

Lowell National Historical Park



Patrick Gilmore



Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore

Born: December 25, 1829 in Ballygar, Ireland

Died: September 24, 1892 in St. Louis, Missouri

Patrick Gilmore moved to Massachusetts in 1848 and formed Gilmore's Band. In 1858, he married Nellie J. O'Neil in Lowell. Gilmore's Band enlisted in the 24th Massachusetts Infantry and under Benjamin F. Butler's command played for the troops in New Orleans. During the war, Gilmore wrote *When Johnny Comes Marching Home* and is often considered the "Father of the American band."