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Research Question

Who was the mother of Della Christina (Moriarty) Northey, who died in Trenton, New Jersey on 26 December 1943?¹

Background and Known Facts

Della's descendants always found Della to be a mystery. Family lore said she was the first and only of her immediate family to be born in America. After her birth, reportedly in Waterbury, Connecticut in 1889, her parents returned with her to their homeland of Ireland. After being raised in County Kerry, possibly in Tralee, Della returned to America and started her own family.²

The family knew with certainty that Della married John Briody in Waterbury, Connecticut in 1915.³ That marriage produced two sons, James (b. 1916) and John (b. 1918).⁴ After John's death, she married Archibald Northey in 1921.⁵ They had four additional children together; Lillian (b. 1922), Richard (b. 1923), Lorraine (b. 1927), and Harold (b.1928).⁶

Limitations

Travel to distant repositories was not within the scope of this project, so only those repositories noted below that were accessible online or had records available for reasonable turn-around via mail order were

¹ *Find A Grave*, database (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/186746670/della-christine-northey> : accessed 22 June 2021), memorial 186746670, Della Christina Moriarty Northey, deceased 26 December 1943, Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey.

² Mrs. John Doe (address withheld for privacy), interview by Michelle Torosian, various dates March-April 2021; notes privately held by Torosian, Briarcliff Manor, New York, 2021.

³ Mrs. John Doe, interview, various dates March-April 2021.

⁴ 1920 U.S. census, Litchfield County, Connecticut, population schedule, Waterbury, enumeration district (ED) 227, sheet 23A, dwelling 365, family 478, John H. Briody household noting wife Della and sons James and John; "1920 United States Federal Census," online database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6061/> : accessed 22 July 2021); citing National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication T625, roll 187.

⁵ Mrs. John Doe, interview, various dates March-April 2021.

⁶ 1930 U.S. census, Mercer County, New Jersey, population schedule, Trenton, ED 11-46, sheet 13A, dwelling 225, family 228, Archibald Northey household noting wife Della, children Lillian, Richard, Lorain and Harold and stepsons James and John Briody; "1930 United States Federal Census," online database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6224/> : accessed 22 July 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T626, roll 1364.

accessed. Research and writing time limited to twenty pro-bono hours. Report also limited to ten pages in length.

Repositories

- Town of Watertown, Town Clerks Office, 61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, CT 06795
- City of Waterbury, Vital Statistics Office, 235 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT 06702
- The Connecticut State Library, 231 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT 06106, <https://ctstatelibrary.org/>
- FamilySearch.org
- Ancestry.com
- The National Archives of Ireland (<https://www.nationalarchives.ie/>)
- IrishGenealogy.ie

Executive Summary

The research question was successfully answered. A review of a variety of sources indicates that the woman known as Della Christina (Moriarty) Northey to her descendants was born as Bridget Moriarty on October 15, 1889 in Waterbury, Connecticut to John Moriarty and his wife, Elizabeth (Martin) Moriarty. Sources supporting this conclusion include Della's marriage license from her first marriage to John Briody, her marriage license from her second marriage to Archibald Northey and her original birth certificate. Additional sources including a ship manifest, Irish census record, and Della's brother's baptismal record provide supporting documentation and additional corroborative evidence. Please see the following Detailed Research Findings section for detailed analysis of these records.

Detailed Research Findings

1. "Connecticut Vital Records - Index of Marriages, 1897-2001" database

Citation: Connecticut Department of Public Health, State Vital Records Office, "Index of Marriages, 1897-2001" database entries for John Briody – Bridget Moriarity and Archibald Northey – Della Brirdy, Connecticut State Library (<https://www.ctatatelibrarydata.org/marriage-records/> : accessed 20 July 2021).

Extract:

Groom First Name	Groom Surname	Bride First Name	Bride Surname	Date Married	City Married
John	Briody	Bridget	Moriarity [sic]	1915-07-22	Waterbury
Archibald	Northey	Della	Brirdy [sic]	1921-05-27	Watertown

Source: Connecticut Department of Public Health, State Vital Records Office, "Index of Marriages, 1897-2001" database entries for John Briody – Bridget Moriarity and Archibald Northey – Della Brirdy, Connecticut State Library (<https://www.ctatatelibrarydata.org/marriage-records/> : accessed 20 July 2021).

Analysis: A search of the "Connecticut Vital Records - Index of Marriages, 1897-2001" database maintained by the Connecticut State Library using the name "Della Moriarty" as search term for the bride returned zero results. A search using the name "John Briody" as search term for the groom returned exactly one result within the correct timeframe. A search using the name "Archibald Northey" also returned exactly one result.

While the bride's name is misspelled in both database entries as noted in the table above, the grooms' names are correct and would indicate the corresponding records relate to the correct couples. No additional records were noted that would require review.

2. Marriage License and Certificate – John H. Briody and Bridget C. Moriarty

Citation: Waterbury, Connecticut, marriage certificate (1915), John H. Briody – Bridget C. Moriarty, Waterbury Vital Statistics Office, Waterbury; certified 12 May 2021 by Antoinette C. Spinelli, Registrar, Waterbury, Connecticut Vital Statistics Office.

Transcript – In this transcript of a preprinted form, information written in is shown in bold-type.

State of Connecticut Bureau of Vital Statistics
Marriage License
Town of **Waterbury**

- 1. Groom’s name **John H. Briody**
- 2. Age **26**
- 3. Color **W**[hite]
- 4. Occupation **Wood Turner**
- 5. Birthplace Town [blank]
State or Country **Waterbury Ct**
- 6. His residence **Oakville – Wtby.**
- 7. { Single
Widower **1st** 2^d-3^d Marriage [blank]
Divorced
- 8. Name of Father **James**
- 9. Maiden name of mother **Margaret Bolan**

- 1. Bride’s Name **Bridget C. Moriarty**
- 2. Age **26**
- 3. Color **W**[hite]
- 4. Occupation **Press hand**
- 5. Birthplace Town [blank]
State or Country **Waterbury Ct**
- 6. Her residence **Pratt Place**
- 7. { Single
Widow **1st** 2nd-3rd Marriage [blank]
Divorced
- 8. Name of Father **John**
- 9. Maiden name of mother **Bessie Martin**

I, **John H. Briody**, one of the persons named in this Marriage License, do solemnly swear that the statements therein made are true.

Signed: **John H. Briody** [signature]

Sworn to before me this **23rd** day of **June** 1915

Robert Palmer [signature] Registrar

This certifies that the above-named parties have complied with the laws of Connecticut relating to a marriage license.

Town of **Waterbury**
Dated **June 23rd** 1915

Attest:
Robert Palmer [signature] Registrar

Marriage Certificate

I hereby certify that Mr. **John Briaty** [sic] and M [blank spot for Miss or Mrs.] **Bridget Moriarty**, the above-named parties, were legally joined in marriage by me at **St. Patricks Church Waterbury Ct** this **22nd** day of **July** 1915

Signed **Reverend Joseph M Gleeson** [signature]
Official capacity **Rector of St. Patricks Church**

Address **St. Patrick’s Rectory Waterbury Ct**

[entire section of form for “Consent of Parent or Guardian to be filled in when either party is a minor” is blank and omitted here]

This Certificate received for record this **28** day of **July** 1915

Dora Argan Asst. [signature] Registrar

Analysis: While a copy of the original record, this document has been certified as a “true copy of the certificate received for record” by the Waterbury Registrar.⁷ As the only marriage record contained in the Connecticut state database within the correct time period for John Briody, the known husband of Della Moriarty, this marriage record can be reasoned to be for the correct couple, despite the bride’s first name listed as Bridget. She is also enumerated in the 1920 census using the name Della.⁸ Della is a nickname for Delia, which is a derivative of Bridget.⁹ It is also noted that the bride’s middle initial is noted as C., which is consistent with her known middle name of Christina.

The marriage license section of the form is signed by John H. Briody. A comparison between his signature and the cursive handwriting of his own name and other information supplied suggests a clerk filled out the form but the information was supplied by him. It is unknown if Bridget was present. Some of the information contained within this source John would have had direct knowledge of (for example, his own parents, occupation, as well as Bridget’s name, race, color, and residence) while other information would be hearsay coming from John (his own birth place as one cannot remember their own birthplace, Bridget’s parents’ names, etc.).

The marriage certificate part of the form is, based on handwriting, filled out by Rev. Gleeson, who performed and was therefore an eye-witness to the marriage. While the groom’s surname has been misspelled by Rev. Gleeson as Briaty, it is phonetically consistent with Briody.

This marriage record directly states that the mother of Bridget “Della” Moriarty was Bessie Martin. It also states that Della’s father was John Moriarty. Della is listed as 26 years of age, which provides an estimated birth calculated as between 24 June 1888 and 23 June 1889 given the document’s date of 23 June 1915. This marriage record also noted that her birthplace was Waterbury.

3. Marriage License and Certificate – Archibald Northey and Della Briody

Citation: Watertown, Connecticut, marriage certificate (1921), Archibald Northey – Della Briody, Watertown Vital Statistics Office, Watertown; certified 12 July 2021 by Katherine E. Barnosky, Assistant Registrar, Town of Watertown, Connecticut Vital Statistics Office.

Transcript - In this transcript of a preprinted form, information written in is shown in bold-type.

State of Connecticut Bureau of Vital Statistics

Marriage License

Town of **Watertown**

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Groom’s name Archibald Northey | 1. Bride’s name Della Briody |
| 2. Age 45 | 2. Age 31 |
| 3. Color White | 3. Color White |
| 4. Occupation Dye Setter | 4. Occupation Housekeeper |

⁷ Waterbury, Connecticut, marriage certificate (1915), John H. Briody – Bridget C. Moriarty, Waterbury Vital Statistics Office, Waterbury; certified 12 May 2021 by Antoinette C. Spinelli, Registrar, Waterbury, Connecticut Vital Statistics Office.

⁸ 1920 U.S. census, Litchfield County, CT, pop. sch., Waterbury, ED 227, sheet 23A, dwell, 365, fam. 478, John H. Briody household noting wife Della.

⁹ *Whats in a Name*, entry for Delia, (<https://www.whatsinaname.net/female-names/Delia.html>) : accessed 21 July 2021).

5. Birthplace { Town **Mahanoy City**
 { State or Country **P.a**
6. His residence **Trenton N.J.**
7. { **Single**
 { **Widower Widower** 2^d-3^d Marriage **2nd**
 { **Divorced**
8. Name of father **Richard Northey**
9. Maiden name of Mother **Annie Thomas**

5. Birthplace { Town **Waterbury**
 { State or Country **Conn**
6. Her residence **Watertown (Oakville)**
7. { **Single**
 { **Widow Widow** 2^d-3rd Marriage **2nd**
 { **Divorced**
8. Name of father **John Moriarty**
9. Maiden name of Mother **Elizabeth Martin**

I, **Archibald Northey**, one of the persons named in this Marriage License, do solemnly swear that the statements therein made are true.

Sworn to before me this **24th** day
of **May 1921**

Signed **Archibald Northey** [signature]
John A. Shields [signature] Registrar

This Certifies that the above-named parties have complied with the laws of Connecticut relating to a marriage license.

Dated **May 24 1921**
Town of **Watertown**

Attest:

John A. Shields [signature] Registrar

Marriage Certificate

I hereby certify that Mr. **Archibald Northey** and Mrs. **Della Briody**, the above-named parties, were legally joined in marriage by me at **Watertown** this **27th** day of **May 1921**.

Signed **John A. Conlan** [signature]
Official capacity **clergyman**

Address **Oakville, Ct.**

[entire section of form for “Consent of Parent or Guardian to be filled in when either party is a minor” is blank and omitted here]

This Certificate received for record this **1st** day of **June 1921**

John A. Shields [signature] Registrar

Analysis: This marriage license and certificate documents the marriage between Della Briody and Archibald Northey. While a copy of the original record, this document has been certified as a “true copy of the certificate received for record” by the Watertown Assistant Registrar.¹⁰

Similar to the first marriage record, this marriage license is only signed by the groom, Archibald Northey. It is unknown if Della was present to provide the information pertaining to herself. A comparison of the handwriting and signatures indicates that the information in the license part of the form was written down by the town registrar. The certificate part of the form matches the handwriting of the clergyman John A. Conlan, based upon his signature. This information Rev. Conlan had direct knowledge of.

The bride is listed as Mrs. Della Briody and is noted as widowed. Both the use of “Mrs.” and the surname “Briody” is consistent with both the family’s knowledge and the marriage record that showed her marrying

¹⁰ Watertown, Connecticut, marriage certificate (1921), Archibald Northey – Della Briody, Watertown Vital Statistics Office, Watertown; certified 12 July 2021 by Katherine E. Barnosky, Assistant Registrar, Town of Watertown, Connecticut Vital Statistics Office.

John Briody first. Her age, 31 as of 24 May 1921, indicates a date of birth between 25 May 1889 and 24 May 1890. This is not inconsistent with the range suggested by the first marriage record.

This record matches the first marriage record in listing that Della (aka Bridget) was born in Waterbury to father John Moriarty. The bride's mother's name listed as Elizabeth Martin is consistent with the name Bessie Martin on the first marriage record, given that Bessie is a nickname for the Elizabeth.¹¹

4. Birth Certificate – Bridget Moriarty

Citation: Waterbury, Connecticut, return of a birth, 15 October 1889, Bridget Moriarty, Waterbury Vital Statistics Office, Waterbury; certified 12 July 2021 by Antoinette C. Spinelli, Registrar, Waterbury, Connecticut Vital Statistics Office.

Abstract: - In this abstract of a preprinted form, information written in is shown in bold-type. Some boilerplate language and blank sections omitted due to space constraints.

Bureau of Vital Statistics State of Connecticut
Return of a Birth
I certify the following return to be correct from the best information which I can obtain:
Full Name of Child **Bridget Moriarty**
Place of Birth [blank] Street and Number **Bridge St.**
Date of Birth **Oct. 15** Sex of Child **F**
Name of Father **John** State or Country **U.S**
Occupation **Laborer** Age **25**
Maiden Name of Mother **Lizzie Martin** Birthplace of Mother **U.S.**
Age of Mother **22** Number of Child **1** Number now living **1**
Signature of Physician or Person making Return, **E.W. McDonald** [signature]
Dated at **Waterbury** this **9** day of **Nov** 1889

Analysis: While a copy of the original record, this document has been certified as a “true copy of the certificate received for record” by the Waterbury Registrar.¹² This return of a birth, or birth certificate, indicates that Bridget Moriarty was born on 15 October 1889 to John Moriarty and Lizzie Martin. The form was filed and signed by E.W. McDonald, who is most likely the physician who delivered the baby. The physician would have had direct knowledge of the date and place of birth, the gender of the child, the name given to the child and the name of the mother who gave birth to her. He may or may not have had direct knowledge of the father's name, depending on whether or not John was present at the birth.

The listed name of the father, John Moriarty, matches exactly with both of the marriage records analyzed earlier. The name of the mother, Lizzie Martin, matches with the understanding that Lizzie is also a nickname for Elizabeth (as stated in the second marriage record), as is Bessie (as listed in the first).¹³

¹¹ “Female Ancestor First Names and Nicknames + Searchable Guide,” entry for Elizabeth, *Family Tree Magazine* (<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/names/first-names/female-first-names-nicknames/> : accessed 22 July 2021).

¹² Waterbury, Connecticut, return of a birth, 15 October 1889, Bridget Moriarty, Waterbury Vital Statistics Office, Waterbury; certified 12 July 2021 by Antoinette C. Spinelli, Registrar, Waterbury, Connecticut Vital Statistics Office.

¹³ “Female Ancestor First Names and Nicknames + Searchable Guide,” *Family Tree Magazine* (<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/names/first-names/female-first-names-nicknames/> : accessed 22 July 2021).

The date of birth, 15 October 1889, slightly varies from the age of 26 years listed on the first marriage record. A more accurate age would be 25 years and 8 months; however, this difference could be a result of rounding, or a simple error. The listed age of 31 years on the second marriage record from 24 May 1921 is accurate as compared to the birth date per the birth return.

Several fields on the form were left blank, including place of the child’s birth and residence of father. This could be because they were implied to be Waterbury as the certificate was filed in Waterbury. The sections for color for both father and mother were also left blank. In comparison to the corresponding entry for Bridget Moriarty in the Waterbury Register of Births, these corresponding fields are filled in as Waterbury and white.¹⁴

The birthplace for both parents is listed as U.S. This is inconsistent with the descendants’ understanding, but is currently outside the scope of this research.

5. Ireland Incoming Passenger Manifest – Moriarty Family

Citation: Ancestry.com “U.K. and Ireland, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878-1960,” database with images (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1518/images/30807_A000020-00199?pId=3891477; accessed 22 June 2021); citing The National Archives (U.K.), Board of Trade: Commercial and Statistical Department and successors: Inwards Passenger Lists, Queenstown, Ireland, October 1891, digital images 35-36 of 74.

Excerpt: The following is a brief excerpt of the passenger list for the vessel City of New York, traveling from the Port of New York to Queenstown, Ireland. Only the relevant columns for this particular family are shown. The passenger list is indexed with an arrival date in Ireland of 7 October 1891.

Names of Passengers	Age of each Adult of 12 Years and Upwards - Married		Infants	Profession, Occupation	Irish Adults		Irish Infants
	M.	F.			M.	F.	
Jno Moriarity	40			Lab	1		
Elis ”		36		Wife		1	
Bridget ”			1	Inft			1

Analysis: The entire page is visible in this digital image. The source of the information pertaining to individual passengers is unknown. Information pertaining to the ship itself (the ship name, ports, and arrival date) would have been provided by a crew member who had first-hand knowledge of this information.

While the information contained within the passenger list does not directly answer who the mother of Bridget “Della” Moriarty is, it does show a small Moriarty family, John (commonly abbreviated as Jno), his wife Elizabeth (Elizabeth can be alternatively spelled as Elisabeth, which can be abbreviated as Eliz or Elis) and their implied infant, Bridget.¹⁵ The curly bracket to the right of the listed occupations indicates

¹⁴ Waterbury, Connecticut Record of Births, volume 2:428-429, Bridget Moriarty, 15 October 1889; digital image, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS7W-367F?i=38&cat=568249> : accessed 5 June 2021); citing FHL 007858071, image 39 of 677.

¹⁵ “Appendix: Abbreviations for English Given Names,” Wiktionary, entries for Elizabeth and John, (https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Appendix:Abbreviations_for_English_given_names : accessed 23 July 2021).

these individuals are traveling together. This family is traveling from the United States to Ireland, which is consistent with the family lore.

The John on the passenger manifest is a laborer, consistent with John’s occupation on the birth certificate.¹⁶ The Irish nationality for the two parents is consistent with the descendants’ understanding of the family history, but inconsistent in comparison to Bridget’s birth certificate for all three individuals. It would not be difficult, however, to see how a clerk could wrongly indicate an infant’s nationality to match her parents’. The age of 1 year for Bridget as of 7 October 1891 is consistent with the birth certificate previously analyzed, which would indicate that Bridget would turn 2 years old eight days later, on 15 October 1891. The ages for the parents, however, is materially different as compared to Bridget’s birth certificate. John would be expected to be listed as 27, not 40, and Elizabeth would be expected to be listed as 24, not 36. This may or may not be the same Moriarty family documented on the birth certificate for Bridget Moriarty previously analyzed.

6. Irish Census, 1901 – John Moriarty household

Citation: 1901 census of Ireland, Tralee, Tawlaght, County Kerry, John Moriarty household; digital image, *The National Archives of Ireland* (<http://census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/nai000893379/> : accessed 8 June 2021).

Abstract: The following chart shows a portion of the table of the Census of Ireland, Form A, which lists those who slept in this house the night of Sunday, March 31, 1901. Columns omitted for space constraints include religion (all Roman Catholic), education, sex, profession, Irish language, and whether deaf or dumb. The profession of the head of the household is noted as “agl Labourer.”

Name	Surname	Relation to Head	Age	Marriage	Where Born
John	Moriarty	Head	38	Married	Co. Kerry
Lizzie	Moriarty	Wife	35	Married	Co. Kerry
Bridget	Moriarty	Daughter	11	Not married	America
Patrick	Moriarty	son	9	Not married	Co. Kerry
Lizzie	Moriarty	Daughter	6	Not married	Co. Kerry
Michael	Moriarty	Son	4	Not married	Co. Kerry
Mary Ellen	Moriarty	Daughter	2	Not married	Co. Kerry
John	Moriarty	Son	1 month	Not married	Co. Kerry
Mary	Slattery	Visitor	56	Married	Co. Waterford
I hereby certify, as required by the Act 63 Vic, cap.6, s.6(1), that the foregoing Return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. Thos. O’Rourke [signature] (Signature of Enumerator)			I believe the foregoing to be a true Return John his + mark Moriarty (signature of Head of Family) Witness Thos. O’Rourke [signature] constable		

Analysis: This appears to be the original census as hand-written by the enumerator. The entire page is visible in this digital image. This source contains mostly first-hand information regarding the Moriarty family and their houseguest enumerated in this schedule. Head of household John Moriarty signed his

¹⁶ “Ireland Census and Census Substitutes (National Institute),” chart “Abbreviations used in Census,” *Family Search Wiki* ([https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ireland_Census_and_Census_Substitutes_\(National_Institute\)](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ireland_Census_and_Census_Substitutes_(National_Institute)) : accessed 25 July 2021).

mark on the bottom of the census form, indicating his agreement with the information written down by the enumerator, Thomas O'Rourke. John would have personally known everyone's names and relationships to himself. He would have known firsthand the ages and birthplaces of his children. In addition, the enumerator is also a constable, and in that role, he may have also personally known the family.

It is unknown who provided this information regarding visitor Mary Slattery (John or Mary herself). Information regarding the locations of the adults' births would be considered hearsay, as one cannot remember their own birth.

This census record notes a family headed by a John Moriarty, his wife, Lizzie (a well-known nickname for Elizabeth) with an eldest child named Bridget who was born in America. These names are consistent with the records previously examined, including the marriage records, birth certificate, and passenger manifest. While this census does not directly identify the relationship between Lizzie and Bridget, they can be reasoned to be either mother-daughter or step-mother and step-daughter since Bridget is listed as the daughter of John and Lizzie is the wife of John. Enumerated as age 11 as of March 31, 1901, the birthdate for Bridget can be calculated as between April 1, 1889 and March 31, 1890. This range is consistent with the 15 October 1889 birth certificate, as is the birth location of America.

The age of John on the census implies that he was born between April 1862 and March 1863. This differs slightly from the November 1863 – October 1864 range calculated when he was listed as 25 years old on Bridget's October 1889 birth certificate. The age of Elizabeth on the census implies that she was born between April 1865 and March 1866. This also varies slightly from the November 1866 – October 1867 range calculated when she was listed as 22 on Bridget's birth certificate. In both sources, the couple are approximately 3 years apart in age.

The profession of John is noted as "agl Labourer" [agricultural laborer], which is fairly consistent with the profession of laborer noted in the birth certificate and passenger manifest.¹⁷

The associated census Form B.1 – House and Building Return notes the family lives in County Kerry within the Poor Law Union of Tralee, in the District Electoral Division of Ballynahaglish, in the townland of Tawlaght.¹⁸ Tralee in County Kerry is consistent with the lore handed down by Della's descendants.

The second eldest child, Patrick, is listed as nine years as of March 31, 1901. This age would give him a birthdate range between April 1, 1891 and March 31, 1892. This range does not exclude the Moriarty family on the passenger manifest as being in the same family, as they landed in Ireland in October 1891.

7. Indexed Baptism Record of Patrick Moriarty

Citation: Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Ireland, "Church Records," database, *IrishGenealogy.ie* (<https://churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/> : accessed 24 July 2021), entry for Patrick Moriarty, son of John Moriarty and Elizabeth Martin,

¹⁷ "Ireland Census and Census Substitutes (National Institute)," chart "Abbreviations used in Census," entry for Ag Lab, *Family Search Wiki* ([https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ireland_Census_and_Census_Substitutes_\(National_Institute\)](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ireland_Census_and_Census_Substitutes_(National_Institute)) : accessed 25 July 2021).

¹⁸ 1901 census of Ireland, Tralee, Tawlaght, County Kerry, Form B-1 House and Building Return, *The National Archives of Ireland*, digital image (<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/nai000893371/> : accessed 24 July 2021).

baptized 3 April 1892; citing Spa Roman Catholic Parish records, County Kerry, record KY-RC-BA-439555.

Abstract: This is an abstract of a database entry. Some blank sections omitted due to space constraints.

Area – KERRY (R[oman] C[atholic]), Parish/Church/Congregation – SPA	
Baptism of	PATRICK MORIARTY of TAULAUGHT on 3 April 1892
Name	PATRICK MORIARTY
Date of Birth	2 April 1892
Address	TAULAUGHT
Father	JOHN MORIARTY
Mother	ELIZABETH MARTIN
Record_Identifier	KY-RC-BA-439555

Analysis: This record is a database entry with no associated digital images. It is a derivative record, purportedly of the original parish records, which may or may not have been transcribed correctly from the originals. This database is hosted by the website, which “is a government website owned, operated and managed by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media” of Ireland.¹⁹

While this electronic record does not relate to research subject Bridget “Della” (Moriarty) Northey, it is probably a record of her younger brother Patrick, who is enumerated with her on the 1901 Census. As it lists his father as John Moriarty and mother as Elizabeth Martin, it gives additional correlating evidence that the siblings shared both parents, and additional evidence that Elizabeth’s maiden name was Martin.

The record lists Patrick’s residence as Taulaught in the County Kerry parish of Spa. Taulaught matches phonetically with the 1901 census townland Tawlaght. The Roman Catholic congregation is consistent with the family’s faith noted in the census.

Patrick’s birthday noted in this baptismal record is April 2, 1892. In the 1901 census, his age is given as 9 years as of March 31, 1901 which would imply a birth range between April 1, 1891 and March 31, 1892. This discrepancy of a few days could be explained by the fact that the Moriarty family was questioned on April 5, 1901, just days after Patrick’s 9th birthday.²⁰ Patrick’s birthday noted in this baptismal record also fits with the timeline of the passenger manifest, dated as arriving in Ireland on 7 October 1891, or just less than 6 months prior to his birth.

Conclusion

The analysis of the sources presented here seems to corroborate the unusual background story of Bridget “Della” (Moriarty) Northey that was questioned as family lore by her descendants. While additional records could be procured, including a death certificate for Della and a marriage record for John Moriarty and Elizabeth Martin, a conclusion for this research question can be formulated: The mother of Della Christina (Moriarty) Northey, who died in Trenton, New Jersey on 26 December 1943 was probably Elizabeth “Lizzie” Martin, wife of John Moriarty of County Kerry, Ireland.

¹⁹ “Site Usage Policy,” Irish Genealogy.ie (<https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/site-usage-policy> : accessed 24 July 2021).

²⁰ 1901 census of Ireland, Tralee, Tawlaght, County Kerry, Form B-1 House and Building Return, *The National Archives of Ireland*, digital image (<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/nai000893371/> : accessed 24 July 2021).