

(seal) Parole Office TO CENTRAL FILE Date JAN 29 1940

TRUE NAME: John Joseph Pryor

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY Leavenworth, Kansas

PRELIMINARY SOCIAL ABSTRACT

PRYOR, John J. (White) Age 66 56309-L

Sentenced: Jan 13, 1940 (2 years) Received Stay of Exec.

Sentence Begins: Jan 19, 1940 Eligible for Parole: Sep. 18, 1940

Offense: Evade Income Tax Minimum Expiration: Aug. 27, 1941

3. SOCIAL

A. FAMILY DATA

FATHER James Pryor Deceased at age 68

MOTHER Alice (Todd Pryor) " " 80

\*SISTER Mary Pryor 61 St. address unknown, Kansas City, Mo.

\*WIFE (2<sup>nd</sup>) Catherine (Black) Pryor 57 Lee Summit, Mo.

" (DIV) Catherine (Hughes) Pryor Deceased in 1930

\*FRIEND Rev. J. J. Whelan 40 Highway, Blueridge Blvd.,  
Kansas City Mo.

\*" Mr. J. F. Frew 75<sup>th</sup> & Cleveland Sts., " " "

\*" Mr. E.M. Whalen Supt. J. J. Pryor Farm, " " "

\*" Rev. E.B. McMannus Bonner Springs, Kan.

\*" Mr. B.J. Brannon Kansas City, MO

\*ASTERISKS INDICATE REQUESTED CORRESPONDENTS.

PARENTS: Irish-American. No marital discord. Interested in welfare of subject and treated subject well. Completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Occasional attendants Catholic Church. Good health during subject's childhood.

FATHER: Born in Ireland; died when subject age 40; arrived in U.S. prior to the

subject's birth; citizen of U.S. Responsible parent. Employed as General Contractor; steady worker.

MOTHER: Born in Missouri; died when subject age 60. Never remarried. Devoted parent. Never worked outside the home.

SIBLINGS: Subject 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 children, 2 deceased; relationship with sister close.

EDUCATION MARITAL STATUS OCCUPATION ECONOMIC STATUS

Mary Coll. 2 yrs. Single School Teacher Mod. Conf.

DELIQUENCY

Mary None

MARITAL STATUS: Married. Subject obtained license and married 6/11 at Kansas City, Missouri. Relationship congenial; subject expects to reunite with wife when released.

WIFE: 9 years younger than subject; fair health; completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade; at home prior to marriage; known to subject 2 years prior to marriage; now living alone on her farm.

ISSUE: None

Subject previous married to Catherine Hughes 1911 at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Wife divorced 1911 at Kansas City, Missouri.

ISSUE: None.

B. PERSONAL DATA: Born 12/17/73 at Cherokee, Kansas of Irish extraction.

EARLY DEVELOPMENT: Good health during childhood; early home life normal; no participation in organized boy's activities except attended Church; no childhood delinquency except occasional truancy. Permanently separated from parental home at age 20 to work as a Salesman.

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EDUCATIONAL HISTORY: Completed 6th grade, quit at age 14 to work as Foreman for his father.

OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY: Principal occupation: General Contractor. Subject states that he has operated the J. J. Pryor Construction Co.; of Kansas City, Missouri since 1932. Worked steadily. Denies previous law violations as a means of support.

MILITARY SERVICE: None.

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES: Enjoys normal recreational activities; member of Eagles and Kansas City Club; occasional attendant Catholic Church; non-drinker; non-user of drugs; no history of venereal disease; associated with persons of all types.

RESIDENCE PAST FIVE YEARS: Kansas City, Mo. for entire life. Probable bona-fide residence: Kansas City, Mo. No migratory habits indicated.

#### C. ECONOMIC STATUS:

PARENTAL HOME: Subject comes from Irish-American, middle class family living in comfortable economic circumstances; average social and cultural status; subject the only delinquent in the family; father provided adequately on a comfortable economic level; mother never worked outside the home. Home located at Cherokee, Kansas from age 0 to age 1; at Kansas City, Mo. from age 1 to present. Parents owned 8 room, modern frame house in good repair located in a middle class neighborhood in Kansas City, Mo. Furnishings owned by parents were satisfactory and the home was carpeted and curtained. Children sent to Church regularly; home discipline normal; family relations were congenial. Parents are now deceased.

PERSONAL HOME: Subject left parental home at age 20 because of work as a Salesman; home ties with sister strong. While single, subject stable socially and made a good industrial adjustment; never engaged in law violations as a means of support. Lived in comfortable economic circumstances with parents and private families in middle class sections of Kansas City, Mo.; good standard of living. While married and living with wife, subject continued to be stable socially and to make a good industrial

adjustment; rarely engaged in law violations as a means of support. Good health during adult years; appreciated family responsibilities and supported wife to the best of his ability. Lived in comfortable economic circumstances; good standard of living; owned 14 room rock house in good repair located at Lee Summit, Missouri. Subject values his past maximum assets at \$500,000. At present, subject owns 3 homes, including 2 farms.

SOCIAL AGENCIES INTERESTED: Unknown.

IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS: None at this time.

D. REFERENCES AND RESOURCES: Sister and wife may be in a position to assist with readjustment plans. Claims wife loyal; reunion planned. Has experience as a General Contractory. Reports ownership of considerable property.

TENTATIVE PAROLE PLAN:

Possible Parole Advisor: None at present.

Possible Employer: Expects to operate own Contracting concern.

Probable Destination: Lee Summit, Missouri

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E. ATTITUDES AND CHARACTERISTICS: Subject product of Irish-American, middle class family living in comfortable economic circumstances; average social and cultural status; early home life normal; subject the only delinquent in the family. Subject stable socially and regular in social habits; extra-legal activities rare; moral standards good; associated with persons of good reputations; stable residence; industrial habits good. Possesses initiative and drive; resourceful; comprehends well. Family ties close with personal and parental family. Friendly, alert. Loyal to wife; good provider.

F. PLANS: Personal and family background being explored further. Sister and wife being encouraged to cooperate with readjustment plans.

J. C. RINGWALD

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