



Thomas McDermott

Circa 1833 - 1889







Birth Circa May 15, 1833 • Glenfarne, County Leitrim, Ireland

Death June 22, 1889 • New Orleans, Orleans, Louisiana, USA

Parents

 Thomas MacDermott Circa 1792 - Circa 1883	 Anne MacDermott (born McHugh) Circa 1801 - 1840
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Siblings

 Laurence McDermott Circa 1815 - 1879	 Anne Flynn (born McDermott) Circa 1820 - 1876
 Sarah Dolan (born McDermott) Circa 1821 - Circa 1905	 Charles McDermott Circa 1822 - 1908
 Catherine Cullen (born McDermott) Circa 1833 - 1915	 (mother) McMorrow (born McDermott-McMorrow) Circa 1835 - Deceased

Spouse

 Mary McDermott (born Carroll) 1836 - 1894

Children

 Margaret McDermott Circa 1857 - 1925	 Charles McDermott 1865 - 1895
 Thomas Eugene McDermott 1870 - 1943	 Mary Elizabeth Adkins (born McDermott) 1873 - 1955

Biography

Thomas McDermott, also known as MacDermott, Dermott, or MacDiarmuida, was born around May 15, 1833^[1], in Glenfarne, County Leitrim, Ireland. He was the son of Thomas MacDermott (born circa 1792)^[1] and Anne MacDermott (born McHugh, circa 1801)^[1]. His baptism took place on May 25, 1833, in Kiltoghert, County Leitrim, Ireland^[1]. Thomas had six siblings: Laurence, Anne, Sarah, Charles, Catherine, and one whose name is not fully provided but referred to with the last name McMorrow^[1].

On January 24, 1856, he married Mary Carroll, who was born on March 16, 1836, in Ardoughan, County Mayo, Ireland^[1]. The couple wed in Orleans, Louisiana, USA, and they were blessed with four children: Margaret, Charles, Thomas Eugene, and Mary Elizabeth^[1].

Throughout his life, Thomas held various occupations including Warehouseman, Laborer, and Warehouseman for Stauffer MacReady & Co^[1]. He served in the military from March 5, 1862, to 1865, during the Civil War for the Confederacy in Louisiana, USA^[1].

Thomas McDermott passed away due to cerebral softening on June 22, 1889, at the age of 56, in New Orleans, Orleans, Louisiana, USA^[1]. He was laid to rest in New Orleans^[1].

Historical Context

Thomas McDermott, known variably as MacDermott, Dermott, or MacDiarmuida, entered the world amidst a period of profound hardship in Ireland. Born on May 15, 1833, in Glenfarne, County Leitrim, he was baptized ten days later in Kiltoghert. His early years unfolded during the era of the Great Famine (1845-1852), which decimated the population through starvation and emigration. The McDermott family, like many others, faced dire economic conditions, leading to widespread displacement and migration.

In search of better prospects, Thomas McDermott joined the wave of Irish immigrants fleeing to America, settling in Orleans, Louisiana. This region, part of the antebellum South, was characterized by its agrarian economy and reliance on slave labor. It was here that Thomas married Mary Carroll from County Mayo, Ireland, on January 24, 1856, integrating into the diverse cultural tapestry of New Orleans, a city already marked by French, Spanish, African, and Creole influences.

The year 1862 saw Thomas enlist in the Confederate military, serving throughout the American Civil War until 1865. This conflict, rooted in issues including states' rights and slavery, tore the nation apart. Louisiana, a Confederate state with strategic port cities like New Orleans, became a battleground for control over the Mississippi River. Thomas's service coincided with significant events such as the Union's capture of New Orleans in 1862 and the prolonged sieges and guerrilla warfare that defined much of the war in the Western Theater.

After the war, Thomas returned to civilian life, working variously as a Warehouseman and Laborer. The post-war Reconstruction era brought about tumultuous changes, including the abolition of slavery and efforts to integrate freed slaves into society. Despite these societal shifts, Thomas maintained his livelihood until his

passing due to cerebral softening on June 22, 1889, at age 56. He was interred in New Orleans, leaving behind a legacy entwined with some of the most defining moments of 19th-century American history.

Last Name Origins

The surname McDermott is of Irish origin and is an anglicized form of the Gaelic name 'Mac Diarmada', which means 'son of Diarmuid'. The personal name Diarmuid, from which this surname derives, is composed of elements meaning 'without envy' or 'free from jealousy'. The MacDermotts were a prominent family in Connacht, an area in the west of Ireland. They claimed descent from the ancient kings of that region and held significant power and land there, particularly in what is now County Roscommon.

Consistency Issues

1. The narrative provides multiple variations of the surname: McDermott, MacDermott, Dermott, MacDiarmuida.
2. One sibling's full name is not provided; only the married last name 'McMorrow' is mentioned.

Citations

1. Source: [Adkins Web Site, managed by Thomas Adkins](https://www.myheritage.com/person-28019523_771443971_771443971/thomas-mcdermott-macdermott-dermott-macdiarmuida)
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