

PLUSENSKY-MURPHY

John Andrew Plusensky and **Catherine Murphy** lived at **2221 Boller Avenue** in Baychester, Bronx, New York from at least 1935 through 1940.¹

John A. Plusensky was born **Johan Plusensky** on December 29, 1895 in Manhattan, New York.² He was the son of Hungarian immigrants **Michael Plusensky** and **Anna Klauda**. He was the fourth child of seven, and the only son.

John grew up in Manhattan. He married Catherine Murphy on December 10, 1917. Shortly thereafter he was inducted into the US Army as a Private in Company B, Machine Gun Battalion, and was discharged on May 27, 1919. John rejoined his wife Catherine and infant daughter **Muriel Plusensky** at their apartment on 87th Street in Manhattan, New York. He was supporting his family as a draftsman/building architect.³

On August 20, 1923 **John Plusensky** and an associate **Charles Aowit** (both of the same apartment address) burglarized the real estate office of **John M. Booth** in Jamaica, New York.⁴ John admitted the burglary, and spent several years in Sing Sing prison in Ossining, New York for this crime.

In 1930 **John Plusensky** was using an alias name, and was located living at 2830 Harrington Avenue in the Bronx, New York. He, his wife and second daughter **Dorothy** were going by the last name of **Miles**. He was working as a real estate salesman.⁵ His first daughter **Muriel** had died at age 10 in 1928, and was buried in Saint John Cemetery, Queens, New York..

By 1935 John was living in Baychester at **2221 Boller Avenue** with his wife Catherine and daughter Dorothy, now going back to using his original last name of **Plusensky**. His widowed mother **Anna Plusensky** and sister **Irene Mangan** lived in a house next door at **2227 Boller Avenue**.¹

Daughter **Dorothy Plusensky** married **Michael J. Clemente** on December 26, 1941 (see biography Clemente-Plusensky). **Dorothy and Michael Clemente** continued to live at **2221 Boller Avenue**.⁶

In 1942 John A. Myles (using his alias again) filled out the World War II Draft Registration form, listing his address as **2221 Boller Avenue**, and his contact person was **Mary Hartnagel**, who lived at **2306 Boller Avenue**. Mary was his sister.

¹ 1940 US Census

² "New York, New York City Births, 1846-1909," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/2WSN-ZX5> : 11 February 2018), Michael Plusenaky in entry for Johan Plusenaky, 29 Dec 1895; citing Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, reference cn 1445 New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,322,327.

³ 1920 US Census

⁴ Brooklyn NY Daily Star 1923 - 3230.pdf

⁵ 1930 US census

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while **John and Catherine Myles/Plusensky** moved to Dade County, Florida.⁶

John Andrew Plusensky died in Manhattan, New York on November 10, 1959 and was buried in Saint John Cemetery, Middle Village, Queens, New York⁷. The Veterans Administration documents that he is known by both **John Andrew Plusensky** and **John A. Myles**.⁸

John's wife **Catherine Plusensky** died on December 12, 1989 in Warren County, New York. Her obituary identified her as **Catherine Myles Plusensky**.⁹ It is not known where she might be buried.

⁶ 1950 US census

⁷ Find A Grave Memorial# 169189519

⁸ U.S., Veterans Administration Master Index, 1917-1940

⁹ Newspaper Obituary, The Post-Star, published in Glens Falls, New York, on December 14, 1981.