

## Manion, Mannion & Manning New Cathedral Cemetery, Section Q, Lot 14

**William Manion** was born to **Catherine Hanley/Mannion** in Roscommon, Ireland, before she married **John Coffay**. William lived most of his life in Baltimore on Mount Royal "Grasshopper" Hill, just a short distance from his mother, Catherine, and his step-father, John Coffay. William Manion's Coffay siblings were a part of his life and the lives of his children.

William Manion married Mary Coyle, and they raised eight children on Grasshopper Hill. One of their sons, Frank Manion, left Baltimore in 1896 and settled in Philadelphia, PA.

Frank Manion died in 1920 in Philadelphia, and has many descendants. Frank didn't share much information about his family in Baltimore, and they were virtually forgotten by the Philadelphia Manions, until in about 1980, when one of his grandsons, **John J. Manion, Jr.**, began to search for whatever became of Frank Manion's Baltimore relatives. The only information he had to go on was that Frank's parents were named **William Manion** and **Mary Coyle**, and that Frank had a brother named **Mike** and a sister named **Mary Sacks**.

During the next twenty years, beginning in the pre-internet age, John (called Jack) and his wife, Pat, went on a search to track down the Baltimore Manions. The search led them to Salt Lake City and the Mormon Family History Library. They searched in the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore and went to Annapolis, Maryland, to search in the Hall of Records where they were able to locate the death certificate of William Manion, which gave his burial place as New Cathedral Cemetery. Jack and Pat visited the cemetery and were able to look at the original records of the family Lot.

This is what they saw:

Jack was sure that this was his family, but was perplexed by the different spellings of the name. Here were Mannions, Manions, and a Manning. What was the correct way to spell the family name?

From his research, Jack knew his great-grandparents were **William Manion** and **Mary Coyle Manion** and that Michael Coyle was Mary Manion's father.

Who were the other **Mannions** and the **Manning**? Jack wasn't sure. The graves were at Section Q, Lot 14 and he was disappointed that it was an unmarked lot. Jack went ahead and ordered a stone to be put on the lot with the names of those he was sure of: his great-grandparents, William and Mary Manion, and his great-great-grandfather, Michael Coyle. So, in 1994, after one hundred years, the Mannion/Manion/Manning lot at New Cathedral Cemetery finally had a marker.

DATE	NAME
Mar. 31 1893	Catherine Mannion
Apr. 12 1894	John Mannion
Mar. 25 1896	John Mannion
Oct. 19 1900	Michael Coyle
Dec. 20 1901	William Mannion
July 4 1902	Michael Mannion
Aug. 30 1913	Mary Manion
Dec. 4 1915	John Manning
June 27 1916	William Manion
Nov. 13 1917	Robert E. Mannion



In 1994, John J. "Jack" Manion, Jr. (left) ordered this marker to be installed at the site of the Mannion/Manion lot in New Cathedral Cemetery, Baltimore,

So, who were the other **Mannions** and **Manning** buried in the lot? Jack died in 2006 and wasn't able to find out for himself. Since then, much of the mystery has been solved, and for whatever reasons, these were the spellings that the family members used to write their names.

DATE	NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Mar. 31 1893	Catherine Mannion	Daughter of William & Mary Manion
Apr. 12 1894	John Mannion	Child of William Mannion & Agnes Mooney
Mar. 25 1896	John Mannion	Child of William Mannion & Agnes Mooney
Oct. 19 1900	Michael Coyle	Father of Mary (Coyle) Manion
Dec. 20 1901	William Mannion	Husband of Agnes Mooney Son of William & Mary Manion
July 4 1902	Michael Mannion	Child of William Mannion & Agnes Mooney
Aug. 30 1913	Mary Manion	(nee Coyle) -Wife of William Manion
Dec. 4 1915	John Manning	Son of William & Mary Manion & husband of Alice O'Hara Manning
June 14 1916	William Manion	William Manion, husband of Mary Coyle & son of Catherine Hanley/Mannion Coffay
Nov. 13 1917	Robert E. Mannion	

A second marker for the **Manion/Mannion/Manning** lot was installed in September, 2010. This stone is located right behind the **MANION** stone. The names of the three infants of William & Agnes (Mooney) Mannion were not included on the stone.



(Funding for this stone was made possible through the estate of John J. Manion Jr.)



**MANNION & Manning**



**MANION & Coyle**



### Family Photo:

This is the only photograph we have, so far, of an ancestor buried at this site. It is probably **Catherine “Kate” Mannion**. The photo was among the possessions of **Stella Mannion Gunther**, the youngest daughter of **William & Mary Manion**. There is a handwritten inscription on the back: “your loving sister, Kate.” Catherine was known as “Kate,” and was even named Kate Manion in her death notice in the Baltimore Sun Paper. The photographer’s studio was in Indianapolis. Kate may have been in the Midwest when the photo was taken. There were several Coyles (her mother’s family) who settled in the Chicago area. Kate may have been employed or visiting family there. She died of consumption at her family’s home on Elm Street, Baltimore, at age 26, in the year 1893.

*(Thank you to Stella Mannion Gunther’s descendants and to Betty Lou Michelman for sharing this photo.)*



*Your loving Sister Kate*

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