

## **Alderman Edward / Edmond Hayes Biography**

Source: History of Erie County

Edward Hayes, alderman, is known as a progressive and enterprising citizen of Erie. He is a native of Ireland, born May 2, 1853, and the son of Patrick and Johanna (Cowhey) Hayes.

Patrick Hayes spent his entire life in Ireland and was a weaver by trade, using the hand loom. He did an extensive business and was very prominent in his time. He died in Ireland, April 15, 1875, and his wife, who had settled in Philadelphia after her husband's death, died Sept. 24, 1888. To Mr. and Mrs. Hayes the following children were born: Ellen Graham, lives in Brooklyn, N. Y., and is 87 years of age ; Bridget Hayes, died at the age of 60 years ; Mary Morrison, died at the age of 57 years;

Patrick Hayes, died at the age of 65 years ; John Hayes, died at the age of 61 years; and Edward, the subject of this sketch.

Edward Hayes received his education in the schools of his native land and began life as a weaver. After coming to this country he located in Erie and from 1881 until 1905 was employed at the iron molding trade. In April, 1905, he began a term as clerk to the mayor and in February, 1908, was elected alderman and re-elected in 1914. He was again re-elected in 1920 and will serve in this capacity until January, 1926.

On Jan. 13, 1878, Mr. Hayes was married at Philadelphia to Miss Ella Bray, a native of Erie, and the daughter of John and Mary (Delaney) Bray, natives of Ireland. Mr. Bray died Sept. 17, 1898, and his wife died July 6, 1886. To Mr. and Mrs. Hayes were born three children, as follows : Mary, born June 14, 1879, died Dec. 16, 1882; Ida M. Carey, born May 22, 1884, lives at Erie ; and Edward S., secretary of Board of Assessors of City of Erie, born Nov. 21, 1886, lives at Erie.

Mr. Hayes and his family are members of the Catholic Church and are highly esteemed members of their community. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus.