**Matthew John McGrath 16-Lb Hammer Throw (HT) Died 1941 at age 64 REVISED Sept 1, 2020**

Matt would have unofficially held the M35, M40, M45, M50, and M55 American Record in the Hammer Throw (but since he threw so long ago, Masters didn't exist yet).  See tables below and PDF link below:   
<http://mastershistory.org/Unofficial%20Single-Age%20Records%201971%20to%201979/>  
  
In 1912 (age 35 ?) McGrath threw the Hammer Throw at 191’-5” = 58.34 for an unofficial Open WR (Jan 30, 1941 Daily News, NY) and (Sept 30, 1912 New York Times and Buffalo Morning Express newspapers)

Wiki page: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matt_McGrath>  
Per Wiki: Matt competed in the 1924 Olympics Hammer Throw in his 40s (and won a medal).  
Per Wiki:  Matt in his 50s barely missed making the 1928 US Olympic team in the Hammer Throw.  
Per Wiki: At age-50 he was World-top-10 ranked in the Open Hammer Throw.  
Per Wiki, SAR, and Newspaper reports:  Matt competed in the HT in his 20s, 30s, 40s, and 50s.   
  
Two more stories of his life: <https://www.wingedfist.org/Inspector_Matt_McGrath.html>  
  
[https://web.archive.org/web/20200417115333/https://www.sports-reference.com/olympics/athletes/mc/matt-mcgrath-1.html](https://web.archive.org/web/20200417115333/https:/www.sports-reference.com/olympics/athletes/mc/matt-mcgrath-1.html)

**16-Lb Hammer Throw Marks: Table is based on DOB of Dec 30, 1876, SAR, and Newspapers:**  
1912: **age-35**: 191’-5” = 58.34 9/29/1912 [competed in the 1912 Olympics & won a medal] [NY Times]  
1918: **age-41**: 176’-9” = 53.87 5/30/1918  
1919: age-42: 174’-6.75” = 53.20 9/24/1919  
1920: age-43: 169’-11” = 51.78 6/9/1920 [Placed 2nd in the 1928 USA Olympic Team Trials]  
1921: age-44: 175’-2” = 53.38 9/11/1921  
1922: **age-45**: 163’-8.5” = 49.89 8/26/1922  
1923: **age-46**: 167’-9.5” = 51.14 8/25/1923  
1924: **age-47**: 172’-4.25” = 52.53 6/8/1924 [Competed in the 1924 Olympics and won a medal]  
1925: **age-48**: 177’-6” = 54.09 8/29/1925   
1926: age-49: 164’-9” = 50.21 6/ [ ] / 1926  
1927: **age-50**: 165’-6.25” = 50.44 6/4/1927  
1928: age-51: 164’-7.75” = 50.18 6/16/1928 [Placed 5th AT 1928 USA Olympic Team Trials]  
1929: age-52: 165’-3 3/8” = 50.37 6/8/1929 (June 9, 1929 Brooklyn Daily Eagle newspaper)  
1932: age-55: 144’-3” = 43.96 9/17/1932  
1933: **age-56**: 150’-4 3/8” = 45.82 6/3/1933 (June 4, 1933 Brooklyn Daily Eagle newspaper)  
1933: **age-56:** 150’-10 1/2” = 45.98 6/18/1933 (June 19, 1933 Democrat and Chronical, Rochester, NY)  
**Note: see Brinkster table on next page for more marks.**

**Actual Date of Birth ?**

1. Per [wingedfist.org](https://www.wingedfist.org/Inspector_Matt_McGrath.html)  DOB: 1876 Per [praoh.org](http://praoh.org/mathew-mcgrath-the-prince-of-whales/)  DOB: 1876
2. Per [databaseOlympics.com](https://web.archive.org/web/20070929150143/http:/www.databaseolympics.com/players/playerpage.htm?ilkid=MCGRAMAT01)  and [irishamerica.com](https://irishamerica.com/2012/05/the-glory-days-of-celtic-park/)  DOB: Dec 18, 1878
3. Per [Wiki](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matt_McGrath) DOB: December 1875 or 1876  Per [Brinkste](http://trackfield.brinkster.net/Profile.asp?ID=4358&Gender=M&Page=YearsUSA.asp&EventCode=&Year=1913&TF=F)r: DOB: Dec 18, 1878
4. Per [Olympic.org](https://www.olympic.org/matt-mcgrath): & [find-a-grave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/155652935/matthew-john-mcgrath)  DOB: Dec 18, 1875 Per [SAR](http://mastershistory.org/Unofficial%20Single-Age%20Records%201971%20to%201979/): **DOB: Dec 30, 1876**
5. **Per Jan 30, 1941 Brooklyn Citizen & Press and Sun-Bulletin (Binghamton, NY) newspapers: McGrath was born in 1876. Died at age 64.**
6. Per June 3, 1928 Brooklyn Daily Eagle and May 31, 1928 Brooklyn Citizen newspapers: McGrath is age 50 or older in 1928.

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**Brinkster website:**  
  
Accessed website Aug 30, 2020: The following table is from <http://trackfield.brinkster.net/Profile.asp?ID=4358&Gender=M&Page=YearsUSA.asp&EventCode=&Year=1913&TF=F>

**Matthew John McGrath**

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| Year | Mark (Meters) | Mark (Feet) | Place | Venue | Date |
| 1906 | 46.74 | 153.3539 | 9 | New York | 25-Aug |
| 1907 | 53.54 | 175.6647 | 1 | New York | 14-Jul |
| 1908 | 52.73 | 173.0071 | 2 | New York | 19-Sep |
| 1909 | 54.05 | 177.3381 | 3 | New York | 16-May |
| 1910 | 51.32 | 168.3809 | 4 | New Orleans | 15-Oct |
| 1911 | 57.1 | 187.3451 | 1 | New York | 29-Oct |
| 1912 | 54.98 | 180.3894 | 2 | New York | 12-Jun |
| 1913 | 56.565 | 185.5898 | 2 | New York | 30-May |
| 1914 | 55.65 | 182.5877 | 2 | Yonkers | 29-Aug |
| 1915 | 53.2 | 174.5492 | 3 | New York | 19-Jun |
| 1916 | 56.79 | 186.328 | 2 | New York | 9-Jul |
| 1918 | 53.87 | 176.7475 | 1 | New York | 30-May |
| 1919 | 53.205 | 174.5656 | 2 | New York | 24-Sep |
| 1920 | 51.79 | 169.923 | 2 | New York | 9-Jun |
| 1921 | 53.39 | 175.1726 | 1 | New York | 11-Sep |
| 1922 | 51.86 | 170.1527 | 3 | Travers Island | 23-Sep |
| 1923 | 51.14 | 167.7903 | 4 | Yonkers | 25-Aug |
| 1924 | 52.53 | 172.3509 | 2 | Travers Island | 8-Jun |
| 1925 | 54.1 | 177.5021 | 1 | Baltimore | 29-Aug |
| 1926 | 50.21 | 164.739 | 4 | Travers Island | 5-Jun |
| 1927 | 50.45 | 165.5265 | 4 | Travers Island | 4-Jun |
| 1928 | 50.18 | 164.6406 | 7 | Travers Island | 17-Jun |
| 1929 | 50.37 | 165.264 | 7 | Travers Island | 8-Jun |

Place of rest:   
Calvary Cemetery in Queens, New York. Per [irishamerica.com](https://irishamerica.com/2012/05/the-glory-days-of-celtic-park/)