

On sale at Gorey's two stores, east and north line of samples are all high grade shoes men dollars a pair. Your choice as long as the and **\$1.95**. These samples include all the leathers in high and low shoes. And I have east store 679 pairs ladies' high and low shoes from 3 to 5 dollars, go now at **98c** a pair, and all solid leather shoes in basement go now at

And a big lot of ladies' small size shoes and basement go now at.....

Infants' 50c soft sole shoes in basement at...

These prices will continue for two weeks and shoes and slippers from my regular stock will prices, making an endless variety of goods at the of the factory cost.

South Sangamon
messenger
May 24, 1912



GOREY'S STORE

EAST AND NORTH SIDE SQUARE, SPRINGFIELD

Fix Value Of Gorey Estate; Tax Established

A value of \$16,833.03 was placed on the estate of Thomas J. Gorey in an order fixing state inheritance taxes of the estate at \$96.82, filed yesterday in county court. Gorey died Jan. 5, 1946.

Principal beneficiary of the estate was a brother, William P. Gorey of Chatham, who received \$13,809. Other beneficiaries were listed as a nephew, William Kress of Chatham, \$843.75; a brother, James J. Gorey of Chatham, \$1,114.80, and a sister, Mary Kress of Chatham, \$1,114.80.

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PAST AND PRESENT OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND SANGAMON COUNTY ILLINOIS

**By Joseph Wallace, M. A.
of the Springfield Bar**

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THOMAS J. GOREY. - For some years this gentleman has been identified with the business interests of Chatham, being proprietor of a meat market at that place. He is one of Sangamon county's native sons, his natal day being May 15, 1869. His father, Patrick Gorey, was born and reared in Ireland and when a young man immigrated to the new world, coming direct to Sangamon County, Illinois. Here he married Miss Margaret Casey, also a native of the Emerald Isle. For a number of years he was engaged in farming in Chatham township and then removed to the village of Chatham, where he carried on the butchering business and also conducted a market for about twenty years. He died in February, 1898, honored and respected by all who knew him.

Thomas J. Gorey grew to manhood in the village of Chatham and was educated in its public schools. While assisting his father in the shop he early learned the butchering business and about 1895 took charge of the market, which he now conducts. He is one of the successful business men of the place and has the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens. He lives with his mother at the old home, she being now sixty years of age. They are communicants of the Catholic Church and have a host of warm friends throughout the county.

Politically Mr. Gorey is a Jeffersonian Democrat, having always supported that party since casting his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland. He is a recognized party leader in his community and has been a delegate to numerous county conventions. He has served on the village board, was collector of Chatham township two years, and is now filling the office of supervisor, this being his second term as a member of the county board. He has been placed on a number of important committees and he has creditably filled every position to which he has been elected. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Ancient Order of United workmen and a fraternal insurance society.

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GOREY, JOHN PATRICK. - The business instincts of some men are such as to insure their success in whatever line they undertake. They appear to know what is wanted by their customers and how to supply them with the best goods at satisfactory prices. Springfield is the home of a number of such men, among whom none is more worthy of special mention than John Patrick Gorey, proprietor of the largest retail store in Sangamon County, if not in this part of the State. He was born six miles southwest of Springfield in Sangamon County, August 26, 1864, a son of Patrick and Margaret (Casey) Gorey, natives of Ireland. In the 'fifties Patrick Gorey came to the United States, locating in Boston, Mass., where he remained for two years. He then came to Sangamon County, engaging in farming until 1884, when he moved to Chatham, and until his death, in 1899, conducted a butchering business. In politics he was a Democrat but never entered public life, not aspiring to office. His widow survives, residing in Chatham. Both were born and reared in the Catholic Church, in which faith they reared their nine children, all of whom are now living.

John Patrick Gorey attended the district schools until about seventeen years of age, when he began working the farm in partnership with his father. He then worked for two years in a general store at Chatham, after which he was on the road as a commercial traveler for three wholesale shoe houses, in this way gaining an invaluable knowledge of the requirements of the trade. About 1894 he came to Springfield to enter the employ of Klayholt & Fogarty, shoe merchants, buying them out two years later. Since then he has been engaged in supplying a large retail territory, and has a handsome shoe emporium, that would do credit to any city in the country.

In politics Mr. Gorey is a Democrat, and served very ably and acceptably as Tax Collector for a year, but like his father, has never desired office. A strong Catholic, he belongs to St. Agnes' Church, and is one of its liberal supporters. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the M.W. of A., the Knights and Ladies of Honor, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

On February 28, 1890, Mr. Gorey was united in marriage, at Auburn, Ill., with Mary Jane Burns, daughter of James Burns and his wife Elizabeth. Mr. Burns was born in Scotland, while his wife was born in Ireland. They came to America in 1862, having been married at Glasgow, Scotland. Mrs. Gorey was one of a family of twelve children. Mr. and Mrs. Gorey have had an interesting family of children, as follows: Mary J., studying music at the Sacred Heart Academy, with the intention of developing her exceptional ability to the extent of fitting herself for teaching music; Margariette died at the age of three months; Jessie Veronica and Irene, attending the same school as Mary J.; Josephine, who died at the age of four years; John, Jr., who is attending St. Agnes school, and Leonarda Bernaine, the baby. Mr. Gorey belongs to the class of self made men, his success being the result of his own unaided efforts intelligently directed in legitimate channels. His pleasant, genial manner and unflinching

courtesy aid in furthering his business and making friends, and no man is more highly regarded in Springfield than he.

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 **Posted By:** [Suzanne Gorey](#) on: 04/08/2003 16:35:17 EDT
Subject: RE: Gorey Family Connections

Message Detail:

Hi , my name is Suzanne. I live in Main Street, Fethard and I saw your notice on the internet today. I spoke to my dad and he said that the Gorey's only moved to Fethard in 1963 when he was 5. My grandfathers name was Richard Gorey and he was born in Burnchurch, Co. Kilkenny about 6 miles from Kilkenny on the Callan road. His grandfather bought a farm in Burnchurch when he returned from Australia in or around the end of the 1800's. My grandfather was born in 1917 and he was the third youngest of 9. My dad was recently talking to the only 2 surviving members of my granddad's family and they think some of their granduncles may have travelled to Canada with the intention of travelling on to America. Richard Gorey is a family name. Traditionally Irish families named the first son after his grandfather, the second son after his maternal grandfather, the third son after his father and the fourth after his grandfathers oldest brother. Thats the way my father and his brothers were named. There would have been a Richard in the family around the time you mentioned. There is only one other Gorey family in Ireland that is no relation.

I stumbled upon your site and am going to take the opportunity to ask you about the Gorey family of your town.

About 1878 Richard Gorey and his wife, Ellen Grinnen moved to Johnsville, NB, Canada. The couple were both born in Ireland in the 1830s and had married in Ireland. They also had children born in Ireland sons - Michael born about 1854, James born about 1857 and Patrick born about 1859 and a daughter, Elizabeth born about 1855. Would you know if this Gorey family might have come from your town? If you do not know, is there a local historian or Gorey family member I could contact?

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The Catholic people of Auburn dedicated their first church under the patronage of St. Benedict. At that time it was attended from Virden by Reverend L. Tyan.

In the year 1880, Reverend Dennis J. Ryan became the first pastor and first resident priest of Auburn. His stay was short as he was soon transferred to Springfield; his place at Auburn being taken by Reverend A. Lenfgen. The latter remained until 1884, in which year he was succeeded by Reverend Joseph Finnigan.

Reverend Thomas O'Reilly became pastor in 1892, but remained only a year. His successor, Reverend Michael Jefferson Davis, served the parish until 1899, in which year he was sent to take charge of Virginia. During his time here, Father Davis did much for the Church. He was succeeded by Reverend Thomas Carroll who remained only a short time and then went West for the good of his health.

Reverend Joseph O'Connor now stepped into the vacancy created by the departure of Father Carroll. From the very first, it was Father O'Connor's cherished desire to have a church in Auburn more worthy of the Eucharistic King than the one then in existence, and accordingly he built a new one. Unfortunately, after he had completed the church his health gave way and he was forced to seek a more temperate climate. He died some time later in Colorado.

In succession came as pastors, Fathers D. J. Ryan, and James P. Walsh; the former serving for eight years, and the latter for one. During Father Walsh's pastorate, the church was destroyed by fire. Until a new church could be built, Bishop Ryan gave the pastor permission to say Mass in a hall.

A small amount of insurance on the building and poor crops of the farmers, made it difficult to rebuild. In

spite of these difficulties, however, construction of the new church was begun and it was soon well under way, due largely to donated labor. Many men of the congregation who worked in the mine gave much of their time in performing all kinds of labor, and the farming members did their part also by hauling material and rendering their services whenever needed. In this way, the congregation was saved a great deal of expense. So vigorously was the building pushed forward that within nine months after the fire, the Catholic people of Auburn and their zealous pastor, Reverend Daniel J. Quinn, had the honor and consolation of seeing a beautiful brick church completed. The new church represented many sacrifices on the part of the pastor and congregation, and still speaks eloquently of the faith of both.

In a parish sketch of this kind, it is fitting that we mention the names of some of those who did much for religion during its struggling days in Auburn. They are: Michael and Bridget Duhig, Captain Irwin, James Henry and Lizzie Quinn, David and Michael Dillon, Patrick and Margaret Gorey. The old members who are still living are Mary Flood, and Mrs. Margaret Gorey.

The parish at present (1927) has ninety-one families. Confirmation was administered in June, 1924, to 102 children by the Right Reverend James A. Griffin, D.D. The Altar Society, Holy Name, and Children's Society take an active part in parish work.

The congregation is composed of various nationalities but this fact has never prevented it from taking an enthusiastic part in all community affairs. That St. Benedict parish is not only truly Catholic but also truly patriotic may be inferred from the fact that it contributed twenty-five young men to the late war.