In the Trenches: Andrew Carroll WWI

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Andrew Daniel Carroll - Letters Home During World War I

Andrew Daniel Carrol was born on May 11, 1890 to James and Margaret Carroll who had seven other sons and two daughters. The family lived at 168 West 2nd Street in Fulton and were devout Irish-Catholics who were members of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Fulton, NY and later the Holy Family Catholic Church.

Andrew enlisted in World War I on July 23, 1917 when he was 27 years old. He was first placed with the 74th Regiment from Buffalo and three months later was transferred to the 108th Machine Gun Company Infantry. At the outbreak of the war, Andrew's mother said that she would unfurl an American flag at the family's home fo reach son who entered the service. Three flags hung outside the Carroll home for the duration of the war. One was for Andrew who was the first in the family to enlist and the others were for his brothers, Edward and Maurice. Andrew fought in several major battles in Europe during the war and was discharged on March 31, 1919.

What makes Andrew an "uncommon common man" is the fact that while he was stationed in Europe he wrote many wonderfully detailed letters to his family in Fulton, NY. These descriptive and moving letters have been wisely preserved by his family. These letters describe one man's experiences on the French war front in World War I. One major battle that Andrew took part in was the Battle of the Hindenburg Line in September of 1918.

Andrew Carroll died from a heart attack on January 18, 1939 at age 48.

The following pages contain articles and other documents that contain information regarding Andrew's family. It's suggested that you read this information prior to reading Andrew's letters home to the family.

Note: This information is based on the work by Judith Wellman for the Oswego County Historical Society.

1900 United States Federal Census for Andrew D Carroll

New York > Oswego > Granby > District 0110

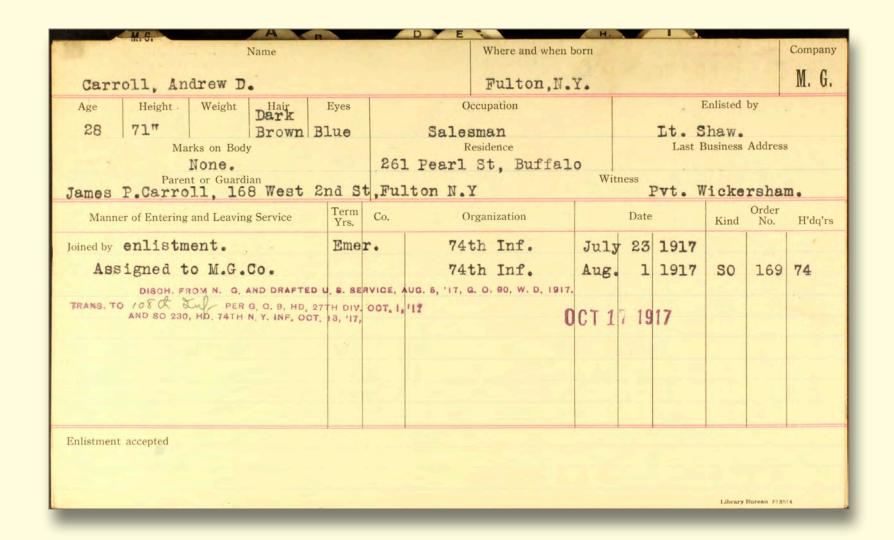
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Name:	Andrew D Carroll
Age:	11
Birth Date:	May 1889
Birthplace:	New York
Home in 1900:	Granby, Oswego, New York
Street:	North Second Street
House Number:	28
Sheet Number:	9
Number of Dwelling in Order of Visitation:	158
Family Number:	188
Race;	White
Gender:	Male
Relation to Head of House:	Son
Marital Status:	Single
Father's name:	Jámes Carroll
Father's Birthplace:	Connecticut
Mother's name:	Margaret Carroll
Mother's Birthplace:	New York
Occupation:	At School
Attended School:	10

Can Read:	Yes	
Can Write:	Yes	
Can Speak English:	Yes	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	James Carroll	43
	Margaret Carroll	42
	Frank Carroll	19
	Frederick Carroll	18
	Charles S Carroll	15
	James K Carroll	14
	Maurice J Carroll	12
	Andrew D Carroll	11
	Edward E Carroll	9
	David B H Carroll	7
	Alice M Carroll	5
	Mary Carroll	1

Andrew Carroll was the son of James and Margaret Carroll. His father was born in Connecticut, and his mother was born in New York. James and Margaret's parents, Andrew's grandparents, were all born in Ireland. Living at James and Margaret's house at the time the census was taken included: Frank, Frederick, Charles, James, Maurice, Andrew, Edward, David, Alice, and Mary.

Source: Year: 1900; Census Place: Granby, Oswego, New York; Page 9; Enumeration District 0110; via ancestry.com



Source:

Ancestry.com. New York, 74th Infantry National Guard Enlistment Cards, 1889-1917 (database on-line). Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2013.

Original data: 1889-1917 74th Inf enlistment cards; WW1; Span-Am. New York State Military Museum, Saratoga Springs, New York.

Oswego Palladium, July 29, 1917, page 8

Fulton Times: Andrew J. Carroll, of West Second street, left yesterday for Buffalo, where he is a member of the machine gun squad of the Seventy-fourth Regiment. Richard Northrup, of Oswego, was in town Wednesday. Mr. Northrup will be remembered as a former florist in South First street.

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**Compare the information given in the article dated January 30, 1918 to the 1900 Federal Census data. What do you see that is contradictory between the two sources?

The Fulton Patriot, January 30, 1918, page 1

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The Fulton Patriot, Wednesday, January 16, 1918

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Questions for further research and discussion:

- What are the Knights of Columbus?
- This article includes the name Francis J. Carroll. The Census data includes Frank Carroll. Do more research to determine if Francis J. Carroll and Frank Carroll are same person, or other relative.

The Fulton Patriot, Wednesday, March 20, 1918

Andrew D. Carroll of the machine gun company of the 198th regiment, stationed at Camp Wadsworth, who has been in Buffalo on recruiting service, was in Fulton on Tuesday for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vames Carroll, Sr.

Andrew D. Carroll of the machine gun company of the 108th regiment, stationed at Camp Wadsworth, who has been in Buffalo on recruiting service, was in Fulton on Tuesday for a short visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Carroll, Sr.

Oswego Daily Palladium Friday, June 7, 1918

Andrew Carroll in France.

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THREE CARROLLS IN FRANCE.

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Oswego Daily Palladium, Friday, July 12, 1918

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**The Oswego Daily Palladium article dated July 12, 1918 mentions "Sumner" as one of the Carroll brothers. Use a variety of census data to confirm "Sumner" and his birthdate in relation to the other brothers.

Summary of Andrew Carroll's Travels with the 108th Infantry According to His Letters

Date	Some Places Andrew Passed Through During the War as Noted in His Letters	People Mentioned
August 6, 1918	-none mentioned	Captain C. S. Martin - Captain of 108th Infantry
October 3, 1918	-none mentioned	Edward and Maurice - his brothers also in the war
October 14, 1918	Edgbaston Birmingham (stationed at hospital) Hindenburg Line, Cambrai	
October 17, 1918	Newport News, VA.; Brest, France, St. Firmin, Le Champueut, St. Vallery, Le Crotoy, Noyelles, Esterbeouf, "Abbyville", Bolone, Calais, Blendicques, Cassel, Steenvorde, Abeele, "Mt. Rouge", Monde-De-Cats, St. Eloy, Wemairs-Cappel, Nieurlet, St. Omer, St. Martin, Etrehem, Luderzeele-Le-Crois, Ouderzeele, East Popperinge Line (on the Ypres Front), Dickebusch, Winnerzeele, Int-Rozendaal, Molenwaal, Bandegen, Harinche, Rousebrugge, Bergues, Bourbourg, Calais (second trip), Boulougne, Mondicourt, Nalloy, Orrville, Amplier, Doullens, Lincourt, Amiens	
November 4, 1918	Birmingham (at hospital)	Mr. & Mrs. S. J. Barton - English family that Andrew visited. Pop, Alice, David, Fred and Mary (father, sisters and brothers) "My Gal" - his girlfriend Maggie Marguerite - Andrew's French penpal.

The Parish Service Flag.

FULTON, July 27.—The parish service flag blessed last Sunday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, will be displayed for the first time tomorrow. The flag contains 139 stars, two of gold, in honor of James Ranger and Frederick Sullivan, both of whom died in France. The list follows:

Earl Bidwell, Fred J. Barnes, James Boutin, William Boutin, George Boutin, Lioyd Battles, George Blodgett, Lawrence Bray, Clarence Bray, John C. Brennan, Leo Beauchamp, Theodore Beauchamp, Fred Campbell, Maurice Carroll, Edward Carroll, Andrew Carroll, John E. Crahan, Harvey DuBols, Arthur Davenport, Frank Favaloro, Harry Fitzgerald, Arthur Fitzgerald, Frank Frawley, John S. Frawley, Edward Frawley, Thomas Farrell.

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Arthur Murphy, Francis Murphy, Francis J. Murphy, John A. Moore, William McSoveeney, William McGovern, Leo McCaffrey, John McCaffrey, Christie McGann, Harold Martin, Edward McNulty, Henry Mott, James Neales, Orton O'Brien, Harold, O'Brien, Maurice Powers, Gervias Powell, Clarence Parnick, Charles J. Pearl, Gecil Preshaw, Harry Quirk, Leon Richardson, Edward Robarge, Clarence Ray, Edward Rugg, Albert Russell, Donat Smith, Howard Smith, George Smith, William Scanlon, Maurice Scanlon.

Fred Summerville, Carl Sullivan, Thomas P. Sullivan, Fred Sullivan. Edward Strain, J. Roy Seymour. Thomas Robiliard, Herman Robillard. George Trimble, Leon Taggart, John VanEpps, Harry Sweet, Arthur Wright, Frank Woodward, Burdette Wallace, Edward Ward, Edward Ford, Thomas McCullum, Bernard Guernsey, Markey Pullen, John Reynolds, Dominic Altieri, Constantino Revacqua, Joseph Convertini, Louis Delbrosso, Dominic Demitto, Sam Di Mello, Plo Fontano, Sebastino Cassi, Salvatore Gualtieri, Mike Maggi, Francis Mike, Frank Montanoro, Gaetano Mirbito, Antonio Pepitone, Froria Procopio, Rosetti, Menzio Vitalone, Joseph Michael Rovezzo, Savario Viscomi, Nicholas Viscomi, Giovanni Tefi, Vittorio Consellioere, Pietro Frustagle, Guiseppe Masone, Sebastino Leonardo, Herbert

Questions for further research and discussion:

- What is a parish service flag?
- What does it look like?
- Can only members of the parish have their name honored by the flag or can people from other religious beliefs be honored as well?

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Fred Summerville, Carl Sullivan, Thomas P. Sullivan, Fred Sullivan, Edward Strain, J. Roy Seymour, Thomas Robiliard, Herman Robiliard, George Trimble, Leon Taggart, John VanEpps, Harry Sweet, Arthur Wright, Frank Woodward, Burdette Wallace, Edward Ward. Edward Ford, Thomas McCullum, Bernard Guernsey, Market Pullen, John Reynolds, Dominic Altierie, Constantino Revacqua, Joseph Convertini, Louis Delbrosso, Dominic Demitto, Sam Di Mello, Pio Fontano, Sebastino Cassi, Salvatore Gualtieri, Mike Maggi, Francis Mike, Frank Montanaro, Gaetano Mirbito, Antonio Pepitone, Froria Procopio, Joseph Rosetti, Menzio Vitalone, Michael Rovezzo, Savario Viscomi, Nicholas Viscomi, Giovanni Tefi, Vittorio Consellioere, Pietro Frustagle, Guiseppe Massen, Sebastian Leonardo, Herbert Bintz.

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The Fulton Patriot, November 6, 1918, page 1

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Source:

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Original data: New York State Abstracts of World War 1 Military Service, 1917-1919. Adjutant Generals' Office. Series B0808. New York State Archives, Albany, New York.

The Fulton Patriot, March 19, 1919, page 1

Friday evening, Maurice and Andrew Carroll, who have seen active service overseas, returned home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Carroll, and the family held an informal reunion. All members of the family were present excepting Lieutenant Edward P. Carroll, who is in the service in Germany. and Sumner Carroll, who is in New York city. Maurice was fortunate and escaped any injury, while Andrew was gassed and wounded: he has recovered, after some time spent in a French hospital.

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**As you read Andrew's letters, check the accuracy of this article regarding his recovery. Was it a French hospital or a British hospital?

RECENT WEDDINGS.

Schoele-Carroll.

Married—At the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 27th, Miss Mary V. Carroll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Carroll of 168 West Second street, and Charles C. Scheele of Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Father Lindsman officiating. The bridesmaids were Miss Corrine M. Scheele of Detroit, sister of the groom, and Miss Laura McKenna. The maid of honor was Miss Alice M. Carroll, sister of the bride. Maurice J. Carroll, brother of the bride, was best man. The ushers were Edward E. Carroll of West New York, N. J., and Andrew D. Carroll, brothers of the bride.

As the wedding party entered the church, the orchestra, composed of David B. Carroll at the organ, A. F. Buell, violin, and Irving Allen, clarinet, rendered the wedding march.

The wedding party repaired to the home of the bride's parents following the ceremony, where an informal reception was held, followed by the wedding dinner. Among the out-of-town guests were Dr. William J. Merdian of Detroit; James F. O'Brien of Providence, R. I., who served with the groom during the war; Miss Marguerite E. Howard of Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cullen and Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Carroll of Oswego; Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Carroll of Syracuse; Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Carroll of Syracuse; Mr. and Mrs. C. Sumner Carroll of Buffalo; Edward E. Carroll of West New York: N. J.; Mrs. James J. Mearin, Mrs. John Wilson, Mrs. James Contact and Miss Frances Conley of Syracuse.

Mr. and Mrs. Schoole left for an extended wedding trip and will make their home at 1969 Lafayette avenue, Detroit, after Jan. 15th.

The bride is a graduate of the Fulton High school and was formerly stenographer in the H. H. Franklin Company's office in Syracuse. The groom holds a position with the Packard Motor Company of Detroit. He was lately discharged from army service after having been a sergenat in a gas flame unit in France.

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The Fulton Patriot, Wednesday, December 31, 1919

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Questions for further research and discussion:

This article mentions that C. Sumner Carroll was detained in Holland during the war.

- Why couldn't he secure passports to enter the U.S.?
- What might he have experienced in Holland during World War 1?