

MAJOR, FRANCES ELIZABETH

Birth

About 1814 in Longford
County, Ireland

Death

July 15, 1899 in Lee Twp.,
Madison Co., Iowa



Cause of Death

Old Age

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 17

Maiden Name

Irwin

Father

George Irwin

Mother

Mary Bell

Marriage

Frances Irwin to Allen Major in 1837

Census

1820 –

1830 –

1840 – Noble Twp., Shelby Co., Indiana;

White male person under 5	1
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White male person between 20 thru 29	1
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White female person between 20 thru 29	2
Employed in Agriculture	1

1850 – Polk Co., IA; Page 42A; September 3, 1850

Dwelling 463; Family 482

Majors, Allen	37	farmer	IRE
Frances	37		IRE
Mary J.	08		IN
George F.	06		IN
Allen	02		IN
John C.	7/12		IA

1856 – Union Twp., Madison Co., Iowa; Page 311

Majors, Allen	43		Ireland
Frances	43		Ireland
Mary	14		IN

1860 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; Page 649; June 4, 1860; Post Office, Winterset, Iowa

Dwelling 16; Family 16

Majors, Allen	46	farmer	IRE
		Real Estate, \$1000; Personal \$400	
Frances	45		IRE
Mary J.	18		IN
George F.	16		IN
John C.	10		IA
Margaret L.	08		IA

1870 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; Page 48A; August 9, 1870; Post Office, Boon

Dwelling 16; Family 16

Majors, Allen	58	farmer	IRE
		Real estate, \$4500; Personal \$525	
Francis	56		IRE
George F.	23		IN
John C.	20		IA
Margaret	17		IA
Emma	06		IA

1856 – Union Twp., Madison Co., Iowa; Page 311

Majors, Allen	43		Ireland
Frances	43		Ireland
Mary	14		IN

1880 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; ED109; Page 39A; August 9, 1880

Dwelling 4; Family 4

Majors, Allen	68	farmer	IRE	IRE	IRE
Frances	66		IRE	IRE	IRE

John	30		IA	IRE	IRE
Mitchell, Henry	30	farm labor	Hanover	Hanover	Prussia

1885 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; Page 209

Dwelling 4; Family 4

Major, Frances	71			IRE	
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1895 – Lee Twp.; Madison Co., IA; Page 301

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Major, Frances	81	widow		IRE	
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Ireland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1620-1911

Irwin, Frances Elizabeth

Date of birth: October 25, 1812

Baptism Date: November 27, 1812

Baptism Place: Templemichael, Longford, Ireland

Father: George Irwin

Mother: Mary Bell

FHL Film Number: 924692

Death Record; Book 2 of Madison Co., Iowa; Page 164

Major, Frances; born in Ireland; died July 15, 1899 in Lee Twp., Madison Co., Iowa of Old Age; widow; buried in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa. The witnesses to the Will were Sadie Duffy and J. H. Wheller, Des Moines, Iowa.

Will and Probate Record

Frances Major

Estate

Filing Date: September 9, 1899

File No. 1415

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Be it remembered that on this 14th day of July 1891, Frances Major in the foregoing last Will & Testament signed the forgoing instructions.

Know all men by these presents, that I Frances Major aged – 77 years the widow of Allen Major deceased, my residence being in Lee Township, Madison County and state of Iowa – of sound and disposing mind and memory and being fully aware at my age of the uncertainties of this life hereby revoking all former wills made by me. I do now make and declare this to be my last will and Testament. That is to say, that after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses the rest residue and remainder of all the property which I may own at the time of my death – I give devise bequeath and dispose of as follows.

Item 1

I give devise bequeath unto my son George F. Major the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars to be paid to him within thirteen months after my death

Item 2

I give devise and bequeath unto my four children George F. Major, Mary Jane Duffy, John C. Major and Margaret L. Dooley share and share alike the rest residue and remainder of all the property which I may own at the time of my death – remaining after payment of my debts. Funeral expenses. And the special legacy to my son George as hereinbefore set forth

And reposing confidence in her judgment integrity penetrance and care. I hereby nominate and appoint my daughter Mary Jane Duffy as Executrix under this my last will and testament and especially request her to accept said appointment and ask the court to exempt her from giving bond or other security for the faithful discharge of the duties required of her as such executrix unless the legatees under this will request the court in uniting to require of her bond or security for the discharge of said duties. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name at Des Moines, Iowa this 14th day of July 1891.

Name of Heirs:

Mary Jane Duffy, born Dec 29, 1842, residence, Cumming, Iowa

George F Major, born October 5, 1844, residence Grenada, Powers Co., Colorado

John C. Major, born Feb 17, 1850, residence Holly, Powers Co., Colorado

Margaret L. Dooley, born November 6, 1853, residence Cumming, Iowa

Oats was sold at 16 cents a bushel

Wheat sold for 50 cents a bushel

Rent for pasture \$8.70

Land rent for the year 1900 was 142.50

On August 13, 1900 Mary Jane Duffy paid \$34.00 for markers corner posts and work on monument.

John McLain received \$2.50 for digging the grave on July 16, 1899 at Orilla, Iowa.

Shank Brothers Undertakers were in charge of her funeral

517 Mulberry Street

Des Moines, Iowa

The following was the cost of the funeral

Casket and box - \$60.00

Robe 6.00

1 pair of (I can't read it) \$1.00

6 pair of \$1.00

Case No 1415

The Will and Probate packet of File Case No 1414 to 1432 and case No. 1899 to 1900

The packet consists of page 259 thru 378. To read the complete Probate it is on file at Winterset, Madison Co., Iowa.

