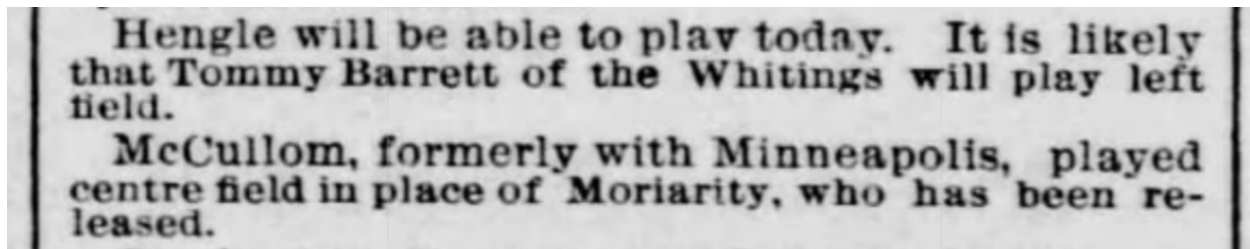


Tommy Barrett Chicago 1888

Chicago 1888 (barret019---)

Barrett appeared in the box score for the game August 24, 1888



Chicago Tribune August 24, 1888

Hart did have, however, a few money-making ideas, starting with a reorganization of the Chicago Ball Club. He and two associates, Charles M. Sherman, an attorney, and Thomas Barrett, a member of the Chicago Board of Trade, formed a stock company and purchased the National League franchise from its principal stockholders, Al Spalding and bankers John R. Walsh and Charles T. Trego. The latter three men remained owners of the old corporation, the assets of which consisted of spring training grounds in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and land on Polk Street on the West Side of Chicago, between Lincoln (later Wolcott) and Wood Streets. Hart obtained a ten-year lease on the Polk Street property for a new ballpark. He still planned to use the South Side Park, as its lease was held by his new company, called the Chicago League Ball Club.

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Barrett, Thomas E., Sheriff of Cook County, died last Thursday of cancer of the throat, aged 43 yrs, at his resid., 2653 N. Paulina st. Besides his wife and his only child Josephine, aged 16 yrs. those present as the time of his death were Mrs. Catherine Sullivan a sister, and John McCoy, a brother of Mrs. Barrett, John F. Barrett and Tony Barrett, brothers of the sheriff. He was born at the house of his parents, Anthony and Rose Barrett which was situated at the corner of Market and Erie sts. on 30th of April, 1863. The home was destroyed in the Great Fire and the boy then nine years old, started out to help the family repair its fortune by working in a coal mine at Inkerman, PA. The work was not congenial and eight months later he returned to Chicago where he got a job as an errand boy with Field, Leiter & Co. Later he worked as a messenger boy for the American District Telegraph Co., becoming a messenger for Brown, Fleming & Co., a Board of Trade firm.

Early in life he was noted locally as an athlete and an enthusiast in almost every kind of sport and as an amateur boxer he was the idol for many years of Board of Trade patrons of the art. He met all the leading amateurs in the West and in 1887 won the Middleweight Amateur championship of Illinois in a match with Frank Rheimer in the old Atheneum gymnasium. As late as 1900 he showed his physical prowess by capturing single handedly and subduing a lunatic who was creating a disturbance at the Board of Trade in the visitor's gallery. In 1880 he organized the old Whiting baseball club which was head of the city baseball league for 14 years. He played as a left fielder with the team for many years.

Thomas Edward Barrett

BIRTH	30 Apr 1863 Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, USA
DEATH	29 Mar 1906 (aged 42) Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, USA
BURIAL	Calvary Cemetery Evanston, Cook County, Illinois, USA
MEMORIAL ID	168803956 · View Source

Family Members

Spouse



Ellen M. Mccoy Barrett
1862–1934 (m. 1887)

Children



Josephine Barret Schillo
1888–1949

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Thomas E. Barrett, sheriff of Cook County, was born in Chicago, on the north side of the river, obtained his education at the old Kinzie school at Ohio street and La Salle avenue, and, except the eight months he worked in a coal mine in Pennsylvania, has lived continuously in the north division of the city. More than sixty years ago Anthony and Rose Barrett, parents of Sheriff Barrett, came to Chicago, and took up their residence at the corner of Market and Erie streets, where the subject of this sketch was born April 30, 1863.

When Young Barrett was in his ninth year the fire of 1871 destroyed the Barrett home, and the future sheriff started out to help repair the family fortunes by going to work in a coal mine at Tnkerman, Pennsylvania. He found the task of picking slate out of coal uncongenial, and at the end of eight months returned to Chicago, where he got a job as errand boy with Field, Leiter & Co., but soon after entered the messenger service of the American District Telegraph Company. His real business career began, however, when he became a messenger boy for Brown, Fleming & Co., a board of trade firm, with which he remained for twenty-eight years.

In 1887 Mr. Barrett entered the brokerage firm of Boyden & Co., with which he remained until the death of Mr. Boyden, in 1894 or 1895, when the firm name

was changed to J. F. Barrett & Co., which consisted of John, Tom and Tony Barrett. A few years afterward the firm name was changed to Barrett, Farnum & Co., which did business two and one-half years. On the dissolution of the firm, Mr. Barrett went into the grain brokerage business for himself, and was engaged in it when elected sheriff.

Sheriff Barrett has always been interested in sports, especially baseball and boxing, though handball, horse racing and other outdoor amusements have received a great deal of his attention. In 1880 he organized the old Whiting Baseball Club, which achieved a high reputation in amateur baseball circles. Mr. Barrett was one of the organizers, and was at the head of the city baseball league for fourteen years. He is still a liberal patron of the amateur as well as professional exhibitions of the national game.

As an amateur boxer, Mr. Barrett was for many years the idol of the Board of Trade and other local patrons of the pugilistic art. He met all the leading amateurs of his class in the West, and at a tournament in the old Athenaeum gymnasium in March, 1887, won the middle-weight amateur championship of Illinois, in a contest with Frank Rheims. This victory satisfied his pugilistic ambition, and the following August he married and retired from the ring.

In later years Mr. Barrett owned and managed an extensive racing stable of runners and trotters, but a few years before his election as sheriff he disposed of his horses and gave up the turf. He has never ceased, however, to take an interest in racing as a sport.

Sheriff Barrett has always been a Democrat, and taken an active interest in politics. He was never a candidate for office until he was nominated for sheriff by the Democrats in 1902, when he was the only man on the Democratic County ticket elected. Except the candidate for sheriff all the Republicans on the county ticket were elected by pluralities ranging from 5,000 to 15,000, while Mr. Barrett defeated Daniel D. Healy, the Republican candidate, by nearly 7,000 plurality.

In August, 1887, Mr. Barrett married Miss Ellen McCoy. They have one child, a daughter, Josephine, now sixteen years old. Mr. Barrett lives in Ravenswood, in the twenty-sixth ward.

Successor Chosen by County Board.

THOMAS E. BARRETT
 DIED YESTERDAY AGED 45.

JAMES PEASE
 ELECTED SHERIFF FOR REST OF TERM.

Chicago Tribune March 30, 1906 after he died

Mayor Dunne, a close friend, summed up in a few words the general expression when he said: "I think he was as honest and big hearted a man as ever lived in this city, and had a greater circle of admiring friends than any man of my acquaintance in Chicago. His sterling manhood, sincerity, good heartedness, and loyalty to his friends were appreciated by all. His loss is not only to the community but to the Democratic party as well. His death will be mourned among his associates on the board of trade, where he was universally respected, and also by the athletic world in Chicago."

Chicago Inter Ocean March 30, 1906

Shows Remarkable Bravery.

It happened in the World's Fair year of 1893. It was the trading hour. The galleries were filled with curious visitors viewing "the pit." Mr. Barrett, under the south gallery, was having his shoes shined. Suddenly pistol shots rang out. A lunatic from the south gallery was firing down into the crowd. A bullet plowed through the jaw of a trader, A. M. Bennett, who today still suffers from the wound. Another bullet struck a telegraph operator, a third wounded a woman. The people fled from the galleries. The members "ducked" under tables and hid in the pits.

"I guess I'll go up and see what's the matter," Barrett said quietly, and seizing a cane from a man near by he darted up the stairs. Before the lunatic could fire Barrett struck him on the head, seized him from behind, and held the struggling maniac until help came.

Chicago Inter Ocean March 30, 1906

"Cap" Anson Pays Tribute.

Adrian C. Anson, the city clerk, was at the dead sheriff's house all afternoon yesterday. He recalled his friend's early days. "I knew him from the time he was a little boy. He used to play right field for the old Whittings, an amateur club, which held the championship for two seasons. He was a good hitter, a fair fielder, and a fine base runner. In those days he was an all round athlete, a handy man with his fists, and he won many hard ring battles among amateur fighters of the town."

Chicago Inter Ocean March 30, 1906

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1	108	161 Barrett, Anthony	48	M	M	day laborer	✓		"	
2		- Road	36	F	M	keeping house			"	
3		- John	11	M	M	at school			Illinois	
4		- Margaret	8	F	M	"			"	
5		- Thomas	7	M	M	"			"	
6		- Anthony	4	M	M				"	
7		- Ellen	1	F	M				"	

1870 Census entry - Parents born in Ireland

Mother came to US in 1859, Father came to US in 1847

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		- Margaret	4	F	17	Daughter					Illinois	F
		- Anna	4	F	13	Daughter					Illinois	F
		- Anthony	4	M	13	Son					Illinois	F

1880 Census

REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE.

(To be returned within 30 days to the Register of Deeds of the County in which the Marriage is solemnized.)

2037

1. Full name of husband, Thomas Barrett
2. Full name of father of husband Anthony Barrett
3. Full name of the Mother of husband, (a) Rose Kelline
4. Occupation of husband Commissioner business
5. Residence of husband Chicago, Ill.
6. Birthplace of husband Chicago, Ill.
7. Full name of wife previous to marriage Nellie Mc. Leary
8. Full name of the father of wife Martin McLeary
9. Full name of the mother of wife, (a) Mary Boland
10. Birthplace of wife Abington, Mass.
11. Time when marriage was contracted August 16 - 1887

where the marriage was contracted, Milwaukee, Wis.

13. The color of the parties, (b) white
14. By what ceremony contracted Catholic
15. Name of subscribing witnesses, Frank Rhiems
Sammy Malloy
15. Any additional circumstances _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the foregoing marriage was solemnized by me on the day above named, and that the above is a true and correct copy of the same as it appears in the original.

Dated at Milwaukee
Milwaukee County, Name (c) Rev. D. P. Salumiere D.F.
Wisconsin, this 16 day of August, 1887.

Title of clergyman, officer or other person } Pastor of St. Gall's Church
pronouncing marriage.

Residence Milwaukee City & County, Wisconsin.

Note.—(a) Give full name, previous to marriage. (b) State the color so distinctly that the race also may be understood, as White, Black, Mulatto, Indian, Mixed White and Indian, etc. (c) The person pronouncing marriage should sign here.

Recorded this 9th day of Dec, 1887
Register.

Marriage license – Witness Frank Rhiems

BARRETT—At 89 Seminary-av. at 1:30 p. m. Dec. 27. Mrs. Rose Barrett, widow of late Anthony Barrett, and mother of Mrs. P. R. McDonough, Nellie, John F., Thomas E., and A. J. Barrett, aged 61 years. Funeral from late residence, Sunday, Dec. 23, at 11:30 a. m.; to St. Vincent's Church, thence by carriages to Calvary Cemetery.

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