

Hayes/Flynn Immigration to America from Ireland

Surname Evolution:

In Celtic Language of Gaelic: Ohaodha

Ancient Ireland: O'Hea

Modern English: Hayes

<u>Family Surname</u>	<u>Immigrant's Name</u>	<u>Immigration Year/from Irish City/County</u>	<u>Year Born</u>	<u>Year Died/Where</u>	<u>City/County/ State Where Settled</u>	<u>History of John Hayes</u>
Hayes	John (father)	1862 Villierstown, County Waterford	Abt 1840	Bloomington, IL	Bloomington/ McLean/Illinois	(See information below)
Hayes	David (son)	1862 Villierstown, County Waterford	June 24, 1856	June 9, 1923 Home/403 S. Seminary Bloomington, IL	Bloomington/McLean/Illinois	(See information below)

As a infant, John was orphaned when his parents and 4 older siblings drowned in a ferryboat accident as they were crossing the bay with their wagon from the marketplace to their home in Villierstown, County Waterford. His relatives could not afford to raise him due to the famine in Ireland, so John was placed in an orphanage and was raised there to adulthood.

John married (wife's name unknown) and had 4 or 5 children. After his first wife died, he remarried Bridget Flynn who was a widow and had 4 children of her own (Mary, Patrick, David, and John). John Sr. came to America alone to search for work, and immigrated to Chicago via what was called the Port of Lake Michigan at that time. John came south to work as a blacksmith at Bloomington's Chicago and Alton Railroad shops before finding a job at Augustine's Nursery on the town's east side. In 1862, he brought Bridget, 3 of his own children, and all 4 of her children to America in steerage accommodations. They bought a home at 1106 N. Lee St in Bloomington and raised their children there. John became a U.S. citizen.

John's son, David, had been born in Ireland on June 24, 1856 and was 6 years old when he immigrated to America with his father and step-mother. As a young man, court records indicate that David was a mechanic for a short time before he got a job at Augustine's Nursery on the east edge of Bloomington. This new line of work led him to a lifelong interest and study of the healing properties of plants and herbs, and he later was granted approval by the Illinois Examination Board to be a druggist at age 40. At that time, registration as a pharmacist did not require a college degree; acceptance by the Illinois examination board was sufficient.

David married Catherine (Kate) Lucille McCabe on February 15, 1882. They resided at 407 E. Emerson St. from 1882 to 1894 where their first 3 children were born (Clara Agnes, Walter David, Mark Bruno, Melvin Silverus). Each child's middle name was in honor of the saint on whose feast day each was born except for Walter, who was named after his father. They built a new house in 1894 at 403 W. Seminary Ave where their last child, Melvin was born. The house still stands on that site today (2015).

David opened the first Hayes Drug Store at 629 N. Main St. (the southeast corner of Main and Locust Streets), and when all 3 of his sons later became druggists, the business was known as D. Hayes and Sons. The Hayes Drug store remained in business for 75 years, and were later owned/operated by two grandsons and two nephews.

Additional Generations:

David's son, **Mark Bruno Hayes**, married Margaret Veronica Kalahar on June 7, 1916 and had one daughter: **Margaret Kathryn Hayes** who was born on October 10, 1922 in Bloomington, IL

Margaret Kathryn Hayes married Peter Stephen Theis on May 31, 1947 and had 6 children in Bloomington, IL: **Margaret Ann** (b. 8-8-1949), **Peter Mark** (b. 12-12-1951), **Nancy Kathleen** (b. 9-25-1959 died 3-27-2014), **Peter Gerard Stephen** (b. 10-2-1960), **Teresa Ann Hayes** (b. 2-23-1965), and **Kathryn Ann Hayes** (b. 2-23-1965).

Margaret Ann Theis married Jerold Melvin Bratcher on November 14, 1970 and had 2 children in Bloomington, IL: **Christina Lynn** (b. 4-29-1976) and **Julie Marie** (b. 6-21-1977).
Christina Lynn Bratcher married Michael Paul Hines on May 9, 2007 and had 2 children in Chicago: **Owen Michael** (b. 12-29-2010) and **Jake Jerold** (b. 2-3-2012).
Julie Marie Bratcher married Christopher Matthew Davis on August 11, 2007 and had one child in Champaign, IL: Christopher Matthew (b. 3-6-2008).