

Bridget Healy and Frank Lorig
1861-1890 1862-1890

Chapter 13

BRIDGET was twenty-two years of age in 1883 when she left her home in Faribault to work as a hat trimmer in the Crystal Palace Hat Company in St. Paul.¹

ACCORDING to Genevieve Cummings Sampson, Bridget's niece, Bridget was beautiful, small and delicate with brown eyes and brown hair. Bridget, or "Auntie Bea," was very close to her sister, Kate.

Sometime after 1885² Bridget married Frank Lorig who was originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Frank had been a painter at the St. Paul-Minneapolis and Manitoba Railroad Shops in 1884 and 1885. In 1886 Frank and his brother, Theodore, formed the Lorig Brothers Wood and Coal Yards at 743 Rice Street in St. Paul. By 1887 they also had a coal yard at 449 St. Peter Street and at 92 West 3rd Street, both in St. Paul.³

FRANK contracted tuberculosis and while nursing him, Bridget became ill. Bridget and Frank each died of tuberculosis in 1890 within five months of each other. Bridget was only 29 years old when she died.

AFTER Bridget and Frank's death, their two daughters, Kitty and Irene were raised as Christian Scientists by Frank's parents. John Anthony Healy and his wife, Josephine, visited them in Colorado at one time and found them to be smartly dressed and well educated. There was no contact with the girls after that as far as can be determined.

¹ Genevieve Cummings Sampson, Bridget's niece.

² Letter from James Henry Healy, Bridget's brother, to his nephew Gerald Cummings, July 1955.

³ 1884, 1885, 1886 St. Paul City Directories.