

OBITUARY

JOHN MCNAMARA



THE greenkeeping profession suffered a distinct loss in the death of John McNamara, greenkeeper of the Field Club of Pittsburgh, which occurred Sunday, September First.

The deceased was born October 10, 1871 in Kile, County Limerick, Ireland. He was the son of Mathew and Bridget (nee Deere) McNamara. He was educated at Bilbo National School.

He then worked on a farm until he was twenty years old. At the age of twenty he went to England and took up gardening in the following places: Covent, Park Side, Roehampton, Surrey; Coombe House, Kingston on Thames, Surrey; Raven's Court Park, Middlesex and Riverside House, Stames, Middlesex.

In 1902 he went to the Country Club of Pittsburgh where he built a 9-hole course. He was employed at the Country Club of Pittsburgh for sixteen years. In 1917 he was given a position as greenkeeper at the Pittsburgh Field Club, where he was employed until the time of his death, September 1, 1929.

He was married in 1905 to Mary Hayes who survives him and four children, John Francis, Helen Margaret, Francis J. and Mary Agnes.

John McNamara was one of the active organizers of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America, serving as vice-president for two years and holding the office of treasurer at the time of his death. He was also an active official of the Greenkeepers' Club of Pittsburgh and was keenly interested in the advancement of greenkeeping both from a practical and a scientific standpoint. Always of a quiet conservative nature he was well liked by his associates who keenly feel the loss of one of their best friends.

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