

# 11329 Saint Lawrence Ave

(327 Watt Ave)

1889-1950

## 1889 City Directory

In the 1889 city directory, there were 4 people recorded: brothers John and Peter Dunner were recorded as a woodworker and molder and two other woodworkers, Carl Bergmann and Nels Nelson. In the 1920 census, Carl S. Bergman was 1 of 8 lodgers and 12 people at 529 E 112th St. He was married, but not living with his wife. Bergman immigrated to the US in 1885. No other information is known about them.

## 1900 Census

In the 1900 census, there were seven people, two families, recorded to be living in the 2-flat apartment. The McDowell family consisted of John, Effie, and Ruel McDowell, and the Nelson family consisted of Chas, Carl, Emma, and Pearl Nelson, but no other information was found about the Nelson family. John McDowell was recorded as an ornamental painter, while Chas was a carpenter, the rest of the tenants were unemployed. Both Chas and Emma were born in Sweden and immigrated separately in 1896 and 1898.

In 1912, Ruel was in the newspaper for being shot in the abdomen with an arrow while shooting sparrows with his friend.

**BOY SPARROW HUNTER SHOT: Ruel McDowell of Pullman Seriously Wounded in Ab**  
*Chicago Daily Tribune (1872-1922): Oct 6, 1912; ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Chicago Tribune*  
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### **BOY SPARROW HUNTER SHOT.**

**Ruel McDowell of Pullman Seriously Wounded in Abdomen by Playmate, Julius Ludwig.**

Ruel McDowell, 16 years old, 621 Market circle, Pullman, accidentally was shot in the abdomen and seriously wounded yesterday by Julius Ludwig, 15 years old, 11217 Stephenson avenue. The boys were shooting sparrows on the roof of the Ludwig boys' home.

Luckily he survived and was drafted twice in the military in 1918 and 1941.

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**REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)**

SERIAL NUMBER 272	1. NAME (Print) Ruel James McDowell			ORDER NUMBER 10176
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 11311 Cottage Grove Ave. Chicago Cook Ill. <small>(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)</small>				
3. MAILING ADDRESS (same)				
4. TELEPHONE Pullman	5. AGE IN YEARS 44		6. PLACE OF BIRTH Chester	
DATE OF BIRTH Apr. 25 1897 Pa.				
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Effie McDowell-11311 Cottage Grove Ave. Chicago Ill.				
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Pullman Standard Car Manufacturing Co.				
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 1100 Cottage Grove Ave. Chicago Cook Ill. <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>				
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.				
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42) (over) ☆ GPO 16-21630-2				
				Ruel J. McDowell (Registrant's signature)

He is recorded as having two grave sites as he was originally to be buried with his parents, but then chose to apply for a headstone with the military, being buried in Florida instead of Delaware with his parents.

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1. NAME OF DECEASED—LAST—FIRST—MIDDLE (Print or type) McDOWELL, Ruel James			APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER <small>(See attached instructions. Complete and submit original and duplicate)</small>		
2. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, Day, Year) September 4, 1918	3. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, Day, Year) February 11, 1919	12. EMBLEM (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHRISTIAN (Latin Cross) <input type="checkbox"/> HEBREW (Star of David) <input type="checkbox"/> NONE			
4. SERVICE NO. 4 816 210	5. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NO. 18 619 934	14. SHIP TO (Name and address of person who will transport stone or marker to cemetery) Manager, Veterans Administration Center Bay Pines, Florida			
6. STATE Pennsylvania	7. GRADE Pfc.	8. MEDALS None	15. FREIGHT STATION Bay Pines, Florida		
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, AND DIVISION OR SHIP U. S. Army - Co. 17, 12th Bn., 163rd D.B.			16. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) Veterans Administration Cemetery Bay Pines, Florida		
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) April 25, 1897	11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) May 16, 1956	17. I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE OR MARKER HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT SAME TO THE CEMETERY. SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____			
DO NOT WRITE HERE		18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or type) K. A. CARROLL, M.D., Manager Veterans Administration Center, Bay Pines, Florida			
RECEIVED AUG 14 1956	19. I certify this application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, soldiers of Union and Confederate Armies of the Civil War. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for properly placing the stone or marker at the grave at no expense to the Government.				
VERIFIED	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT K. A. Carroll				DATE 8-9-56
B/L WX 4987640	ORDERED COLUMBUS MARBLE WORKS COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI				
OMG FORM 646 13 OCT 52	REPLACES OQMG FORM 623, 8 FEB 49 WHICH MAY BE USED				IMPORTANT—Reverse Side Must Be Completed
					16-11453-9 GPO



This is the grave of Ruel's parents, with his death date being absent because of his separate burial.



## 1910 Census

In 1910, two families and three lodgers were recorded. The apartment was owned by Emma Anderson, 44, who was widowed with a 5 year old son, Edwin in the 1910 census. Emma immigrated in 1886 as recorded in the 1910 census. The Swedish American Line began transatlantic service in 1915, which means that Emma did not take direct transport from Sweden to America. In 1886, one of the ways Swedes would transport to America was through England, such as Liverpool, London, or Glasgow. There were many Emma Anderson's who were born in Sweden and immigrated to America in 1886, so no documents of immigration or petition for citizenship was found.

Her lodgers were Carl Johnson from Sweden and George O'neil from Indiana.

Emma rented the other unit to the Boyer family, consisting of Fredrick, Ellen, and Viola, who also had a lodger, Charles Catnip. The Boyer family was formerly residing in 723 Cottage Grove Ave, working as a Coach Painter at Pullman Car Company in the 1900 census. By 1910. Frederick was recorded to be a Car Body Fitter at the Pullman Car Company, while Charles Catnip was a patternmaker, Carl Johnson a machinist, and George O'Neil, a tinsmith, all three also worked at Pullman Car Company. No other information is known about the renters and lodgers.

## **1920 Census**

In 1920, only two people were recorded, Emma, now 54, and Edwin Anderson, age 15, both still living at this address; no lodgers were recorded at this time.

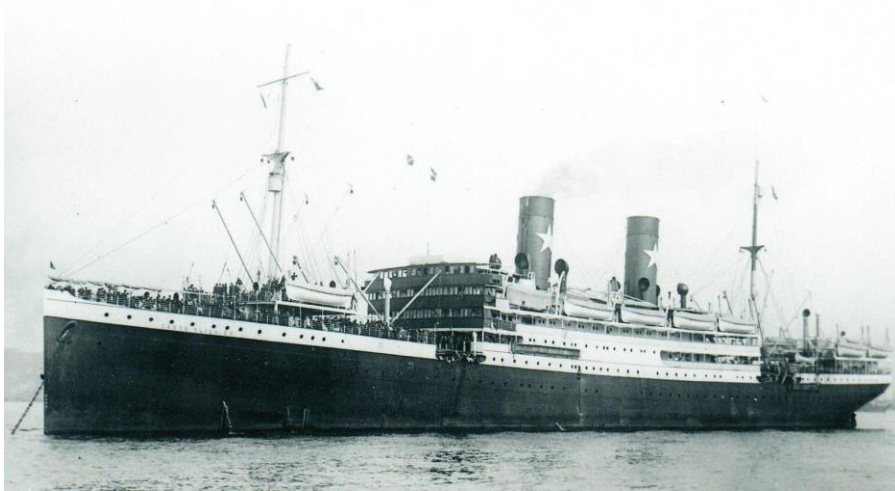
## **1930 Census**

Emma Anderson, age 64, still owned 11329 Saint Lawrence, and lived there with 25 year-old Edwin, a polisher for a car builder. Her lone roomer, Edward Dewart, an Illinoisian of Dutch parentage. Emma's tenants were John and Catherine Clark, both Scottish. The value of the 2-flat was \$2,600, and she collected \$25/month from the Clarks. The house was then bought from Emma Anderson by Mary Valente, who is recorded in the 1940 and 1950 census.

## **1940 Census**

In 1940, Mary and Peter Valente were recorded to be living in the two-flat apartment, with the Sbraccia family, Catherine, Raffaele and daughter Imelda, as well as roomer Atilio Rupani.

Peter's parents were Giovanni Valente and Anna Dics, and Peter was born in Cesuna, Vicenza, Italy on November 16th, 1899. Peter was naturalized in 1927, having immigrated on December 1st, 1923 aboard the Dente Alighieri.



S.S. Dente Alighieri, from Genoa, Italy to New York City.

In 1920, Mary, 14, lived with her parents, Dominic and Jennie and her 5 sisters, at 11446 Saint Lawrence on the 2nd floor. Dominic was a Teamster at Farr Brothers, a coal company.

Mary married Peter Valente when she was 23, and he was 30, April 27th, 1929. Peter was a smoker and died of lung cancer before Mary was 43.

The Petition for Citizenship signed by Peter Valente, dated 03/26/1927

ORIGINAL UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PETITION FOR CITIZENSHIP No. 89792 ✓ 142

To the Honorable the U. S. DISTRICT Court of NORTHERN DIST. ILL. at CHICAGO, ILL.

The petition of PETER VALENTE hereby filed, respectfully shows:

(1) My place of residence is 11326 Warr Ave., Chicago, Ill. (2) My occupation is Elevator Operator.

(3) I was born in Vicenza, Italy on November 16, 1899. My race is North Italian.

(4) I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on March 26, 1927 in the Superior Court of Cook County at Chicago, Ill.

(5) I am married. The name of my wife ~~xxxxxx~~ is Domenica. we were married on April 27, 1923 at Cesuna, Italy he was born at Cesuna, Italy on July 11, 1906. I have 1 child and the name, date, and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children are as follows: Domenica, born February 13, 1930 Born and resides in Italy.

(6) My last foreign residence was Cesuna, Italy. I emigrated to the United States of America from Genoa, Italy. My lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at New York City under the name of Pietro Valente on December 1, 1923 on the vessel Dante Alighieri as shown by the certificate of my arrival attached hereto.

(7) I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposed to organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. It is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to Victor Emmanuel III, King of Italy of whom (which) at this time I am a subject (or citizen), and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States. (8) I am able to speak the English language.

(9) I have resided continuously in the United States of America for the term of five years at least immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since December 1, 1923 and in the County of Cook this State, continuously next preceding the date of this petition, since December 6, 1923 being a residence within said county of at least six months next preceding the date of this petition.

(10) I have not heretofore made petition for citizenship: Number \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and such petition was denied by that Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit: \_\_\_\_\_ and the name of such denial has since been quashed or removed.

Attached hereto and made a part of this, my petition for citizenship, are my declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States, certificate from the Department of Labor of my said arrival, and the affidavits of the two residing witnesses required by law.

Wherefore, I, your petitioner, pray that I may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, and ~~XXXXXX XXXXXX~~

I, your said petitioner being duly sworn, depose and say that I have read this petition and know the contents thereof; that the same is true of my own knowledge except as to matters herein stated to be alleged upon information and belief; and that I believe the same to be true; and that this petition is signed by me with my full, true name.

Peter Valente

AFFIDAVITS OF WITNESSES

Joseph De Maria, Retired, Brewery Agent residing at 11210 ~~xxxxxx~~ Langley Ave., Chicago, Ill. and Angelo De Maria, Clerk, Govt. residing at 11210 Langley Ave., Chicago, Ill. each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, depose and say that he is a citizen of the United States of America, that he has personally known and has been acquainted in the United States with PETER VALENTE the petitioner above mentioned, since January 1, 1924 and that to his personal knowledge the petitioner has resided in the United States continuously preceding the date of filing this petition, of which this affidavit is a part, to wit, since the date last mentioned, and at Chicago, Ill. January 1, 1924 in the County of Cook this State, in which the above-entitled petition is made, continuously since January 1, 1924 and that he has personal knowledge that the petitioner is and during all such periods has been a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States, and that in his opinion the petitioner is every way qualified to be admitted to be a citizen of the United States.

Angelo De Maria Joseph De Maria

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses in the presence of the Clerk of said Court at Chicago, Ill. this 5 day of May, Anno Domini 1927 I hereby certify that certificate of arrival No. 20324 from the Department of Labor, showing the lawful entry for permanent residence of the petitioner above named, together with declaration of intention No. 190616 of such petitioner, has been by me filed with, attached to, and made a part of this petition on this date.

MC CHARLES M. BATES Clerk (SEAL) Deputy Clerk

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR INFORMATION SERVICE Form 228a-1-A 11-2418 No. 75656

At age 24, Mary and Peter, 31, lived at 11360 Saint Lawrence in 1930. Rent was \$25, for both upstairs and down, even though upstairs would have been bigger. Peter worked as a Laborer at an automobile manufacturing company while Mary did not work outside of the home.

In 1940, Peter Valente was a laborer at a paint factory, Sherwin Williams. He worked 36 hours the week of March 24 to March 30, 1940, and he worked 52 weeks in 1939, earning \$1,550. Peter passed away June 17, 1946, and was buried at Mt Olivet Cemetery in Worth, Illinois on June 20, 1946.

# 1950 Census

In the 1950 census, Mary Valente was still the owner of this building, with Ann and Theodore Savas, her sister and brother-in-law also recorded to be living in the building. Mary Valente remarried to Peter Martello in the early 1950s, when she was around the age 45. Mary was a seamstress at Monarch Cleaners at 103rd Street and Vincennes Avenue. Monarch had a chain of cleaners on the south side of Chicago and in the South Suburbs. Mary had worked 40 hours in the week previous to April 18, 1950.

This is a postcard from Monarch Cleaners.



Theodore had a retail store that was in the single story building on 114th Street between Saint Lawrence and Champlain, facing the south end of the alley of his home.

Mary was listed as the owner of 11329 Saint Lawrence in the Public Index Records from 1950 to 1995, with the surname of her second husband Peter Martello.