

Chicago Inter Ocean

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Burke, John; Burke, Mrs; Burke, May; Burke, Catherine; Manion, Margaret

Many obscurities surround the names on the above list. The presence of the additional Chicago names was only learned through inquiries that were made at the office of the White Star company after the publication of the third class passenger list. The names of the Burke family and that of Margaret Manion have been learned only through the greatest indirectness, and it is believed that the whole family has been lost and that no friends or relatives in Chicago have been aware of their passage on the Titanic. It was through Mrs. Garvy that the last five names could be added to the Chicago list.

“Annie Kelley is my cousin,” Mrs. Garvey said yesterday afternoon, “and several days before she sailed on the Titanic for America she wrote me a letter, I received this letter on the day that I read of the disaster.”

First Visit to United States

Annie Kelley is 16 years old and was coming to America for the first time. She had intended to make her home in Chicago with her cousin and had written the letter to Mrs. Garvy laying particular stress upon the people who would make the trip with her. It was through this means that the names of the Burke family and that of Miss Manion were ascertained.

“Dear Cousin,” the now pathetic letter began, “I am coming to America on the nicest ship in the world. And I am coming with some of the nicest people in the world, too. Isn’t that just splendid?”

Then the child went on to describe to her cousin these new found friends.

“They live in Chicago,” the letter ran, “and I shall be able to make the entire trip with them. They have told me all about Chicago and I know that I shall like it much better than I do Ireland.”

Moved Here Recently

She then named the five friends who were to make the journey with her. A trifle of the history of the Burke family and that of Miss Manion was brought in indirectly. From the letter it would seem that the Burkes previously had lived in St. Louis, and that Miss Manion had made her home with them for some time. They evidently had moved to Chicago quite lately which may account for the lack of inquiry for them at the offices of the White Star company.

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Chicago Girl Last to Leave Titanic

Miss Annie Kelly Reaches Home Here and Tells of Her Thrilling Experiences While Escaping From the Sinking Liner

The last woman to leave the sinking Titanic was Miss Annie Kelly, 17 years old, sister of Miss Beatrice Kelly, 303 Eugenie street, and she arrived in Chicago at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

As she stepped from the Pennsylvania train at the Union station her sister and a friend, Miss Anna Garvey, 303 Eugenie street, met her with open arms. She was led and half-carried by her joyful sister and friends to a waiting motor car and whirled to the Garvey home, where the sister lives. There she told her story last evening:

"It was the most horrible experience of my life," said Miss Kelly, and haggard lines appeared in her face as her thoughts were again turned back to the Titanic tragedy. "Most of the ship's passengers retired and I was in bed and sleeping soundly. My first knowledge that all was not well was when a steward pounded on the door and by his cries awakened me. Along with other passengers I rushed out. On the decks were hysterical and shrinking men and women, though the majority were taking the reported danger as a joke."

"There seemed to be nothing serious and I returned to bed. Soon afterwards other stewards routed us out, and when I had reached the second deck I began to understand that some terrible calamity had befallen the ship. Not once did I lose control of myself, and finally I was dragged forward by a steward and placed in a lifeboat, much against my will, as I did not realize the danger."

Last to Leave

"I was the last to leave the ship as the boat I was placed in was the last to be put out to sea. Less than ten minutes—it seemed less than that during those first terrifying moments—after we left the steamer she sank."

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TITANIC MEN FORCE GIRL TO SIGN PAPER Rescued Chicagoan Declares When She Was Dazed in New York Hospital, Line's Agents Made Her Attest Exonerating Document

That agents for the White Star line forced her to sign an exonerating statement while she was prostrated in St. Vincent's hospital, New York, for which she was given \$25, was told yesterday by Miss Anna Kelly, one of the third class survivors of the Titanic.

Miss Kelly said she was taken to the hospital after she arrived in New York with the Carpathia. The following day she said when she was still numb and her reason was dazed, four men, who said they were from the White Star line, brought her a paper to sign. She was unable to read it, being too weak, she said, but they persuaded her that it would be all right and aided her hand to write her name at the bottom of the paper.

"My hands were too numb to write, but one of the men helped me," said Miss Kelly, "Then they gave me \$25. I asked them if I could get to my cousins and sister in Chicago, and they said yes. That was all I cared."

"Miss Kelly was rescued with insufficient clothing to keep her warm. Miss Kelly was not in the last boat. She said she was in boat No. 15 and that other boats left the ship's side after the one she was in.

She said she was asleep when the ship struck, but she was awakened by screams and cries near her. She was dazed after she awoke and remembers only indistinctly getting in the boat and being rescued.