their children were Margaret ^{age} (16), Helen

(14), Hilda (12) and Lorenzo (10). The ¹⁹¹⁰ U.S. Federal Census for 1910 also had William residing in Chicago, divorced and living with three of his children.

During some of the years that William was in Chicago, he was employed by the O.H. Jewel Filter Company. William became known world-wide as the originator of the process of water purification by ^{the} use of sulphite of iron, and the first use of this process for city water purification was used for the Quincy Water Works in 1902. Basically, William blazed the trail for modern water purification. The Quincy Water Works that he had been associated with for over 30 years was sold to Quincy municipal ownership in 1904 – William and his father Lorenzo were paid \$650,000.00!

In the book ^{History} "Quincy and Adams County – History and Representative Men" published in 1919, William B. Bull was listed as residing in New York City. William returned to Quincy about 1920, and resided with his sister Mary B. Bull at the family residence at 1550 Maine Street. Both William and his sister Mary died in 1930, William on March 25. His obituary stated that he had been married twice, and was survived by three daughters and a son.

In 1898, the house at 222 South 16th Street was purchased by Proctor and Sarah L. Taylor. Mr. Taylor managed the Taylor Brothers and Company Flour Mill located at Front and Maine Streets. Proctor Taylor continued to live at 222 South 16th Street until 1906 when the house was sold to William R. and Katherine W. (maiden name of Wells) Lockwood. William Lockwood was a Justice of the Peace in Quincy, and died circa 1910. His widow, Katherine (or Kate) resided in the house until her death in 1955.