

Marie Jeanette Eddy Fiel (1891-1966) New York City, Cook County, Illinois, Elkhart & Marion Counties, Indiana

Name:	Marie* Jeanette Eddy			Sex:	F
AKA:	Mary Michael Driscoll				
Birth Date:	23 April 1891	Place:	Manhattan, New York County, New York		
Chr. Date:	23 April 1891	Place:	Manhattan, New York County, New York		
Death Date:	15 February 1966	Place:	Marion, Grant County, Indiana		
Burial Date:	February 1966				
Place:	Violet Cemetery, Waterford Mills, Elkhart County, Indiana				
Cause of Death:					



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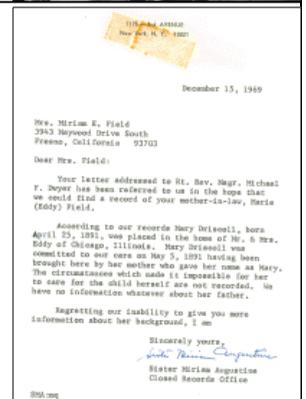
- Birth Record: 1891, Manhattan, New York County, New York. Name of Child - Mary Michael
 Sex - Female
 Color or Race - White
 Place of Birth - N. Y. Mothers' Home
 Birthplace of Mother - Ireland
 Age - 32
 Number of Previous Children of Mother - 0
 How many now living in all - 1

In May, 1888, the New York Mothers' Home Maternity Hospital began its work in this city. It is located at 531 East 86th St., in a large double house containing thirty rooms. This building has been completely renovated and very particular attention was given to the plumbing, it being entirely renewed. The institution also includes within its grounds 525 E. 86th St., a three story frame house of ten large rooms. These buildings, however, are simply for temporary use, as the erection of a wing to the large new hospital has been started; the size of this wing is 65 by 140 feet, and it will be five stories high. The class of patients received are as a rule the poor and unfortunate, and no discrimination is made in regard to religion, color or nationality.

- She resided at New York Foundling Hospital in Manhattan, New York County, New York from 1891 to 1897.



- She was adopted on 15 June 1897 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. In May of 1897 Burt and Marie Eddy petitioned the Cook County Circuit Court to adopt Mary Driscoll who had been residing in the New York Foundling Hospital in Manhattan. The petition was granted in June of the same year. At the time of the adoption her name was changed to Marie Jeanette Eddy.



- She resided on the south side of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.
- She resided at 1441 W. Van Buren St. in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois in 1897.
- 1900 Census: Daughter in the household of Marie H. Eddy, June 1892, 7, New York, at school, 1900, Chicago, Hyde Park Twp., Cook County, Illinois.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She resided at 406 E. Lincolnway in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana 1907 to 1910. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1910 Census: Center Twp., Porter County, Indiana. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She resided at 901 Oak St. in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana in 1910. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She resided at 4509 Campbell Rd. in Cooks Corners, Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana before 1927. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She moved from Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana in 1927 to Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She resided at 805 Market Street in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana in 1927. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church Affiliation: Nappanee Methodist Church, Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She worked as a linotype operator at the Nappanee Advance* News between 29 July 1927 and 2 July 1953 in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Death Fact: Died in the Marion General Hospital, 15 February 1966, Marion, Grant County, Indiana. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tombstone Inscription: Field (top)/Marie J./1891-1966, 1966, Violet Cemetery, Waterford Mills, Elkhart County, Indiana. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Her obituary was published in the an Indiana newspaper. <p>NAPPANEE-Mrs. Marie J. Field, 75, of 805 W. Market St., whose husband, Harvey O. Field, former editor of the Nappanee Advanced News, died a week ago, died at 2:10 a.m. today in the Marion General Hospital. She had been a patient there for 12 hours. She had gone to Marion with her son after services for her husband last week. She and Mr. Field were married on June 17, 1909, in Valparaiso. They came to Nappanee in 1927, residing here since that time. She is survived by three sons, Leslie of Marion, Howard of Fresno, Calif., and Glen, of Syracuse; three daughters, Mrs. Jacob Williams of Chesterton, Mrs. Merle Clouse, of Nappanee and Mrs. Darwin Wenger of Elkhart; 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Friends may call after 7 p.m. today at the Wright-Yoder Funeral Home. Private services will be</p>	

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held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home, Rev. Harold Thrasher, pastor of the Methodist Church, of which she was a member, and Rev. Robert Wagoner, pastor of Osceola United Missionary Church officiating. Burial will be in Violet Cemetery.			
Father:	Elbert H. "Burt" Eddy (1848-1898) (Relationship: Adopted)		
Mother:	Maria Smith Currier (Cal 1842-1936) (Relationship: Adopted)		
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Spouse:	*Harvey* Oliver Field (27 May 1889 - 8 February 1966)		
Marr. Date:	17 June 1909	Place:	Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana
Children:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Leslie Oliver Field (1910-1991) 2 Howard* Allen Field (1911-1988) 3 Glen Wallace Field (1915-1987) 4 Myrtle Mae Field (1917-1990) 5 Eugene Chester Field (1920-1936) 6 Mary Lavica Field (1922-) 7 Guy Arthur Field (1929-1929) 8 Rae Ellen Field (1931-2009) 		
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The other possibility is that Elbert Bertram Eddy was her father. He was the oldest son of Elbert H. Eddy and Maria Smith Currier and possibly he fathered Marie while in New York and his father decided to adopt her. Elbert Bertram Eddy was 23 at the time Marie was born.

It is a fascinating story and the truth is that we will most likely never know the real story. The details died with Marie and maybe that is just how she wanted it to be.

Another interesting aspect of Marie's life is her relationship with Harvey O. Field. Harvey was a man with a complex personality. He was intelligent, self-made, confident and at times could be kind and generous and at other times stern and even cruel. Marie had an unfailing loyalty to him. As stated above he was the man that "rescued" her from a possibly unhappy childhood. He provided her with a stable secure life after their marriage. They met in Chicago while working for Glennon & Kern, some type of publishing company. He was definitely the dominant partner in their marriage but that was often the case in their era. We of course, have no idea if he consulted her before making major decisions but she always seemed to follow his lead. There are stories that he would change her choices of food in restaurants and she would not argue. At one point she wanted her kitchen modernized but he refused. However, the explosion of a pressure cooker while cooking beans made it necessary to for some repairs to be done to the kitchen.

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Her adult life was not without its sad times. She lost one son, Guy Arthur, at birth in 1929. She tragically lost another son, Eugene Chester, at age 16. He was struck by a car while collecting insects for his biology class. His death was a great blow to her. Her daughters have commented that she was never quite the same after this tragedy.

Marie, "Grandma Field" was the "perfect" grandma. She loved her grand children and my fondest memories are of her in her kitchen making me pancakes in the shape of any animal I asked for. Of course turtles were my favorite!

By Eugene A. Field
8 January 2006

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					Name: Marie* Jeanette Eddy
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					Parents: Elbert H. Eddy (1848-1898) and Maria Smith Currier (Cal 1842-1936)
					Life Range 23 April 1891-15 February 1966
					1889 May 27 Spouse: Indiana, Porter County, Valparaiso. Harvey* Oliver Field (1889-1966). Born in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana. Died on 8 February 1966 in Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana.
					1891 Birth Record: New York, New York County, Manhattan.
					1891-1897 Residence: New York, New York County, Manhattan. New York Foundling Hospital.
					1891 April 23 Birth: New York, New York County, Manhattan.
					1891 April 23 Christening: New York, New York County, Manhattan.
					1897 Residence: Illinois, Cook County, Chicago. 1441 W. Van Buren St.
					1897 June 15 Adoption: Illinois, Cook County, Chicago.
					1898 September 27 Death of Father: Illinois, Cook County, Chicago. Elbert H. "Burt" Eddy (1848-1898).
					1900 1900 Census: Illinois, Cook County, Hyde Park Twp., Chicago. Daughter in the household of Marie H. Eddy, June 1892, 7, New York, at school.
					Bef 1905-1907 Residence: Indiana, Porter County, Valparaiso. 255 College Ave.
					1907 to 1910 Residence: Indiana, Porter County, Valparaiso. 406 E. Lincolnway.
					1909 June 17 Location: Indiana, Porter County, Valparaiso, Methodist Parsonage.
					1909 June 17 Marriage: Indiana, Porter County, Valparaiso. Harvey* Oliver Field (1889-1966). In Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana.
					1910 Residence: Indiana, Porter County, Valparaiso. 901 Oak St.
					1910 April 22 Son born (#1): Indiana, Porter County, Valparaiso. Leslie Oliver Field (1910-1991). Born in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana. Died on 19 June 1991 in Big Pine Key, Monroe

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					1915 January 17	Son born (#3):	Indiana, Porter County, Valparaiso. Glen Wallace Field (1915-1987). Born in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana. Died on 7 June 1987 in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.
					1917 October 1	Daughter born (#4):	Indiana, Porter County, Valparaiso. Myrtle Mae Field (1917-1990). Born in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana. Died on 17 July 1990 in Knox, Starke County, Indiana.
					1920 June 12	Son born (#5):	Indiana, Porter County, Valparaiso. Eugene Chester Field (1920-1936). Born in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana. Died on 18 April 1936 in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana.
					1922 November 30	Daughter born (#6):	Indiana, Porter County, Valparaiso. Mary Lavica Field (1922-). Born in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana.
					Bef 1927	Residence:	Indiana, Porter County, Valparaiso, Cooks Corners. 4509 Campbell Rd.
					1927	Residence:	Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. 805 Market Street.
					1927	Immigration:	Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. from Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana.
					Bet 1927 July 29 and 1953 July 2	Occupation:	Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. linotype operator at the Nappanee Advance* News.
					1929 June 13	Son born (#7):	Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. Guy Arthur Field (1929-1929). Born in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana. Died on 14 June 1929 in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana.
					1929 June 14	Death of Child (#7):	Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. Guy Arthur Field (1929-1929).

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					1931 November 14 Daughter born (#8): Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. Rae Ellen Field (1931-2009). Born in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana. Died on 20 February 2009 in San Jose, Santa Clara County, California.
		▶			1936 April 18 Death of Child (#5): Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. Eugene Chester Field (1920-1936).
		▶			1936 October 4 Death of Mother: Michigan, Van Buren County, Columbia Twp.. Maria Smith Currier (Cal 1842-1936).
				▶	1966 Tombstone Inscription: Indiana, Elkhart County, Waterford Mills, Violet Cemetery. Field (top)/Marie J./1891-1966.
				▶	1966 February 8 Death of Spouse: Indiana, Elkhart County, Elkhart. Harvey* Oliver Field (1889-1966).
				▶	1966 February 15 Death Fact: Indiana, Grant County, Marion. Died in the Marion General Hospital.
				▶	1966 February 15 Death: Indiana, Grant County, Marion.
				▶	1966 February Burial: Indiana, Elkhart County, Waterford Mills, Violet Cemetery.
				▶	Residence: Illinois, Cook County, of Chicago. the south side.
				▶	1910 Census: Indiana, Porter County, Center Twp..
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				▶	Obituary: _____ . an Indiana newspaper.
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