

Toomey, William C. -- Marriage  
This trusted and extremely able secretary of J. J. Hill during the 1890's and early 1900's left Hill's employ suddenly and with no explanation in Hill's records, tho' apparently under no cloud personally, about 1904, shortly after his marriage. The enigma has remained more or less unresolved until the discovery in L.W. Hill's papers of a letter from his cousin, Ethel Hill Macklin of Canada (granddaughter of J.J.H.'s brother Alexander) of Oct. 20, 1941 enclosing a clipping from a Canadian newspaper, probably of Toronto, but sent from Walla Walla, Wash. on Sept. 22, 1941: "Mrs. Genevieve McKinney Toomey                      Teal Paddleford

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Howells Fawcett 50, one-time Broadway beauty and international adventures, died in the Washington State Penitentiary last Friday .... Her cheque-bouncing activities got her jail terms in London, Nice, New York and California before she could claim the \$12,000,000 estate she insisted her fourth husband, W.M. Howells had left her in Egypt. Her husbands were William C. Toomey of St. Paul, private secretary to James J. Hill, railroad magnate; Ben Teal, wealthy theatrical producer; John C. Fawcett, Brooklyn dental supply manufacturer; Dr George C. Paddleford, millionaire oil operator; and Howells."

Toomey was elder bro. of John J. Toomey

Family Papers