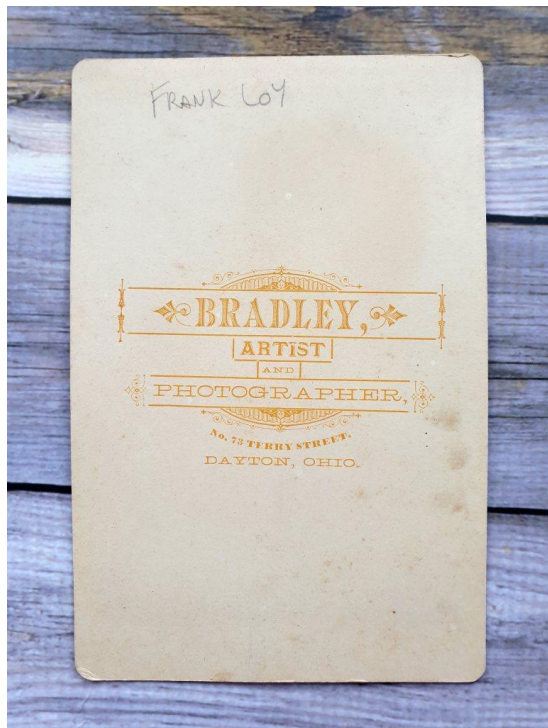
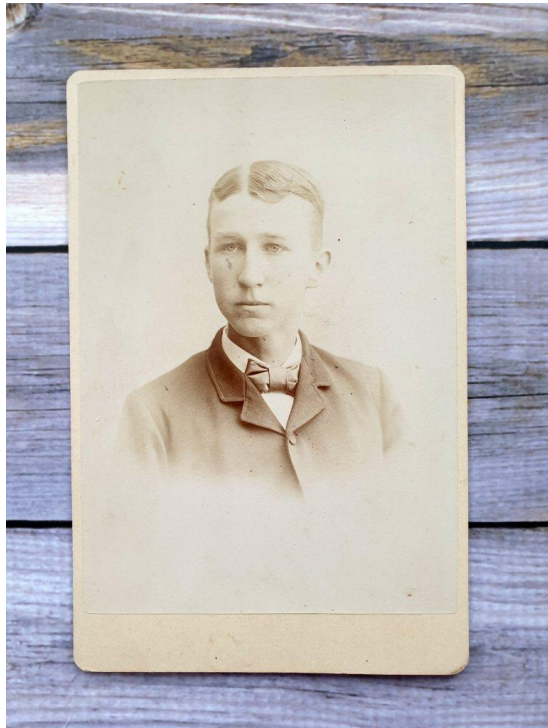


Frank Loy from Dayton, Ohio



I bought these two photos from an antiques seller from the United States. The first photo is of one **Frank Loy** and the photo was taken in **Dayton, Ohio**.



The second photo is of one **Messia Loy** and although it is difficult to decipher what is written on the half-torn sticker on the back of the photo, I see that it is also from **Ohio**.



Who were Frank and Messia Loy, and if/how were they related?

The research threw me off for a moment. It seems that there were several young men with the name Frank Loy in Dayton at about the time this photo was taken. One Frank Lewis Loy became a professor at the Ohio Northern University. But then I found a photo of him from 1936 and I think it is safe to say we can rule him out. I see no similarities between our Frank and him (standing second from left):



Raymond Anson Dobbins, Frank Lewis Loy, Childe Harold Freeman
Clyde Lamb, Agnes Auten.
A. Cliffe Deming, James Albert Whitted, Ella Irick.

Source: Ohio Northern Yearbook 1936

Off to explore my next alternative! I then came across this Ancestry family tree (click [HERE](#)) which has one Franklin Ronald Loy from Dayton listed as a sibling of one Eva Maude Loy. And there's a photo of Eva. Just look at them, those eyes! Do you think we found Eva's brother Frank?



Source of Eva Loy's photo [HERE](#)

If this is our guy, then let's see what his life was like. **Franklin** ("Frank" in some Census lists) **R. Loy** was born on April 17th, 1885, as the middle child of 5 Loy siblings: he had two older brothers Herbert A. Loy (1881-1945) and Ernest Otto Loy (1883-1958) and one younger sister Eva Maude Loy (1889-1942) and younger brother Harley A. Loy (1893-1970) (that same Ancestry family tree also shows a photo of Harley). Their father David Loy (1856-1925) was a farmer, and mother Clara Catherine née Olewine a housewife.

Frank married Anna Elizabeth Weaver in 1906 when he was just 19 years old, and the couple had a daughter, Esther Loy (1906-1983), in the same year.

In 1914, WWI broke out and Frank was drafted. Upon his return from the military service, he continued to work as a truck driver in Dayton.

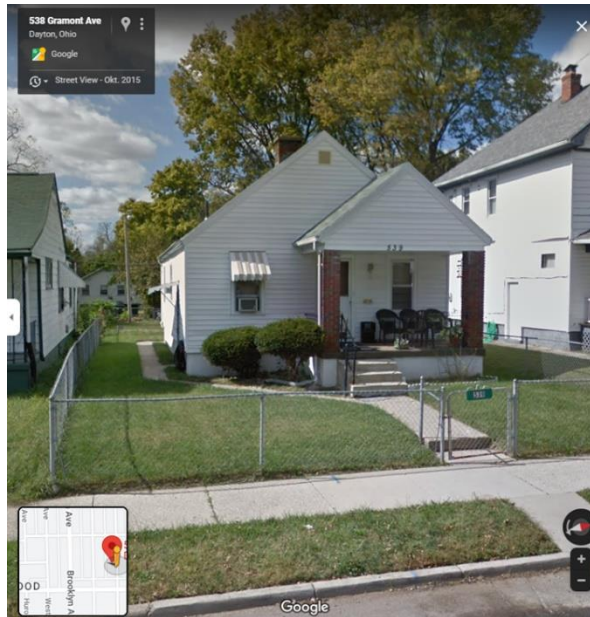
Apparently, Frank's marriage to Anna was not the most harmonious one. In 1922, Frank filed for divorce on grounds of "neglect and cruelty". The local newspaper *Dayton Daily News* provided the necessary gossip, on July 15, 1922:

Franklin R. Loy, 59 S. Puterbaugh av., in a suit for divorce from Anna Elizabeth Loy, among other charges of neglect and cruelty, avers that she would not get his dinner for him last Sunday and sat in his automobile for three hours to prevent him from using it to go to his brother's house for dinner. He relates that when he tried to remonstrate with her, she tore his collar off. They were married in 1906 at Miamisburg, according to the petition.

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Frank re-married sometime in the 1920s. By the 1930 Census, he was living together with his second wife Martha Nellie and their 2-year-old daughter Marguerite Lillian at 3204 Lakeview Avenue in Dayton. Martha Nellie née Buckley was an Englishwoman who had come to the United States in about 1907. In 1930, Frank was working as a chauffeur for a private family.

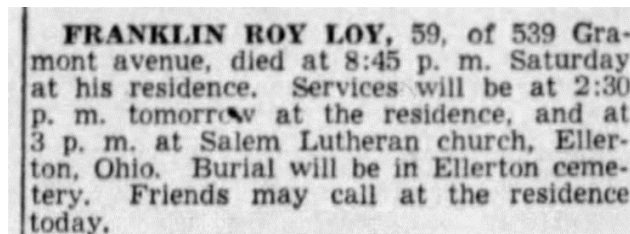
By 1940, Frank had moved his new family to 539 Gramont Avenue in Dayton into a house he owned. This could have been their house:



Source: GoogleMaps

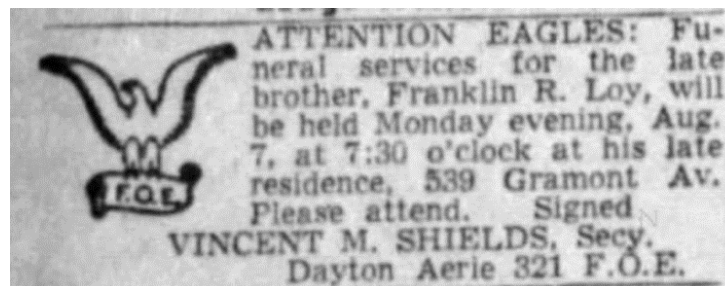
His draft card suggests that he was also drafted for WWII. I don't know if that was just a formality or based on voluntariness, as he was already 57 years old at the time.

Frank died on August 5, 1944, and was buried next to his second wife Martha Nellie at Ellerton Cemetery in Moraine, Montgomery, in Ohio.



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Another obituary published in his honour reveals that Frank was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles (F.O.E.), "*an international non-profit organization uniting fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice, and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills and promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope.*"



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Marguerite Loy married Alasdair Thomas Munro in New York and look at that photo of her in Dayton Daily News from March 17, 1954!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1954



MRS. ALASDAIR THOMAS INN MUNRO

Marguerite Loy Is Bride Of Alasdair Thomas Munro

FORMER Daytonian, Miss Marguerite Lillian Loy of New York City became the bride of Alasdair Thomas I. Munro March 6 in a 3:30 o'clock ceremony performed by The Rev. Otto C. Schmetz in Christ Lutheran church in Bethesda, Md.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Martha N. Loy of N. Woodward av. and the late Franklin R. Loy. Mr. Munro is the son of Sir Torquil Munro of Kirriemuir, Scotland, and Mrs. Paul Neal of Washington, D. C.

The bride's uncle, E. O. Loy of Monterey av., gave her in marriage. She wore a gown of champagne antique silk with chapel length train. Her fingertip veil of nylon tulle was caught to a crown of seed pearls and iridescent sequins. Her flowers were cymbidium orchids.

Mrs. David McEldowney of Yellow Springs was matron of honor and Mrs. George Pissee of New York city was maid of honor. Both wore pink shantung gowns and carried colonial bouquets of spring flowers.

Paul W. Neal was his stepbrother's best man. Ushering were Robert G. Neal of Wash-

ton, D. C.; John W. Jameson Jr. of Rochester, N. Y., and George O. Pfaff of South Bend, Ind.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of Mrs. Neal after which the newlyweds left on a trip to Bermuda. They will make their home in Tarrytown, N. Y.

Mrs. Munro was graduated from Roosevelt high school, attended Hunter college in New York City and does modeling work in New York City.

Mr. Munro was graduated from Landon school of Bethesda, Georgetown university and the graduate division, Wharton School of Commerce and Finance of the University of Pennsylvania. He served with the Army during World War II and with the Air Force during the Korean hostilities.

He is now assistant accounting executive with McCann-Erickson, Inc., New York advertising agency.

**COUPLE ARE
ENGAGED, SET**

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Marguerite's husband was apparently related to royalty and in some of the later newspaper articles and information I've found on the couple, they are referred to as Sir Alasdair Thomas Munro and lady Marguerite Munro. I've also found their children's names, so Frank's grandchildren's names:

1. Sir Keith Munro, 7th Baronet, who married Jade L. Elwell and they had two children: Zachary Adrian Munro and MacKenzie Carmen Munro
2. Karen Fiona Munro who married Robert David MacMichael Jr., and they had also two children: Blake Thomas Ian MacMichael and Josh Munro MacMichael.

From truck driver to royalty – I wish Frank's eyes had seen that! Frank did not live to witness her daughter Marguerite's wedding day in 1954, as he had passed a decade earlier.

Frank must have been sorely missed by his dearest. A year after Frank's passing, his wife Martha Nellie and daughter Marguerite published this touching poem in loving memory:



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Now to the other Loy photo, unfortunately I have found nothing on a Messia Loy. I've also tried Melissa Loy and Messiah Loy, in case the person who wrote down the names made a mistake. But nothing... So if you have any hints or suggestions where and how to find her/him or if the sticker may hold a clue, please let me know! I'd love to tell this story too!

