

1840

MESKELL & MORGAN

A FAMILY HISTORY



Harriet Morgan

1849 – 1923

Granddaughter of **John Meskell** & **Mary Caesar**

Daughter of **Joseph Morgan** & **Mary Meskell**

Wife of **Martin Maloney**

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Preface 2026

The story was just about complete with a single sentence.

The family history is Maloney, Morgan, Meskell and Caesar.

This research started as an addition to the book *“From Shamrocks to Gumleaves – A History of the Maloney Family”*. Harriet Morgan (the photo on the front cover) is my great grandmother she is the wife of *Martin Maloney*. They are the great grandparents of all my Maloney cousins as well.

Charlie Maloney, my dad’s uncle, lived in Tyalgum and after a visit to him sometime in the 1960’s my dad, Jack Maloney, wrote on a piece of paper the 4 names **Maloney, Morgan, Meskell and Caesar** and put it in a draw. Sometime later I took it out and asked who they were. Dad knew that Harriet his grandmother was Harriet Morgan and he remembered visiting her just before she died in Murwillumbah in 1923, he would have been 5 years old.

The **Meskell** and **Caesar** names were a mystery. Since Morgan was the maiden name of his grandmother he assumed that Meskell was the maiden name of her mother and Caesar the maiden name of her mother.

While I was researching the Maloney Family history the story of **Harriet Morgan** became fairly detailed but she was not Maloney history so I devoted a few pages to her and moved on. I had learnt that you can’t backtrack up every family line.

The last name on the list, from Charlie, was Caesar - and most amazingly of all her father seemed to be **Julius Caesar**. A Julius Caesar in Ireland in the 1800’s it all seemed a bit fanciful.

It all seemed a bit too much to sort out. I had hit a brick wall with research in Ireland with the Maloney family and assumed the same applied to the Morgan and Meskell families.

Over the years I have gathered information about Harriet and the Morgan family and came across Meskell family history. With online genealogy programs and the Australian National Library’s search tool, *Trove*, I have decided to put what I have gathered into another family history book. Most of the newspaper graphics in the book are sourced from the newspaper archive *Trove*.

Pete Meskell has been a major source of information, he has done extensive research and I have relied on his work, his suggestions and assistance to put a large part of this book together.

Lissa Cameron (Morgan), my second-cousin-once-removed, provided a vast treasure of Morgan Family descendants.

Denise O’Brien produced a scholarly work that gave me stories for Fanny Morgan and her family.

Judy Gordon (Noe) on the Edward Morgan branch (a brother of Harriet) has been researching for decades; shared her information, and clarified family links.

1840. A really important year for the **Meskell** and **Caesar** families – they arrived in NSW in 1840. Joseph Morgan arrived in 1837, and then in 1844 Mary Meskell, the daughter of John Meskell and Mary Caesar, married Joseph and rest so they say is history.

So let’s begin

Neville Maloney – Paris May 2025
GGG Grandson of John Meskell & Mary Caesar
and David Morgan & Mary Lush
GG Grandson of Mary Meskell & Joseph Morgan
Great Grandson of Harriet Morgan and Martin Maloney
Grandson of John Maloney and Mary Waugh
Son of Jack Maloney and Ivy Bradfield



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Caesar, Morgan, Meskell and Maloney

The Caesar Family

Julius Caesar (Born about 1782 he lived & died in Ireland) his wife **Sarah MacHartel**.

Their daughters

Mary Caesar 1807-1883 and her sister **Eliza Lydia Caesar 1803-1872**
Mary & Eliza Lydia come from Crohane in county Tipperary
They arrive in Sydney in 1840

Mary Caesar married **John Meskell**
and in 1840 they immigrate to NSW they have 4 children with them.

Eliza Lydia is married to **James (John) McKee** and in 1840 they have 5 children with them.

The Meskell Family

John Meskell's father **Edward Meskell** is barely known to us, he must have been born about 1780 and there is a record indicating he died in 1882. We will discuss that. John's mother was **Mary Murphy**. We can only speculate about John's family in Ireland.

John and Mary have 6 children, some of them we know very little about.

1. Unknown Child, born about 1827 and died before 1840
2. **Mary Meskell***, 28 Aug 1828 – 14 Feb 1900 married **Joseph Morgan**
3. Sarah Meskell, 1830 – 14 May 1841
4. Edward Meskell, 15 Apr 1834 – 27 Jul 1861
5. **John (Jnr) Meskell***, 10 Jun 1836 – 02 Oct 1894 married Eleanor Daley
6. William Meskell. 13 Apr 1841 – 20 Feb 1843

* Only 2 of their children have descendants Mary and John.

John Meskell Jr's descendants are in *Research Note B*.

Mary Meskell marries **Joseph Morgan** in January 1844 she is 15 and Joseph is 33.

The Morgan Family

Joseph Morgan's parents are **David Morgan** and **Mary Lush** from Somerset in England.

Mary Meskell and **Joseph Morgan** have 15 children:

1. John Morgan, 19 Aug 1844
2. Sarah (Sally) Ada Morgan, b. 09 Apr 1846
3. David Morgan, b. 1847
4. **Harriet Morgan* b. 27 Mar 1849**
5. Mary Morgan, b. 19 Apr 1851
6. William Morgan, b. 02 Feb 1853
7. Joseph Jnr Morgan, b. 06 Oct 1856
8. Anne Morgan, b. 1857
9. Frances (Fanny) Morgan. 01 Oct 1858
10. Edward Owen Morgan b. 29 Sep 1860
11. Samuel Morgan, b. 14 Sep 1862
12. George Henry Morgan, b. 03 Dec 1864
13. Unnamed Morgan, b. 21 Apr 1867
14. Daniel James Morgan, b. 01 Sep 1868
15. Charles (Charlie) Morgan, b. 27 Aug 1870

***Harriet Morgan** married **Martin Maloney** in Grafton in 1867.

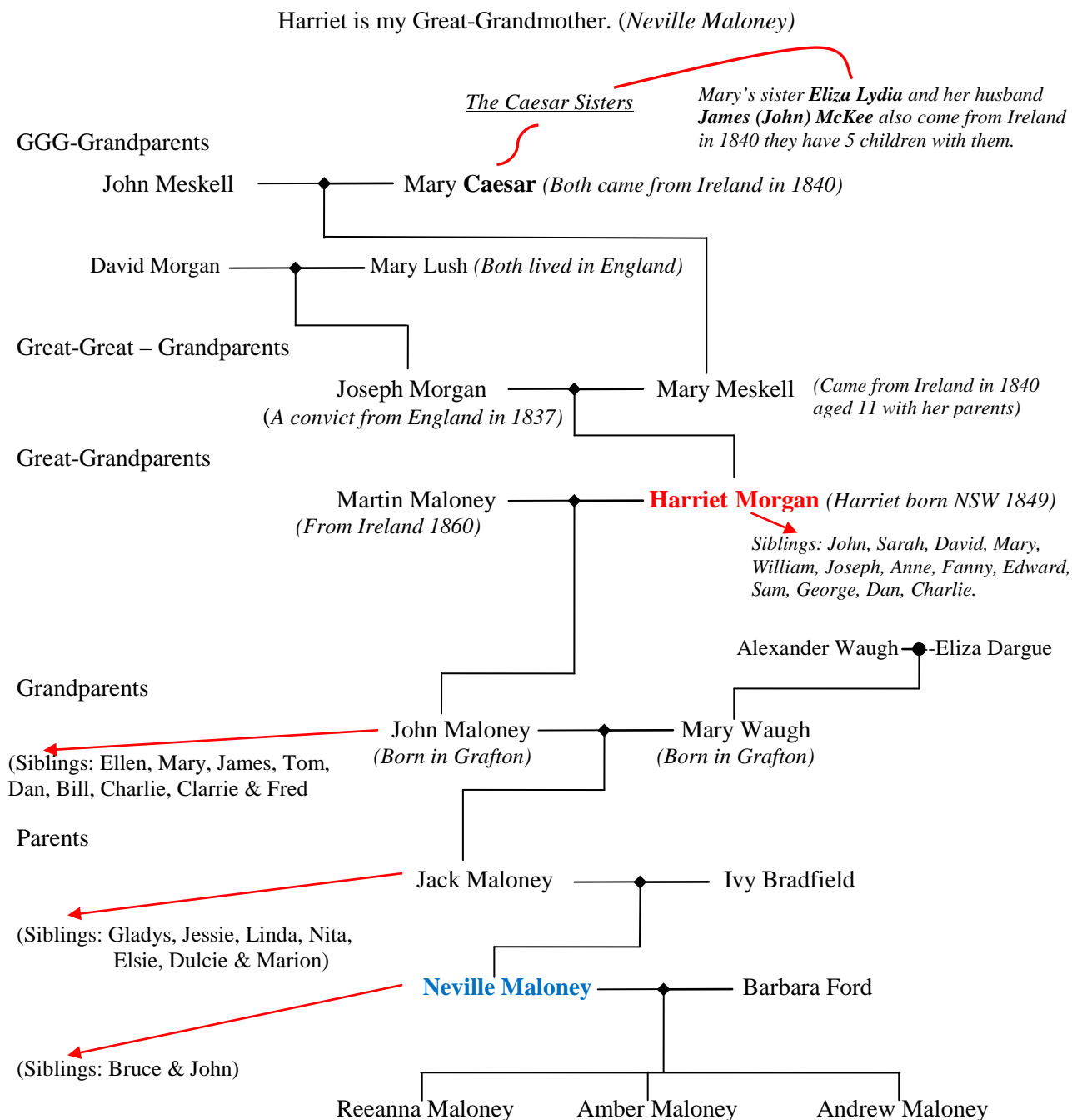
The Maloney Family

The Maloney family story is told in "From Shamrocks to Gumleaves" – A history of the Maloney Family. Martin Maloney arrived in NSW in 1860 from Ireland. Harriet's grandmother, Mary Caesar, arrived in 1840. The Caesar/Meskell family in Australia is a longer more complex and complicated story.

Harriet Morgan 27 March 1849 - 1 December 1923

Harriet the 4th child of **Joseph Morgan** and **Mary Meskell**.

It is Harriet who links me with the **Morgans** the **Meskells** the **Caesars** and the **Maloney** families. Harriet is the grandmother with varying degrees of greatness of all of my **Maloney** relatives and their children.



For my 27 Maloney 1st cousins Harriet is our Great-Grandmother

Ron, Audrey & Merton Cox
 Joyce, John, Brian & Del Tate
 Max & June Kelly
 Marion (Betty) & Melville Cooney
 Vivian, Ian, Anne, Geoffrey & Jeanette Dawes
 William (Bill), Thomas (Jackie), Marie, Philip & Peter Everest
 Marlene, Jean, Lynette, Dale, Robyn & Julie Palmer

Who's Who

In Ireland

Julius Caesar - Born about 1782 a farmer in Crohane Tipperary Ireland – Father of *Mary and Eliza Lydia Caesar*.

Edward John Meskell – Born about 1780 a farmer in Cooldine Tipperary and his wife **Mary Murphy** are the parents of *John Meskell 1806-1866*

In England

David Morgan – 1757-1853 from Frome in Somerset, England and his wife **Mary Lush** are the parents of *Joseph Morgan 1811-1881*

The Migrants

Caesar Sisters – **Mary** 1807-1883 & **Eliza Lydia** 1803-1872. Both born in Ireland, immigrated in 1840 with their husbands and children. Mary is buried in Grafton & Lydia in Copmanhurst cemetery

James (John) McKee 1803-1872 - Also immigrated in 1840, married to Eliza Lydia Caesar

John Meskell 1806-1866 – Immigrated to NSW in 1840 with his wife Mary Caesar

Joseph Morgan 1811-1881 – The start of the Morgan family in Australia. Exactly who he was I am not sure. My reservations are explained later in the book. Born in Somerset England and buried in Grafton.

Mary Meskell 1828-1900 – She was 11 when she arrived in Sydney in 1840 with her parents and three siblings; Sarah, Edward & **John (Jnr) Meskell** 1836-1894. (Mary and her brother John are the only Meskell ancestors in this line of the Australian Meskell family.

John Meskell Jnr 1836-1894 – The brother of Mary Meskell also arrived in 1840 with his family he was nearly 4 years old.

In Australia

Harriet Morgan – the 4th child of *Mary Meskell* and *Joseph Morgan*, Harriet was born 27th March 1849 in Raymond Terrace NSW she married *Martin Maloney* on 15th August 1867 in Grafton and she died on 2nd December 1923 in Murwillumbah. Harriet is a central figure in this story. (Harriet is my great grandmother). I am spelling her name with one “t” because most of the official documents, birth & death certificates have that spelling but inconsistencies happen and the “t” ending will occur in some places.

She has 14 siblings: *John, Sarah (Sally), David, Mary, William, Joseph, Anne, Fanny, Edward, Samuel, George, Daniel*, and *Charlie*. (And one died at birth and was unnamed)

Martin Maloney* - the husband of Harriet Morgan. Harriet and Martin had 10 children: *Ellen, Mary, James, John, Martin (Tom), Dan, Bill, Charlie, Clarrie and Fred Maloney*

**Martin was born in Tipperary Ireland and came to NSW in 1860.*

Peter John (Pete) Meskell – Pete is my 4th cousin we have common great-great-great grandparents, they are John Meskell and Mary Caesar. Pete has provided a lot of information for this book



Six generations – Pete and I (Neville Maloney) share the same great-great-great grandparents

John Meskell 1803/06-1866 & Mary Caesar 1807-1883

Mary Meskell *m* Joseph Morgan *brother and sister*
Harriet Morgan *m* Martin Maloney *1st cousins*
John Maloney *m* Mary Waugh *2nd cousins*
Jack Maloney *m* Ivy Bradfield *3rd cousins*
Neville Maloney *4th cousins*

John Meskell Jnr *m* Ellanor Daley
Henry Meskell *m* May Parkinson
Henry George Meskell *m* Jessie Purvis
George Rex Meskell *m* Patricia Mary Todkill
Peter John (Pete) Meskell

1840

On the 16th of May 1840 the 409 ton fast sailing ship the “Thomas Lowry” had just arrived in Sydney from Liverpool and the passengers were disembarking, among them is **Mary Caesar** and her husband **John Meskell**. (*My great-great-great-grandparents*)

They arrived with 4 children and Mary’s sister **Eliza Lydia Caesar** and her husband, **James McKee**, and their 5 children. This was an exodus two families up and gone from Ireland, from Tipperary. 1840 was a new beginning and that day in May must have been exciting tinged with terror and the unknown.

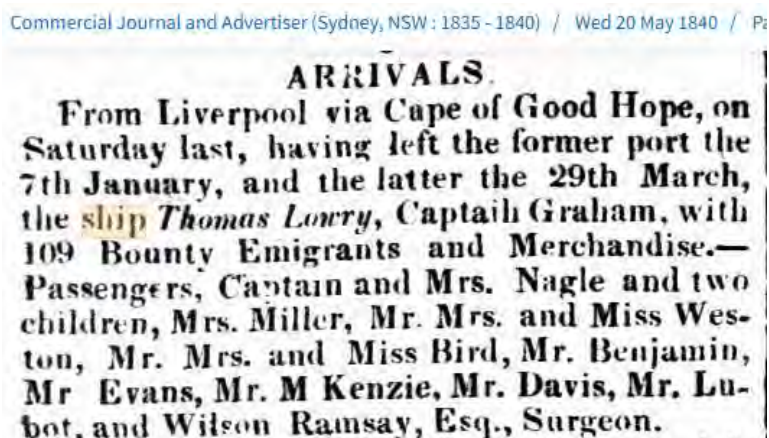
John and Mary’s daughter, **Mary Meskell** marries **Joseph Morgan** in 1844, less than 4 years after she arrives in NSW and Mary and Joseph’s 4th child, Harriet Morgan, (photo on the cover) who is one of fifteen children, she marries **Martin Maloney** in 1867.

That is the story of this book

This is the story of **Mary Caesar**, and **John Meskell** - they travelled half way around the world in 1840 with their 4 kids - and I didn’t know, in the family the story has been forgotten - just a few words from their great grandson, Charles Maloney in the 1960’s, (who interestingly has a middle name of Graham the same name as the caption of the ship the Thomas Lowry), sparked enough interest to tell this story.

Back to 1840 and the trip to Australia.

The Meskell family arrive in Sydney on Saturday May 16th 1840 after an 18 week voyage.



The ship the “Thomas Lowry” was a fairly new, built in 1835 and large at 409 tons. For many immigrants the ship they arrived on remained a significant influence on their lives; reunions and names of children and homes were influenced from the name of the ship. The next few pages are about the journey to NSW the trip on the “Thomas Lowry” this information gives us a picture and feeling of the time and the effect these sailing ships had on the migration that happened in the 1800s.



The journey: 18 weeks in 1840

The Caesar sisters, Mary (Maria) and Eliza Lydia, their husbands and their children 9 in total boarded the "Thomas Lowry" in Liverpool at the Birkenhead wharves on the 7th of January in 1840 but before that they had to get to Liverpool and that involved a journey from Tipperary to the Irish east coast, probably Dublin and then a ship to Liverpool. The Caesars, Meskells and McKees came to Australia on the **Assisted Immigration Plan**; a sponsored and funded plan to alleviate overcrowding and poverty in England and Ireland. Industrialisation was just beginning and land reforms were causing pockets of poverty. America, Canada and New Zealand were screaming out for farm labours the result was a scheme to benefit everyone involved. Sailing ships proliferated, hundreds sailed the oceans criss-crossing paths with people and goods. Onboard the conditions for the mass the migrants was less than favourable. Below decks was a twilight land of sea sickness, often disease, poor and limited food and sometimes non-existent cooking possibilities. But on this voyage in 1840 all seems to have gone very well. The Captain received praise for his efforts and the Surgeon (the doctor) was a capable and sympathetic man.

The sailing ship not only bought people they bought two other valuable commodities goods and gossip – news from "home".

The Sydney Monitor and Commercial Advertiser (NSW: 1838 - 1841) / Fri 22 May 1840 /

Manifests.

"THOMAS LOWRY."—1 case cottons, Order : 1 cask Bath bricks, Thos. Smith ; 6 casks 2 cases hardware, 25 kegs 10 casks nails, A. B. Smith & Co. ; 6 cases 4 casks hardware, 21 pairs bellows, 36 plates, 60 kegs paints, 90 bundles iron, 2 cases 1 cask hardware. 273 bundles iron, 9 casks shot. Thos. Smith ; 1 bale 1 case stuffs, Cave & Co. ; 5 tins turpentine, 10 cases wine, 23 casks bottled beer, 3 casks palm oil, 1 case corals, 12 sheet-lead, 18 cases haberdashery, 500 bags salt, 22 boxes 3 bales cottons, 2 bales cotton wick, 206 boxes 600 half-boxes soap, 1 sheet lead, 1 cask paint, 51 quarter-casks wine, 50 barrels pork, 3 hogsheads hams, 43 barrels beer, 5 hogsheads brandy, 2 barrels zinc, 26 cases 4 casks 137 bolts copper, 24 casks shot, 4 bales 4 cases cottons, 3 trunks stuffs, 1 case hair seating, 9 barrels beer, 500 hams, 2 bundles bacon, 5 bales cloth, 52 bundles 4 cases steel, 12 casks 1 case hardware, 52 hogsheads 122 barrels ale, 120 deals, 3 iron boilers, 5 hogsheads soda ash, 30 barrels rosin, 100 firkins butter, 8 hogsheads 99 quarter-casks 2 cases wine, A. B. Smith & Co. ; 1 truss, 18 cases 13 bales haberdashery, 7 cases apparel, R. C. Gordon ; 3 boxes apparel, J. Coyle ; 3 bales cottons, Gilchrist & Co. ; 10 tons iron, Order ; 3 cases jewellery, S. Barnett. **Shipped** at the Cape of Good Hope, 38 boxes raisins, Capt. Graham.

The **100 firkins** of butter in the list above was 100 small barrels each about 25kg. So a total of 2500kg of butter

NSW: 1835 - 1840) / Wed 20 May 1840

ENGLISH NEWS.

On the arrival of a ship from England, our readers doubtless look anxiously for news from the Mother-country, and we are therefore sorry to say that the *Thomas Lowry* has brought very little, if any. The latest papers (Liverpool), are of the 6th and 7th of January, and contain little more than speculations as to the day on which Her Majesty's nuptials would be solemnized and accounts of the trials of the Chartists. Some of the papers state that the 4th, some the 14th, and others the 16th of February, was to be the day. The near approach of this important event does not appear to have exercised any beneficial effect on Trade which was still dull to excess, and great distress everywhere prevailed. A large amount of property had been sacrificed by the operatives in some of the manufacturing districts. The leading politicians of the day were busy. WELLINGTON had summoned the Conservative peers to meet him at Apsley House before the opening of Parliament; and PEEL had summoned the Commons of the same party, to meet him. It is rumoured that Lord NORMANBY was to be appointed Governor-General of India. A Board of Colonial Lands and Emigration Commissioners had been appointed by Lord JOHN RUSSELL. The members of the board are Colonel TORRENS, R. M., late Chairman of the South Australian Colonization Board, the Hon. E. VILLIERS, and Mr. ELLIOTT, Agent General of Emigration. Lord BROUGHAM's mother (aged eighty-seven) died on the 31st of December. The papers say nothing more of his Lordship's trip across the Atlantic.

The state of the money market has somewhat improved in consequence of the approaching issue of the dividends due in January, amounting to 7,000,000*l.* Public securities of all descriptions had improved in price. Exchequer Bills were at 2*s.* premium on the 4th of January.

Four months was an average time for the voyage. Interestingly the children probably had school lessons and a matron helped look after pregnant women and new mums.

I have mentioned the condition on this voyage because later in 1848 The "Thomas Lowry" under a different captain was the centre of an inquiry on a voyage to South Australia. The voyages were dependent on quite a few variables of which the weather was the most significant.

I think this voyage was one of the better ones because in a rare display of gratitude the 1st class passengers put notices in the Sydney Herald thanking both the Captain John Graham and the Surgeon Wilson Ramsay as well as AB & W Smith who chartered (sponsored) the voyage.

Mary Caesar and her husband John Meskell were 33 and 34 years old in 1840 and their children were:

Mary - 11
Sarah - 10
Edward - 6
John - 4

Interestingly John and the boys are listed as **Catholics** and Mary and the girls are **Protestants**.

Later John is buried with Mary in the Anglican section of the Grafton Cemetery. The religious divide was a major social issue in the 1800's playing out in Australia usually between English and Irish. In the case of the Meskells and Caesars it is within the family and when their daughter Mary marries the Englishman Joseph Morgan they have the potential for a lot of conflict. It seems to have been resolved by them all becoming Anglicans.

They were **Assisted** - also called **Bounty Immigrants** some aspects of this scheme are detailed on the next page.

WILSON RAMSAY,
Surgeon on board the emigrant ship
Thomas Lowry, arrived at Sydney, New South
Wales, May 16, 1840.

"SIR—We, the undersigned emigrants on board
the above ship, do now present our grateful ac-
knowledgements to you for the kindness with
which we have been treated since our departure
from Liverpool

"We also compliment you for your attention to
us, and for the skill displayed by you on those
who have stood in need of your assistance; and
although some of us have been afflicted in our
families, we congratulate you (considering the
state of other emigrant ships brought in here),
and are bound to say that no other vessel ever
reached this port in so perfect a state of health,
not having a single unhealthy individual on
board.

"We also congratulate you on our safe arrival,
after being exposed to so much bad weather."
[Here follow forty signatures]

To Captain John Graham, commander of the ship
Thomas Lowry, arrived in Sydney with emi-
grants May 16, 1840.

"SIR—We, the undersigned emigrants on board
the above ship, do now present our grateful ac-
knowledgements to you for the kindness with
which we have been treated, and your attention
to our comfort since our departure from Liverpool.

"We also compliment you sir, for the nautical
skill displayed by you, and rejoice with you on
the general good state of health of all on board.

"We also congratulate you on our safe arrival
here, and are thankful for our deliverance from
the dangers we have been exposed to, in conse-
quence of so much bad weather."
[Here follow forty signatures]

To Messrs. W. Smith and sons, charterers of the
emigrant ship *Thomas Lowry*, arrived in
Sydney May 16, 1840.

"GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned free emi-
grants on board the above ship, beg to return our
sincere thanks to you for the accommodation pro-
vided for us on board. The provisions have been
good and liberally served out to us; the treatment
has been kind and indulgent by the officers and
crew; and every thing done that could in any
way conduce to our comfort and convenience.

"In conclusion, we beg to congratulate you,
and are thankful to Divine Providence for our safe
arrival, and the general good health of all on
board; and we sincerely hope that all your trans-
actions may tend to increase your present prosper-
ity and promote your future welfare."
[Here follow forty signatures]

"We, the undersigned cuddy and second-cabin
passengers on board the *Thomas Lowry*, return
our grateful thanks to Captain John Graham and
Surgeon Wilson Ramsay for their kindness and
attention to our comforts during our severe passage
from Liverpool; also to Messrs. A. B. Smith and
Co. for having laid in so superior and select a
description of provisions and wines for our use."
[Here follow eleven signatures.]

The Assisted or Bounty Immigrants which meant that under the Emigration Regulation Act of 1835:

EMIGRATION REGULATIONS 1835 The commissioners give a free package to the colony, including provisions and every expense of the voyage to Agriculture labourers, shepherds, bakers, blacksmiths braziers, add tin-men, smiths, shipwrights, boat-builders, wheelwrights, sawyers, cabinet-makers, coopers, carriers, farriers, millwrights, harness-makers, boot and shoe-makers, tailors, tanners, brick-makers, lime burners, and all persons engaged in the erection of buildings. Applicants to give satisfactory references to show they are honest, sober and of general good character. Wives have free passage. To single women, free passage if they accompany parents or relatives. To children of emigrants, free passage if under one year old or fully 15 years of age or older. Children between one year and fifteen years of age £3.0.0 (three pounds) is charged.

Every male emigrant is allowed to take one half (1/2) of a ton OR twenty (20) cubic feet of luggage. An extra £2.1.0 (two pounds one shilling) is charged for every ton of extra weight. Emigrants are to provide own bedding. On arriving at the colony, they are met by an officer, who supplies their immediate wants, assists them to their destination and at all times gives them employment on government works at reduced wages if they cannot get work elsewhere Persons not eligible, if of good character, can accompany emigrants on payment of passage money. For an adult, about £20.0.0 (twenty Pounds) is charged. For children, the arrangement has to be made with the ship-owners, who charge about the rates as follows; under one year old-no charge; one to five years old-five £5.0.0 (five pounds), six years old £6.0.0 (six pounds) and so on up to £14.0.0 (fourteen pounds) for a person fourteen years of age. Persons in England purchasing land (In Australia) can nominate one labourer or emigrant for every £20(twenty pounds) spent. Below is a list of clothing that boys and girls over the age of twelve (12) years had to have before they were allowed to sail:

BOYS: 6 shirts, 2 flannel shirts, 2 pairs of string boots, 2 complete suits 4 towels 2 Pounds (weight) of marine soap

GIRLS: 2 shifts, 2 flannelette petticoats, 6 pairs of stockings, 2 pairs of string boots, 2 strong gowns (one of which must be warm), 4 towels, 2 Pounds (weight) of marine soap

Adults had to bring a little extra clothing other than what was stated for Boys and Girls.

The "shipping agent" or recruiter at the completion of the voyage furnished an acquittal document showing to OWING TO HIM for re-imbusement by the COLONIAL SECRETARY

There are pages from the ship Thomas Lowry for John Meskell and Mary Caesar that mention character references and proof of age that were part of the Bounty Scheme requirements. After they arrived a Board set up by the Scheme would have examined their documents and the sponsor AB Smith & Co would have received a refund of the voyage fees.

The Bounty scheme apart from providing some provisions and a free voyage also guaranteed a job and this would have been a wonderful incentive in the economic and social issues in Ireland in the 1840's. Although the famine did not officially start until 1845, from 1830 the English were persecuting the Irish and land plots that were farmed by families for generations were amalgamated into English Lords land and the tenants told to leave. Laws and regulations made by the English Parliament, even when it tried to help made things worse. The Corn Laws were an attempt to protect farmers from cheap imported corn but because domestic crops failed it simply meant a dramatic increase in food prices. Tenant farmers lost the ability to grow their own food and they lost their residence, the result was poverty, the solution was emigration, a way out and it seems the Caesar sisters and their husbands took that opportunity in 1840.

1840 was the cusp of change in NSW, it was the last year that convicts were transported from England and free settlers were encouraged, 2821 people came from Ireland in 1840.

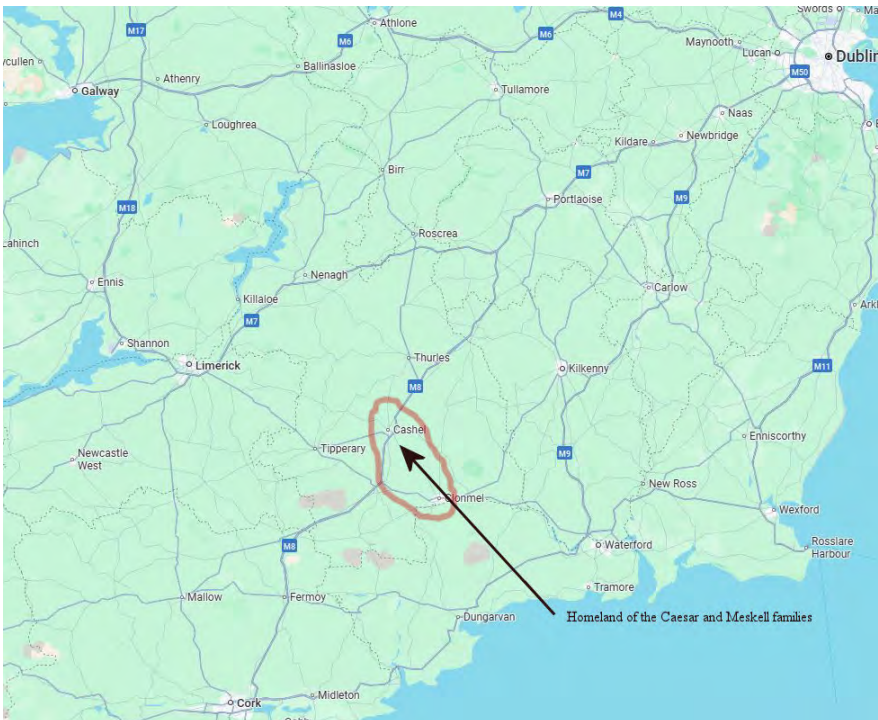
The Caesar sisters arrived in Australia just as a terrible drought was breaking so things were looking fairly positive but before they started their trip to Sydney they had to get out of Tipperary.

Tipperary Ireland to New South Wales

Before we start the trip let's take note that there are two families: **Mary and John Meskell** and their four children and **Eliza and James McKee** and their five children and Eliza is two months pregnant (maybe just 2 months, maybe she doesn't know it yet). They are leaving their families and friends, they really have no idea about where they are going, what they do know is that they will never return. It's just after Christmas in 1839. They need to be in Liverpool by January 7th when the ship sails.

Cashel to Dublin

Today in 2025 it's a 170km 2 hour trip on highways in air conditioned cars and buses..... The last 40 years, 1800 to 1840, has seen a vast improvement in transport and road works in Ireland but the journey from Cashel to Dublin on muddy roads is closer to 97 Irish Miles, that's 124 English miles or 200 kilometres and on a coach pulled by 4 horses you might make the journey in 3 days. Hope it doesn't rain and the kids don't get sick. You will stop each night in an inn but the days are long sitting on an unsprung wagon and its mid winter so the days and nights are cold.



Dublin to Liverpool

I expect that the Assisted Immigration program sorted some of the transportation arrangements. Most of the immigrants from Tipperary would never have been to Dublin or seen the ocean, let alone buy a ticket on the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company's ship to Liverpool. A night or two or maybe more in Dublin depending on the day you arrived, there was only a weekly steamer to Liverpool, the trip to England takes 12 hours on a good day and 24 hours if the weather is wild. This will be a good test to see who gets sea sick.

Ships left the Birkenhead wharves in Liverpool for America, Canada and Australia. The emigrants (they were emigrants when they left and immigrants when they arrived) were housed in tenements waiting for their ship to board. All the family packed into one room but no doubt more space than what was going to be offered onboard. The day before the ship sailed boarding began. You watched and waited, very carefully watching your possessions, thieves and pickpockets also crowded the wharves. On Tuesday January 7th 1840 the ship the "Thomas Lowry" inched out of the River Mercy channel with the tide bound for Sydney.

The Caesar Family

We can clearly identify the 2 sisters **Mary** and **Eliza Lydia** who arrived in Sydney in **1840**

Mary married John Meskell and **Eliza married James McKee**. Eliza seems to have decided to use her middle name Lydia after she arrived in Australia. Her name Eliza is on the immigration/ship records however the name Lydia is on birth records of her children in Australia and her headstone has the name Lydia as well.

Mary and Eliza's father is named on Mary's death certificate as **Julius Caesar**, a farmer, and the mother as Sarah*. Both Mary and Eliza have daughters named Sarah and Eliza has a son names Julius and another with a middle name Caesar so we have good evidence for the names of their parents. The surname of their mother is listed by some on genealogy sites as MacHartel* or some similar spelling and I have included that as her name but the evidence is thin at the moment.

Julius Caesar

The father of Mary and Eliza Lydia Caesar, he may have spelt his name Julias and he may have been born in 1782, we don't know much about him. What we do now is that he was a **farmer** and he lived in **Tipperary** Ireland. His wife was most likely named Sarah, both daughters named one of their daughters Sarah and that name is on Mary's death certificate.

Julius Caesar b. abt 1782 in Ireland and died in Ireland, his wife was Sarah MacHartel

The Caesar sisters are listed as Protestants on the ship manifest in 1840 while the Meskell family are Catholics. This could indicate that the Caesar family migrated to Ireland from England or Scotland sometime after the mid 1600s.

The Caesar children - that we know of.

1. Mary Caesar was born in 1807 in Ireland she died 15 May 1883 in Grafton. Mary married **John Meskell** in 1826 in St John's Cathedral, Cashel, Tipperary.

2. Eliza Lydia Caesar was born. about 1803 in Ireland she died in 1872 in Grafton. Lydia married **James JOHN McKee** about 1828 in Ireland (Both Eliza and James used their middle names Lydia and John after they arrived in Australia)

Both sisters immigrated to NSW in 1840.

Both families moved to the Hunter region near Maitland just after they arrived in 1840 and then in 1860 with their extended families – some of their children had children by then – they all moved to The Clarence around Grafton. Mary and her husband John Meskell moved to the Waterview/Eatonville area on the south side of Grafton while Eliza (Lydia) and James (John) McKee moved to Copmanhurst/Swan Creek area just across the Clarence River from them.

Why they moved I don't know but James John McKee may have had a brother who lived at Copmanhurst and he encouraged them to move to what was an expanding new area. Many of the Meskell and McKee family quickly applied for land grants after arriving.

Research Note A – Details the **McKee family**. I have done limited research on this now distant line of the family and I quickly became tangled in a mess of names and confused by what I think is in fact two McKee families and that is why I have assumed John had a brother, William, already living at Copmanhurst.

The Caesar Family, as I mentioned in the preface, represents a search for who were the 4 names that Charlie Maloney gave my dad in the 1960s.

The Maloney–Morgan–Meskell–Caesar cryptic family name puzzle is now solved. For Charlie though, born in 1885, these people were alive or in very recent memory. Mary Caesar who died in 1883 just 2 years before Charlies was born she was his great grandmother.

The Caesar family in Ireland

The further back you go either records don't exist, there are names and dates but you can't be sure they are the family you are searching for and sometimes, very rarely, you get a clear specific link. The Caesar family reliable data comes from the Australian records (see next page) but we do have tantalising possibilities.

We have Julius as the name of Mary and Eliza Lydia's father and Eliza was born in ????. Well here we go with records. On the ship records in 1840 Eliza lists her birthday as 16th April 1803 but the record in the same book where the passengers are listed her age is 30 – which would give a birth year of 1810 and then when she dies in 1872 her tombstone reads that she is 64 and therefore born in 1808. (I record the same confusion of dates for her sister Mary as well. It may have something to do with the rules for the immigration scheme or it may have just been that there were more important concerns in life than keeping tabs on the years as they went by).

Based on the confusion of birth years of Mary and Eliza Lydia and we don't know if there were other siblings the date of Julius's birth is a guess. So, 1772, is the guess but it could be within the range of 1760 to 1780.

There is no doubt about them coming from Tipperary and again the immigration records point to a village called **Crohane** (see the pages from the ship, the Thomas Lowry when they arrived in 1840 in following pages).

The entry below is from the 1830 tithe (tax) records of Crohane

No.	Townland and Owner.	Names of Occupiers.	Contents.			Annual value per Acre.	Annual Amt. Composition for Tithe.	Total.
			A.	R.	P.			
		<i>Carried forward</i>	721	1	21			70 6 8
31		28 John Purdie	10			2 10	1 13 7½	2 8 6½
		"	2	1	10	15	2 3½	
		"	4	2	33	2	12 7½	
32		29 Thomas Purdie	10			2 5	1 10 3½	2 5 9
		"	4	3	28	2	13 2½	
		"	2	1	10	15	2 3½	
		<i>Total</i>	755	2	22			75 11½ 18 15 3 56 5 8¾
33	<u>Crohane, Sewer</u>	30 Mr. Maurice Power	25			1 15	2 18 10	3 14 ½
	<u>Anthony, Guy, Suther Esq.</u>	"	9	7		1 5	15 7½	
34		31 James Morris	8			1 15	18 10	1 3 11½
		"	3	3	10	1	5 1½	
35		32 James Kenaghan	2		17	1 15	4 11½	4 11½
36		33 Julius Caesar ✓	5			1 5	5 5	14 9
		"	6	1	8	15	6 4	

This could be our Julius Caesar, the name is right and the village is right. He probably is the father of Mary and Eliza Lydia Caesar but I can't be sure.

The story of the Caesar family in Tipperary has potential with some information from what may be strands of the family in Canada.

Below right: Is a grave of Thomas Caesar born in 1778, in Crohane. He may have been a brother of Julius.

Below: An index from the Crohane Graveyard lists; Alice, James, John, Sarah & Thomas Caesar (*The E indicates Erected by*)

CROHANE GRAVEYARD		
INDEX OF PERSONAL NAMES.		
NAME:	YEAR:	STONE NO.:
Barrett, Bride	1948	63.
Barrett, John	1901	63.
Barrett, John E.		63.
Barrett, Laurence		63.
Barrett, Mary	1938	63.
Barrett, William	1964	63.
Bibby, Eliza (See Martin)	1810	20.
Bibby, Katherine (See Sutcliffe)	1888	21.
Bibby, Nicholas	E.	20.
Boles, Charles	E.	28.
Boles, John	1840	28.
Bourke, Mary (See Shelly)	1776	16.
Bowles, John	1868	27.
Bowles, Susan	E.	27.
Bowles, William	1851	27.
Brennan, Anastia	E.	3.
Brennan, Joseph	1838	81.
Brennan, Mary (See Fogarty)	1852	81.
Brennan, Richard	1836	81.
Brennan, Richard	1863	81.
Brett, Johanna (See Simpson)	1944	4.
Caesar, Alice	1948	94.
Caesar, James	E.	94.
Caesar, James	1937	94.
Caesar, John	1880	94.
Caesar, Sarah (See Thompson)	E.	23.
Caesar, Thomas	1833	23.

More research to be done here. The Canada link is close.

Record Date: 19 September 2012

Graveyard: Crohane Lower (C of I Parish Church)



Exact wording of epitaph:

Erected by Sarah Caesar
 memory of her husband
 Thomas Caesar
 Nov 1833 aged 55 yrs

Memorial Type: Headstone

▼ GRAVE LOCATION

County: Tipperary

Latitude: 52.561139722222

Longitude: -7.5910030555556

Mary Caesar's death certificate in Grafton in 1883 is informative but also presents us with some inconsistency to other known facts. Remember that the information in these certificates is only the information that is known by the informant usually a spouse or one of their children.

What's right and what's wrong? Her age 85 would have had her born in 1798 whereas other evidence suggests 1807. Her mother's name is listed as Mary but seems to be Sarah. Meskell is spelt Meskill. The Nara River is the Orara River. There is no Nara River anywhere in Australia but the Orara River runs through where the Meskells lived. These documents are good but not always right.

REGISTRATION NUMBER
1883/ 007925

NEW SOUTH WALES


BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT 1995

DEATH CERTIFICATE

Date and place of death	Name and occupation	Sex and age	Cause of Death Duration of last illness; medical attendant; when he last saw deceased	Name and occupation of father Name and maiden surname of mother	Informant
15 th May 1883 Nara River 1911	Mary Meskell	Female 85 years	(1) old age (2) — (3) James Thomson M.O. U. (4) 8 th March 1883	Julius (1) Caesar (2) Farmer (3) Mary Maiden Name (McKinnon)	Certified in writing by John ^{his} Meskell work Witness Charles Klaus Son Nara River

Particulars of registration	When and where buried; name of undertaker	Name and religion of Minister and names of witnesses of burial	Where born and how long in the Australasian Colonies or States	Place of marriage, age, and to whom	Children of marriage
(1) 16th May 1883 (2) 15 th May 1883 (3) Grafton	16 th May 1883 Grafton James Shea	Rev William Logginton Church of England William Green Michael O'Rourke	County Tipperary Ireland 43 years in New South Wales	(1) Ireland (2) 30 years (3) John Meskell	living Mary 50 years John 48 " deceased Males 2 Females 2


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REGISTRY OF BIRTHS
DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
SYDNEY 04 Sep 2009

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of particulars recorded in a Register in the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia

Greg Cerry

Registrar 

Crohane Ireland

Although some records have the Caesar and Meskell families coming from **Cashel** (John Meskell's death Certificate has Cashel as the place of marriage) it seems more likely that they came from the small villages of **Crohane** and **Cooldine** about 25 kilometres to the west. The document below is a page from the Tithe Records of 1830 and the last entry is that of **Julius Caesar** and he owes 14 shillings and 9 pence

No.	Townland and Owner.	Names of Occupiers.	Contents.			Annual value per Acre.	Annual Amt. Composition for Tithe.	Total.
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		<i>Carried forward</i>	721	1	21			70 6 8
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		"	4	2	33	2	12 7½	
32	29	<i>Thomas Purdie</i>	10			2 5	1 10 3½	2 5 9
		"	4	3	25	2	13 2½	
		"	2	1	10	15	2 3½	
		<i>Total</i>	755	2	22			£ 75 15 3 1/2 56 5 8 3/4
33	<i>Crohane, Sower</i>	<i>Mr. Maurice Power</i>	25			1 15	2 18 10	3 14 ½
	<i>Anthony, Gay, Suther Esq.</i>	"	9	7		1 5	15 2½	
34	31	<i>James Morris</i>	5			1 15	18 10	1 3 11½
		"	3	3	10	1	5 1½	
35	32	<i>James Kinaghau</i>	2		17	1 15	4 11½	4 11½
36	33	<i>Julius Caesar</i>	5			1 5	5 5	14 9
		"	6	1	5	15	6 4	

The Caesar and Meskell families may have lived near each other in Ireland (if we have the right records). On the next page is a tax valuation between 1847 and 1864 (maybe 1853) that lists **Edward and Mary Meskill** (slightly different spelling) at **Killenaule** and that is just a few kilometres from **Crohane**.

There are records of an Edward Meskell in the Cashel region of Tipperary but frustratingly we can't be sure they are our Edward

In 1850 Mary and Edward Meskill were living in **Cooldine** in the Parish of Killenaule. They would have been in their 70's and the Irish Famine was causing havoc.

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PRIMARY VALUATION OF TENEMENTS.

PARISH OF KILLENAULE.

No. and Letters of Reference to Map.	Names.		Description of Tenement.	Content of Land.	Net Annual Value.		
	Townlands and Occupiers.	Immediate Lessors.			Land.	Buildings.	Total.
	COOLDINE. (Ord. S. 54.)			A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Reps. John Lane, Esq.	In fee,	Bog,	77 3 18	0 10 0	—	0 10 0
-	a James Ryan,	Reps. John Lane, Esq.	House and garden,	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 5 0	0 6 0
2	a John Quirk,	Reps. John Lane, Esq.	House and land,	15 2 11	5 15 0	0 5 0	6 0 0
-	b Lawrence Croak,	John Quirk,	House,	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
3	A a b William Lane, Esq.	Reps. John Lane, Esq.	House, offices, and land,	143 2 32	124 10 0	1 15 0	126 10 0
-	A b Vacant,	Reps. John Lane, Esq.	Office,	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
4	a John Cantwell,	Reps. John Lane, Esq.	House and land,	63 3 10	65 0 0	1 10 0	66 10 0
-	b Mary Meskill,	John Cantwell,	House,	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
-	c Edward Meskill,	John Cantwell,	House and garden,	0 3 19	1 0 0	0 5 0	1 5 0
			Total,	302 0 10	197 1 0	4 15 0	201 16 0

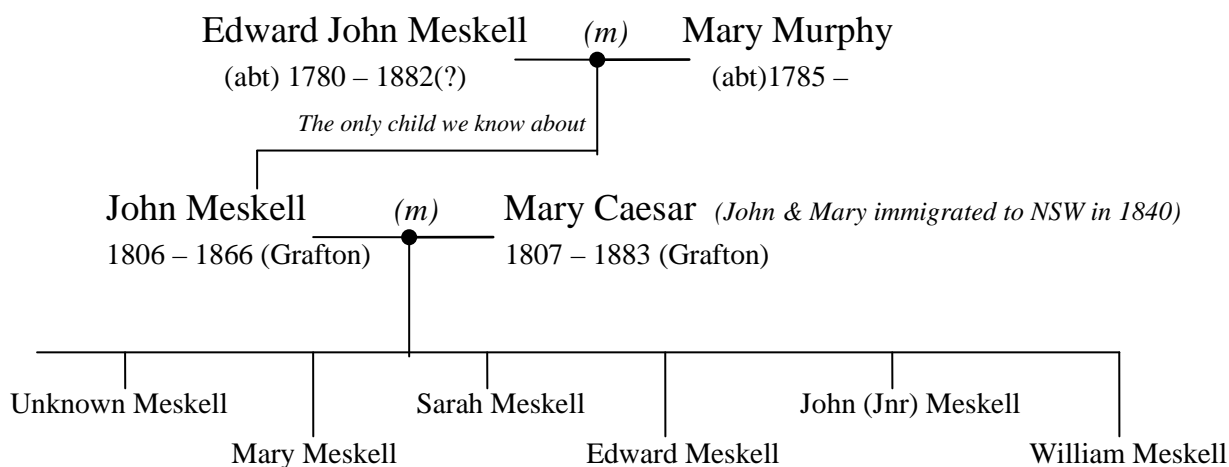
Part 1

The Meskell Family

John Meskell married **Mary Caesar** in 1826 in St John's Cathedral, Cashel, Tipperary, Ireland. Cashel as the original home seems to be consistent on documents and obituaries. Cashel and Nenagh are about 60 km apart in Tipperary. *For the Maloney relatives this is of interest because Martin Maloney came from the region around Nenagh.*

Frustratingly like the Maloney and Caesar line of the family the Meskell family tree is limited to just two names **Edward Meskell** and **Mary Murphy** and we know Edward is a *farmer*, they were both born most likely in the 1780s.

We are not sure if John Meskell had brothers or sisters. Peter Meskell (1959-) who has done extensive research of Irish records has a suggestion that **Edward Meskell** born in 1780 died in 1882 making him *102 years old*, it's a maybe from original records. It could be his son Edward who died in 1882 or it could be another Edward Meskell. The Meskell name is not uncommon in Tipperary and a lot of Meskells immigrated to Australia so finding if they are related is a job not yet done.



The WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS 1882 the document opposite lists the Will of Edward MESKILL on 8 August.

It reads:

MESKILL Edward.

Effects £10 14s

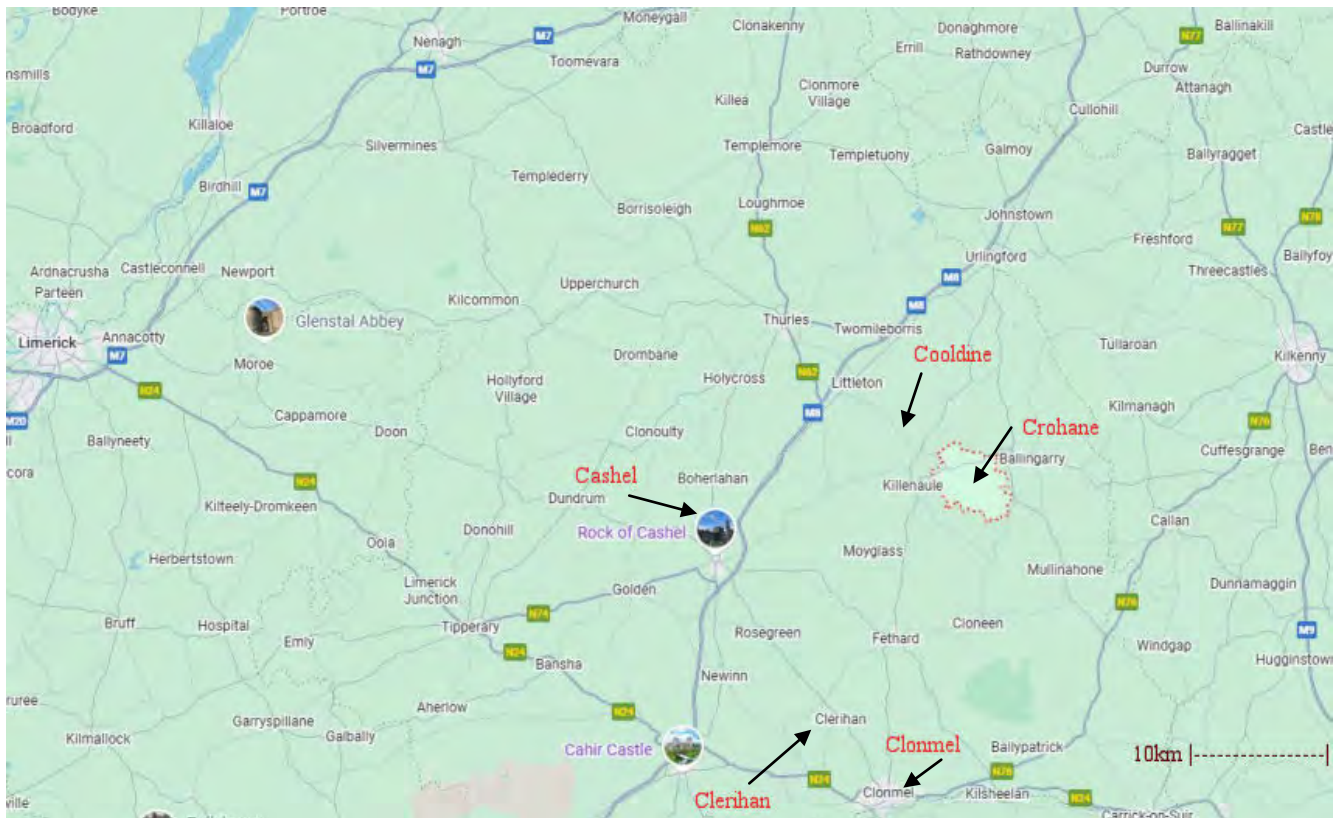
Letters of Administration of the personal estate of Edward Meskell of Clerihan County Tipperary Labourer deceased who died 2 June 1882 at same place were granted to the Principal Registry to Bridget Dwyer of Clonmel in said county (Wife of William Dwyer) the sister.

If this is Edward Meskell the father of John then he was possibly 102 when he died - we are not sure of his birth year, he could have been born as late as 1788.

WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS. 1882. 529	
<p>MEREDITH Thomas. [76] Effects unadministered £175.</p>	<p>5 April. Letters of Administration (with the Will and one Codicil annexed) of the personal estate of Thomas Meredith late of George's-avenue Blackrock County Dublin Clerk deceased who died 6 March 1875 at same place (left unadministered by John Meredith the Residuary Legatee) were granted at the Principal Registry to John Meredith of 7 Stephen's-green North Dublin Cab Owner the Administrator of said John Meredith. (Former Grant 12 August 1875.)</p>
<p>MEREDITH Thomas. [15] Effects £686 10s. <i>Three missing. See list sent from registry, and annexed here 10/9/1903 also Registrar's letter of April 1904. Sent up with 1888 Increment</i></p>	<p>12 April. Letters of Administration of the personal estate of Thomas Meredith late of Tobernaghshy County Sligo Farmer deceased who died 12 January 1882 at same place were granted at Ballina to William Meredith of Carrownsparraun in said County Farmer a Brother. (D)</p>
<p>MERRIGAN Daniel. [104] Effects £40.</p>	<p>19 April. Letters of Administration of the personal estate of Daniel Merrigan late of Ballyclough County Wicklow Labourer deceased who died 24 March 1882 at same place were granted at the Principal Registry to Mary Whiston of Wicklow Widow the Sister. (D)</p>
<p>MERVYN (Reverend) William Hunter. [90] Effects £320 19s. 2d.</p>	<p>30 August. Letters of Administration of the personal estate of the Reverend William Hunter Mervyn late of Killead County Antrim Clerk deceased who died 15 July 1882 at same place were granted at Belfast to Jane Mervyn of Killead the Widow. (D)</p>
<p>MESKILL Edward. [223] Effects £10 14s.</p>	<p>8 August. Letters of Administration of the personal estate of Edward Meskell late of Clerihan County Tipperary Labourer deceased who died 2 June 1882 at same place were granted at the Principal Registry to Bridget Dwyer of Clonmel in said County (Wife of William Dwyer) the Sister. (D)</p>

Records suggest that the Caesar family lived in or near **Crohane** and the Meskell family were residents of **Cooldine**. These villages/localities are only about 10 kilometres apart.

(For the Maloney family readers note that Nenagh (pronounced Neena) near where Martin Maloney came from is near the top of this map)



Edward Meskell (sometimes spelt Meskill) lived in Cooldine and we have a record of a Will from 1882 of an Edward Meskill having died in Clerihan leaving his estate to his sister Bridget.

The death certificate of **John Meskell** in Australia in 1866 lists his place of marriage as **Cashel** – it also lists his father as **Edward** and his mother as **Mary Murphy**. When his daughter, Mary, dies in 1900 her place of birth is listed as **Clonmel in Ireland**. This is quite specific information provided by her son Samuel Morgan. All of these places are near each other in Ireland. It seems like a lot of information about Ireland was retained within the family for a few generations. Clonmel (usually spelt with one “l”) would only have been known to Samuel if he knew about the family history.

Meskells still live around the Cooldine, Crohane, Clerihan, Clonmel and Cashel region but how they are related we are yet to sort out.

The name Meskell, Mascall, Meskill and its other spelling variations are an Anglicized form of the Irish Gaelic name Ó Meisceall, meaning "descendant of Meiscill". This suggests a long heritage of the Meskell family in Ireland.

The Caesar family on the other hand may have been immigrants from a Rhine River Valley known as the Palatinate an area of Germany that was besieged with war during the 1600's and finally in the late 1600's and early 1700's the English resettled some in Scotland and Ireland to increase the numbers of Protestants in those areas. Caesar is not a traditional Irish name. The evidence is limited however, remember when the Caesar/Meskell family arrived in Australia in 1840 the John Meskell and the boys were listed as Catholic and Mary (Maria) Caesar and the daughters were listed as Protestants. Seemingly a number of the Palatine families moved to America and Canada and that was the case with a number of the Caesar families from Ireland, we are yet to prove that link with our Caesar family.

The evidence against is that my DNA does not list any percentage for Germany it does however have some for the Netherlands.

John Meskell 1806/03-1866 and Mary Caesar 1807-1883

John and Mary arrived in NSW in 1840

John Meskell and **Mary Caesar** have 6 children born between 1827 and 1841 only two of them, **Mary** and **John Jnr**, have families.

The Meskell family story here is about John and Mary and their children. It is the family of Mary Meskell and her descendants that we concentrate on, her brother, **John Meskell Jnr's**, descendants become quite numerous and I list some but they are research and work for another branch of the family.

Mary Meskell marries **Joseph Morgan** and we follow them in Part 2 *The Morgan family*.

John Meskell and his wife Mary Caesar arrive in Sydney in May 1840 on the ship the **Thomas Lowry**.

John Meskell is listed as 34 giving a birth date of 1806 (his death certificate in 1866 has him 63 years having him born in 1803) I have gone with the 1806 date.

Mary is named "Maria" aged 33 and so born in 1807 her death certificate on the previous page has her 85 years old in 1883 suggesting a birth in 1798. Again I am going with a birth year based on the immigration record. Four Children are listed Edward 6, John 4, Mary ("Maria") 11 and Sarah 10. The children seem to be named after their parents and grandparents.

John is listed as a farm labourer and Mary a Farm Servant and as mentioned previously the males are listed as Roman Catholic and the females Protestant. Religion was a big deal at the time and a social issue in Australia with an Irish Catholic and English Protestant divide.

New South Wales, Australia, Assisted Immigrant Passenger Lists, 1828-1896 for John Maskall					
1840 > May > Thomas Lowry					
Meskell John	34	Farm Labourer	R Catholic	Reads	Co. Tipperary
Maria	33	Farm Servant	Protestant	Reads Carites	Co. Tipperary
Edward	6	Son	R Catholic		Co. Tipperary
John	4	Son	R Catholic		Co. Tipperary
Maria	11	Daughter	Protestant		Co. Tipperary
Sarah	10	Daughter	Protestant		Co. Tipperary

Mary's death certificate mentions 2 living and 4 deceased children. The assumption is the child listed was an "Unknown" Meskell born in 1827 who died before they left Ireland. There is no record of another child born after William in 1841 in Australia or a record of a Meskell born fitting that line of the family in Australia so the earlier birth in Ireland seems the most likely.

John Meskell and his wife **Mary Caesar** are buried together in the Protestant Anglican section of the Grafton Cemetery in northern NSW.



Below is the full page of the ship records – **Thomas Lowry** - that records the details of the John and Mary Maskall (Meskell) in **1840** - Their names and ages are more easily read on the enlarged section on the previous page. Note again that Mary is named Maria.

Directly above them is the family of Mary's sister Eliza Lydia, listed as Eliza. They are listed under the surname Meskell rather than McKee and this seems to be a clerical error because their names are listed correctly on the separate detailed pages earlier in the ships records. – See the section on the McKee family in **Research Note A** for more details.

Page 9				Page 9			
Continued				Continued			
Name of Ship	Part of month	Name	Trade	Religion	Rank or grade	Station place	Age
Thomas Lowry	16 th May 1840	Henry George	28 Farm labourer	Protestant	Head Curate	forwards	47
		Mary	31 Farm servant	Protestant	Head Curate	Reading	15
		John William	36 Farm labourer	Protestant	Head Curate	Donnington	18 3/4
		Mary	30 House servant	Protestant	Head Curate	Sharnbrook	18
		John	5 Son	Protestant	Head Curate	Sharnbrook	18
		James	1 1/2 Son	Protestant	Head Curate	Sharnbrook	5
		Sarah	1 1/2 Daughter	Protestant	Head Curate	Sharnbrook	5
		John Samuel	3 1/2 Farm labourer	Protestant	Head Curate	Sharnbrook	5 1/2
		Mary	24 To be hired	Protestant	Head Curate	Manchester	18
		Marshall James	25 Farm labourer	Protestant	Head Curate	To be hired	18 3/4
		Mary	26 Dressmaker	Protestant	Head Curate	Bel fast	18
		Marshall James	38 Farm labourer	Protestant	Head Curate	Bel fast	18 3/4
		Eliza	30 Farm servant	Protestant	Head Curate	Bel fast	18
		William	10 Son	Protestant	Head Curate	Co. Tipperary	18
		James	9 Son	Protestant	Head Curate	Co. Tipperary	10
		Julius	7 Son	Protestant	Head Curate	Co. Tipperary	12
		Sarah	4 Daughter	Protestant	Head Curate	Co. Tipperary	10
		James	2 Son	Protestant	Head Curate	Co. Tipperary	5
		Marshall John	3 1/2 Farm labourer	Protestant	Head Curate	Co. Tipperary	5 1/2
		Maria	33 Farm servant	Protestant	Head Curate	Co. Tipperary	18
		James	6 Son	Protestant	Head Curate	Co. Tipperary	5
		John	4 Son	Protestant	Head Curate	Co. Tipperary	5
		James	11 Son	Protestant	Head Curate	Co. Tipperary	18
		Sarah	10 Daughter	Protestant	Head Curate	Co. Tipperary	18
		W. Affry James	29 Tailor	Protestant	Head Curate	Co. Tipperary	10 1/2
		Mary	35 House servant	Protestant	Head Curate	Moynehan	18
		Margaret	3 Daughter	Protestant	Head Curate	Moynehan	18
		James Thomas	20 Blacksmith	Protestant	Head Curate	Moynehan	5 1/2
William	20 Blacksmith	Protestant	Head Curate	Belgian	18		
				forwards			

16th May Thomas Lowry 1840

John Meskell and Mary Caesar arrive in Australia – May 1840

John and Mary are my G-G-G-Grandparents. Their daughter Mary Meskell married Joseph Morgan and their daughter Harriet Morgan (photo is on the front cover) married Martin Maloney and their son John is my grandfather. John died in 1922 in Ballina. My father Jack Maloney was born in 1918. (Neville Maloney).

The ship records and the passenger lists, of the *Thomas Lowry* are detailed with a page for each passenger male/female, married/single and on the married females pages children are included. The page below is **Mary Caesar** and it is curious that she is listed as Maria rather than Mary and as Caesar rather than Meskell.

What does it clearly say?

The ships name “**Thomas Lowry**”.

The agent who sponsored their immigration; **Bought out by: A.B Smith & Co**

She is a native of **County Tipperary** a daughter of **Julius** a farmer and **Sarah** his wife

Her Calling (her job): **Farm Servant**

Baptism: **She is not carrying any birth or identification papers!**

Character and Person certifying: Same as her husband. (John’s information next page)

State of Health, Religion and Remarks can’t be read

On the 2nd page – children: Two male Children are legible as - **Edward 6 years 15th Apr** and **John 11 years 10th June**. The Female Children can’t be read but the marks indicate two children. On the page where passengers are listed these names are legible as **Mary** and **Sarah**.

On the next page I have included a better copy of the right hand page below, that clearer copy shows the children’s names clearly.

MALE CHILDREN, EXCEEDING ONE, AND UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS.		
Name	Age	Person certifying Registry of Baptism
Edward	6 years	15 th Apr 1840
John	11 years	10 th June

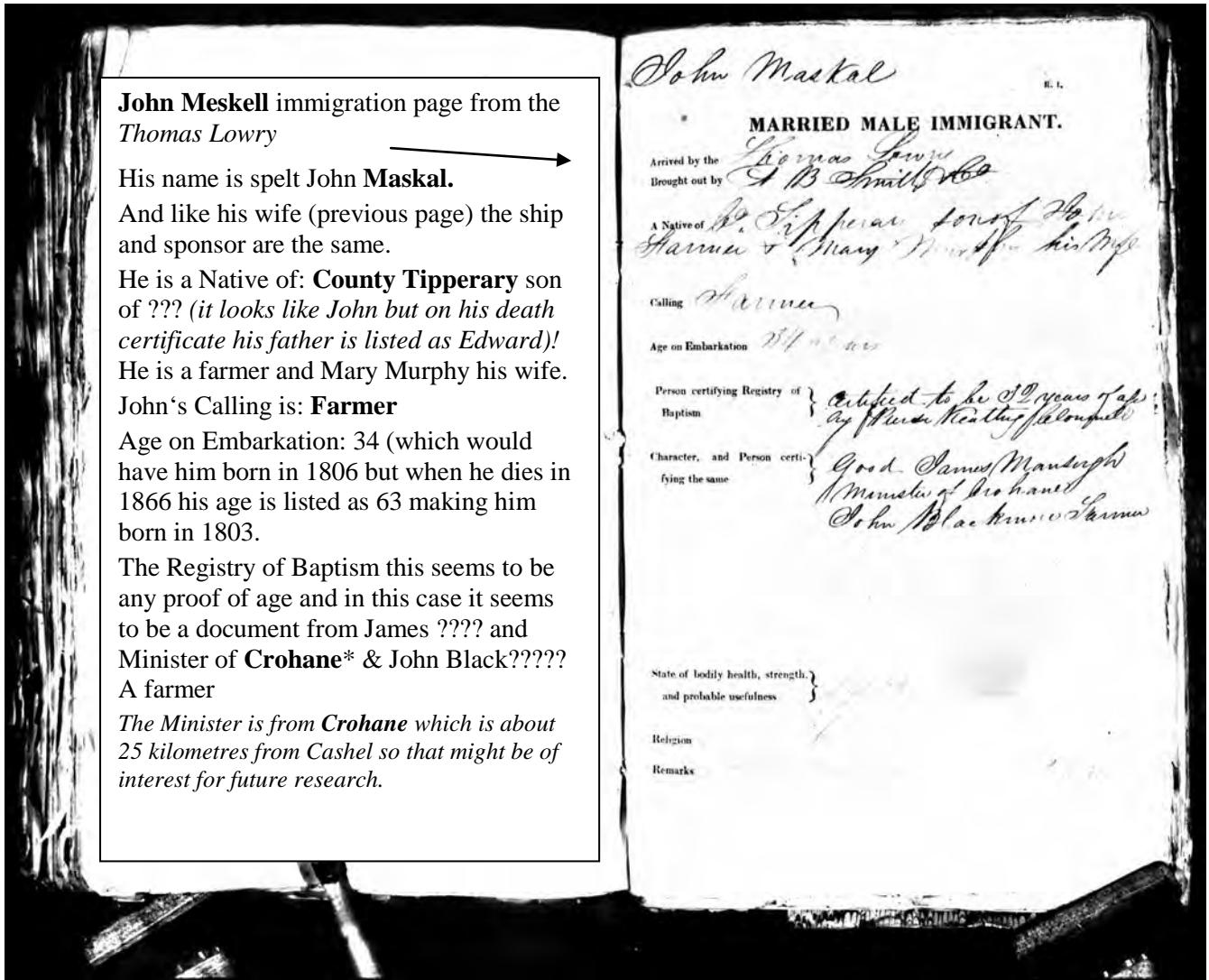
FEMALE CHILDREN, EXCEEDING ONE, AND UNDER FIFTEEN YEARS.		
Name	Age	Person certifying Registry of Baptism
No certificates		

Sydney,

This is a clearer copy of the right side page above. I have included this detail because it clearly shows names of the children and their ages. In particular it shows the name of their son John. None of the children have a second first name.

I have seen John listed on genealogy sites as "John Russell Meskell" but this name is definitely wrong.

MALE CHILDREN, EXCEEDING ONE, AND UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS.		
Names.	Ages.	Persons certifying Registry of Baptism.
<i>Dawara</i>	<i>6 years</i>	<i>15th April 1860</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>4 years</i>	<i>10th June</i>
FEMALE CHILDREN, EXCEEDING ONE, AND UNDER FIFTEEN YEARS.		
Names.	Ages.	Persons certifying Registry of Baptism.
<i>Maria</i>	<i>11 years</i>	<i>10th August 1859</i>
<i>Anna</i>	<i>4 years</i>	<i>10th June 1860</i>
<i>No certificates</i>		



John Meskell immigration page from the *Thomas Lowry*

His name is spelt **John Maskal**.

And like his wife (previous page) the ship and sponsor are the same.

He is a Native of: **County Tipperary** son of ??? (it looks like John but on his death certificate his father is listed as Edward)! He is a farmer and Mary Murphy his wife.

John's Calling is: **Farmer**

Age on Embarkation: 34 (which would have him born in 1806 but when he dies in 1866 his age is listed as 63 making him born in 1803.

The Registry of Baptism this seems to be any proof of age and in this case it seems to be a document from James ??? and Minister of **Crohane*** & John Black????

A farmer

The Minister is from Crohane which is about 25 kilometres from Cashel so that might be of interest for future research.

John Maskal

M. I.

MARRIED MALE IMMIGRANT.

Arrived by the *Thomas Lowry*
Brought out by *A B Smith & Co*

A Native of *Co. Tipperary son of John & Mary Murphy his wife*

Calling *Farmer*

Age on Embarkation *34*

Person certifying Registry of Baptism } *Certified to be 34 years of age by James Keating, Minister*

Character, and Person certifying the same } *Good James Mansfield Minister of Crohane John Black & James*

State of bodily health, strength and probable usefulness }

Religion

Remarks

Above: I have added explanation on the left page of the ship records. That page was blank on the original.

The list below is from The *Thomas Lowry* Passenger list in 1840 I assume extracted from the information about each passenger collected on the trip. A copy of the full page that includes Mary Caesar's sister and her family is in **Research Note A** at the end of this book. This list displays the names of the children and interestingly notes the cost of the voyage for each person £18 for the adults, £10 for a child aged 7 to 18 and £5 for children 6 and under. The total cost for the family was £66.

The names in the list below are:

- Maskall ___ John 34 Farm labourer (*The spelling of the surname has one "l" on the page above!*)
- Maria 33 Farm Servant (*This is Mary Caesar: see previous pages about her*)
- Edward 6 ___ Son ___ (*Edward did not marry and has no descendants he died in 1861*)
- John 4 ___ Son ___ (*I refer to him as John Jnr Meskell to distinguish him from his father*)
- Maria 11 ___ Dt (Daughter) (*This is Mary Meskell who marries Joseph Morgan in 1844*)
- Sarah 10 Dt (Daughter) (*Sarah dies just one year later in May 1841*)

<i>Maskell John</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>Farm labourer</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Acad.</i>	<i>Co. Tipperary</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Maria</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>Farm Servant</i>	<i>Protestant</i>	<i>Acad. Acadies</i>	<i>Co. Tipperary</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Edward</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Catholic</i>		<i>Co. Tipperary</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Catholic</i>		<i>Co. Tipperary</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Maria</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Dt</i>	<i>Protestant</i>		<i>Co. Tipperary</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Dt</i>	<i>Protestant</i>		<i>Co. Tipperary</i>	<i>10/6</i>

After they arrived a Board set up by the Bounty Scheme would have examined their documents and the sponsor AB Smith & Co would have received a refund of the voyage fees.

Another version of the immigration, the ship, record for John Meskell is much clearer because it is a printed version.

It seems the handwritten ship records were transcribed and printed and bound in books to maintain a record for government purposes.

This copy from a collated volume lists the children's names and ages. His wife is named Maria. This is the only occurrence, on all the immigration documents, where it is not written as Mary. Mary's maiden name is the line usually for occupation and her parents are names as Julius and Sarah.

The Meskell name is still incorrect as Maskall. John's parents are John Maskall and Mary Murphy.

NAME (Hus.)	MASKALL	John
OCCUPATION	Farmer	
REL	BC	AGE 34 y cert / to RW. 32 y R
NATIVE PLACE	C	Tipperary
FATHER	MASKALL	John
MOTHER	MURPHY	Mary
NAME (Wife)	MASKALL	Maria
OCCUPATION	Ceaser	
REL	Prot.	AGE 33 y 24 Nov 1840 RW. B
NATIVE PLACE	C	Tipperary
FATHER		Julius
MOTHER		Sarah
CHILDREN	Edward	6 y 15 Apr 1840
	John	4 y 10 June 1840
	Maria	11 y 28 Aug 1839
	Sarah	10 y Feb 1840
SHIP	THOMAS LOWRY	DATE OF ARRIVAL 16 May 1840 VOL 35

Sydney 1840

After the ships docked the passengers, because they were on the Bounty Assisted Scheme, were required to be interviewed by a Board. This must have taken some time and arrangements were made by AB Smith & Co, the sponsors, to accommodate the immigrants. The main requirements about the Bounty Scheme I have mentioned a few pages back.

How old were John Meskell and Mary Caesar when they arrived?

Their ages are different on their death certificates, that is, the calculation of their birthdates based on their stated ages when they arrived in 1840 and when they died in 1866 and 1883 respectively are quite different in Mary's case it is 1798 or 1807 a nine year difference. I had assumed the immigration records were the accurate ones to follow BUT I now think the death certificates are probably correct.

John and Mary were married in 1826; she was either 28, if she was born in 1798 or 19 if she was born in 1807. And John was either 23 or 20. All possible. Mary had her last child, William, in 1841 and she was either 43 or 34. Women seemed to keep bearing children into their mid forties at the time.

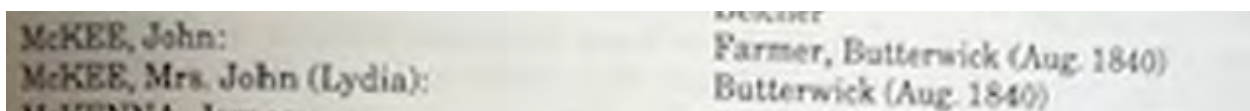
Back to the Bounty Scheme and a key feature was that parents immigrating should be aged 30 or less and the ships records support this with just a few in their early 30's. Those on the limit could provide a statement to say they were healthy which John and Mary did but they did not supply baptism documents. *I am suspicious.*

After all of that logic it may fall flat because when I look at Mary's sister Eliza Lydia (details in [Research Note A](#)) she is listed as 30 years old in 1840 born in 1803 but on her tombstone it says she was 64 in 1872 indicating she was born in 1808 and that suggest she was 25 rather than 30 when she arrived. The ship record even lists a date as 16 April 1803. I really don't know. The dates I have for them in parts of this book will be inconsistent depending on what sources I feel are more valid as I proceed. (NM 2025)

The Hunter Region 1840 to 1860

After arriving in Sydney on 16th May 1840 John and Mary seem to have set off quite quickly for the Hunter Region, they may have had work already arranged for them via the Bounty Immigration Scheme. Just 8 weeks after arriving Mary's sister, Eliza Lydia, gave birth to a son, John Caesar McKee on July 14th 1840 at Butterwick.

Mary's sister, Lydia, and her husband John McKee are detailed in an 1841 Census (from "Hunter Valley Directory 1841 compiled by Elizabeth Guildford in 1987). "Aug 1840" seems to be the date they arrived in Butterwick. Other names in the lists have dates earlier in the 1830s but they also include the name of the ship that bought them to NSW.



This Census entry is interesting because it puts them in the same location from where soon to be introduced, Joseph Morgan, is said to be from as well. That location is Butterwick.

Butterwick becomes an important location for the Morgan and the Meskell families because it is here that we can pin down some dates and links between the families. Butterwick is now just a region, it was however a thriving rural community in the 1840's, potential was just around the corner and immigrants jostled with convicts and established settlers to find the next crop, mine or business to make them successful. The problem they all had was labour, everyone needed more workers and especially people with skills. That's why the schemes like the Bounty Program were developed.

John and Mary Meskell stayed in the Hunter region until sometime between late 1860 and early 1861 when they moved to Waterview, Grafton. Their life in the Hunter seemed to be around Paterson and Hinton (Butterwick) and Dungog. They are farm labourers. There is happiness and grief ahead.

Names and who's who is always a problem with family history apart from variations in spelling there are often people with the same name in the same town at the same time. **John Meskell** is one of those names. Pete Meskell has tried his hand below at sorting some of that confusion for us.

Which John Meskell?

I remember my Grandfather George telling me that there came a time when our family decided to lock in our spelling as Meskell. In early days when not all could read or write, our ancestors were reliant on the clerk's interpretation of how they pronounced their name!*

The most easily confused John Meskell was born in County Clare, Ireland in 1804 and died in Raymond Terrace, NSW in 1876. He married Matilda McConomy (1820-1857) at East Maitland in 1844. He came to Australia as a convict and ended up with land at Seaham, NSW. His records are often confused with John Meskell senior and they lived in the same general area for twenty years, may have even met?

Once again, different spellings on different documents over the years.

There was a John Miskell (1808-1876) who was born in Galway, Ireland and died in Orange, NSW. He married Ellan Moylan (1832-1895) at Bathurst, NSW in 1850.

I also found a new John Miskell (sometimes spelled Meskell) on the TIPPEM1 database. He was born in 1841 and came from Clonmel in Tipperary. The record said he came to Australia as a free settler in 1863, both his parents were dead and his fare was paid by his cousins John and Joseph Heffernan.

(Note that none of these are the John Meskell in this book).

And another confusion seems to be John Meskell's son, also John Meskell who many family researchers have named John Russell Meskell. There is NO evidence of that middle name in our family history lines. There is a John Russell Meskell and his known details are: born 9th July 1897 in Narrandera, Christened on 11th August 1897 in Narrandera – but not related.

**A note from Pete Meskell in 2025*

John Meskell along with his wife **Mary Caesar** and the **McKee** family all move to **Butterwick**, they are there by **July 14th 1840** when Eliza Lydia has her 6th child, John Caesar McKee. The McKee family are good at filling in forms; census, births.... the Meskells not so good. They must have been assigned to a farmer as part of the Bounty Immigration Scheme.

In 1840 the last convict ship, bound for NSW, arrived in Sydney, farm labour and in fact all forms of labour were in short supply and farmers were eager to get immigrants. There were large land holdings and The Australian Agricultural Company had land near Paterson.

Butterwick is a region, not a town today, near Paterson in the Hunter Valley. Some details of what was the land in Butterwick are detailed in the section later about Joseph Morgan

The Meskell family in Butterwick

For most of not all of the 1840s **John and Mary Meskell** lived in and around Butterwick working as farm labours and putting together some savings. The first few years must have been very hard. Their daughter **Sarah** who was 10 years old when they arrived in 1840 died on May 14th **1841**. **William** their son born on April 13th 1842 died on February 20th **1843**. They were buried in the Glebe Cemetery at East Maitland.

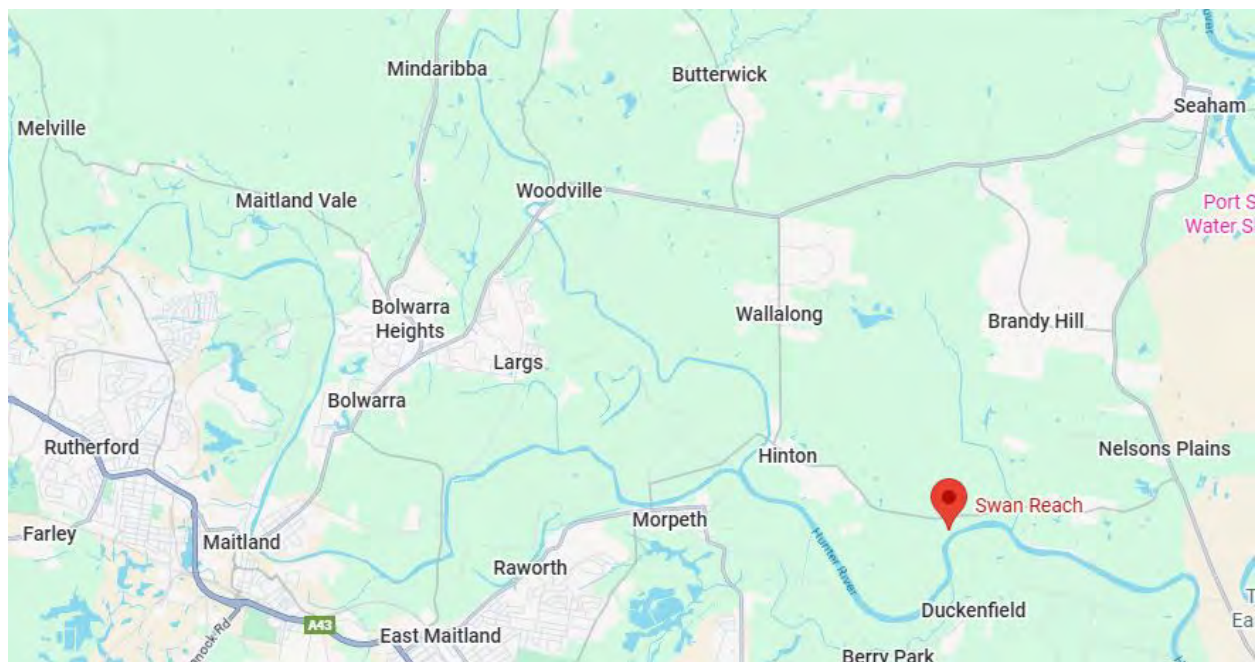
 MASKAL SARAH

1377/1841 V18411377 AGE 11
25B

CT

St Peters Old Burial Ground Glebe Headstone & Parish Register1.pdf					
MARSDEN:	Samuel	24/3/1847	40	F.B.S.	Arrived 1826
MARSH:	Thomas	19/3/1846	45	Farmer	
MARSH:	Amelia Rockford	22/9/1841	2½	D. of a shoemaker	
MARSHALL:	Marea	13/9/1832	25	Green Hills	
MARSHALL:	Emma Sophia	25/11/1854	11mth	D. of William	
MARSHALL:	Adeline Gertrude	26/11/1845	6mth	Lochinvar	
MARTIN:	Richard	21/12/1838	70/73	F.B.S.	Drowned
MARTIN:	John	21/5/1847	36	Supposed to be free	
MASKAL: (MISKELL)	Sarah	14/5/1841	11	Free Emigrant	
MASKIL: (MISKELL)	William	20/2/1843	9mth	S. of a labourer	
MASON:	George Henry	24/3/1854	2	S. of a Carrier	
MASON:	John Andrew	10/2/1851	15mth	S. of a Labourer	
MASTERS:	James	28/3/1846	11dys	S. of a shoemaker	
MASTERS:	Mary Anne	28/10/1849	48	F.B.S.	
MAYO:	Elizabeth	18/3/1853	46	Wife of John/ Inn Keeper	
MEDLAM:	Charles	19/4/1849	8 dys	S. of a Tinman	
MEDLAM:	William	27/2/1850	1 day	S. of a Tinman	

Record of Sarah Meskell 11 years and William Meskell 9 months in the East Maitland Cemetery.



Sarah died at Swan Reach in 1841. We have no definitive record of where the Meskell family were living when they came to The Hunter in 1840, the McKees however completed a census and we know they lived at Butterwick and when Mary Meskell married in 1844 she was listed as living at Butterwick. Swan Reach is about 8 kilometres from Butterwick.

These must have been difficult years; far from family and a life they knew in Ireland in a new and strange land with hot summers and very few facilities. In the early 1940s the Hunter Region has a small population and the decision to immigrate must have weighed on their minds. In **1844** their daughter, **Mary**, who is **15** marries **Joseph Morgan** who is 33 and seemingly a convict.

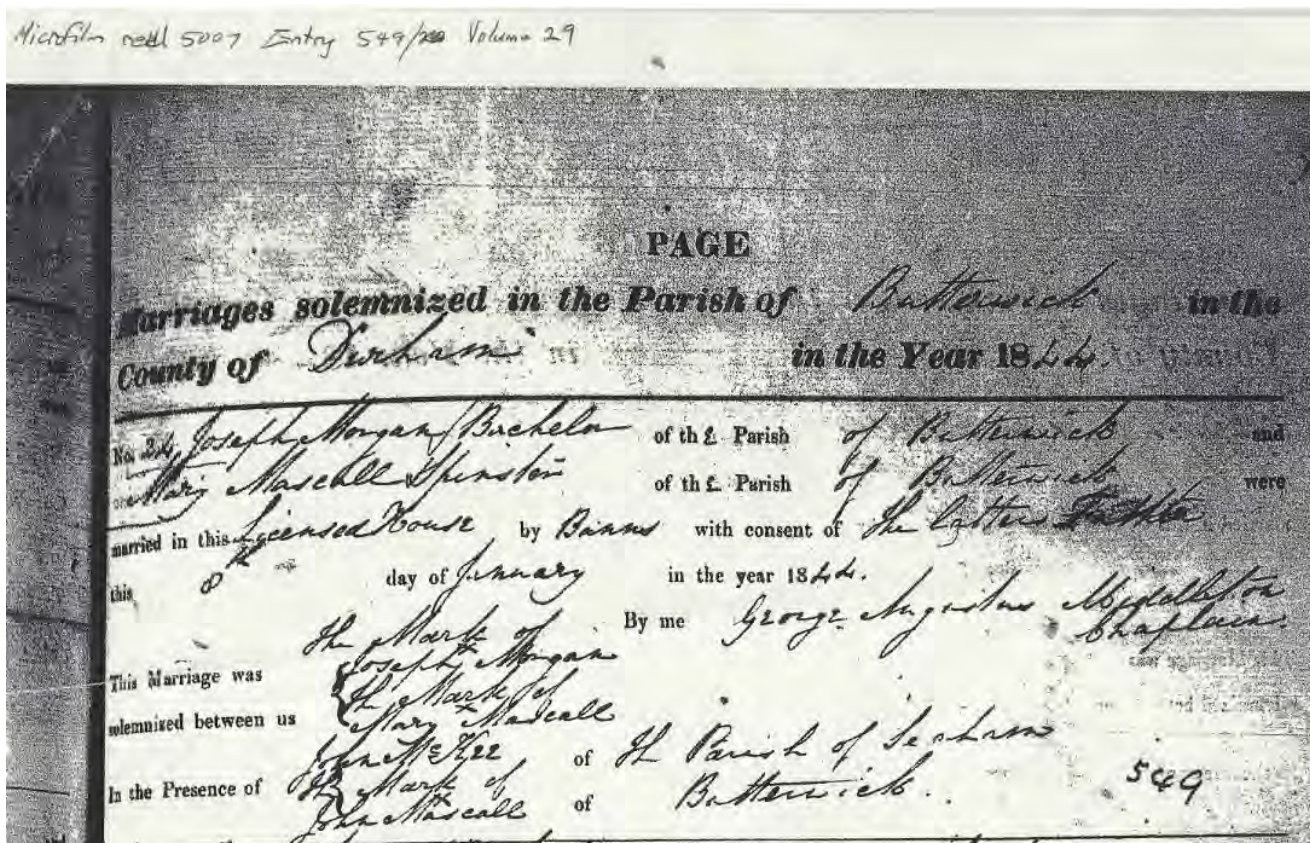
1844

The wedding of **Mary Meskell** and **Joseph Morgan** takes place at **Narrowgut** near Hinton, about 12kms from Maitland and about 10kms from Butterwick on January 8th 1844.

As mentioned earlier Mary is 15 and Joseph is 33, they both live at Butterwick.

The original entry in the Parish Record below lists the names **Joseph Morgan** and **Mary Meskell** (that is later transcribed as Mascall (see document next page) and Masewell (see entry directly below that in entered into NSW BDM records).

549/1844 V1844549 MORGAN JOSEPH MASEWELL MARY ML
29



The marriage entry provides a lot of information.

The marriage was licensed by Banns, that is the intention to of Mary and Joseph to marry was read out in the church service for at least 3 weeks in advance of the wedding. Mary's father John Meskell gave his consent for the marriage and made his mark as a witness. The other witness was John McKee the husband of Eliza Lydia Caesar, the sister of Mary's Mother. **And it says they all live in Butterwick.**

The register and the Anglican (Protestant, Church of England) Mary Caesar, Mary's mother is still exerting her protestant faith – remember she and her daughters were listed on the immigration ship records as Protestant and her husband and her sons were listed as Catholic.

Narrowgut as the place of the wedding has been something of a puzzle. No town and no church, that is until I chased up the Minister – *George Augustus Middleton** – An interesting character, and for our purposes in 1844 his ministering were limited to the Butterwick and Seaham regions and he conducted sermons and marriages from his home.

***Middleton** was intolerant of officials and officialdom. He fell out with the Commandant at Newcastle, Major James Morisset, and he lost the support of the first Archdeacon of the Australian Church, Thomas Hobbes Scott to whom Middleton was answerable for his ministry. The Evangelical branch of the church also accused Middleton of being devoid of spirituality and depth in his ministry and teaching.

His Paterson River flock knew better. Middleton related to his people as a husband, parent, farmer, bushman and someone who had experienced the same grief, struggles and failures that they endured. Even though he was unlicensed from 1827, Middleton's unofficial Christian ministry never faltered and, finally, he was allowed back into the Anglican fold.

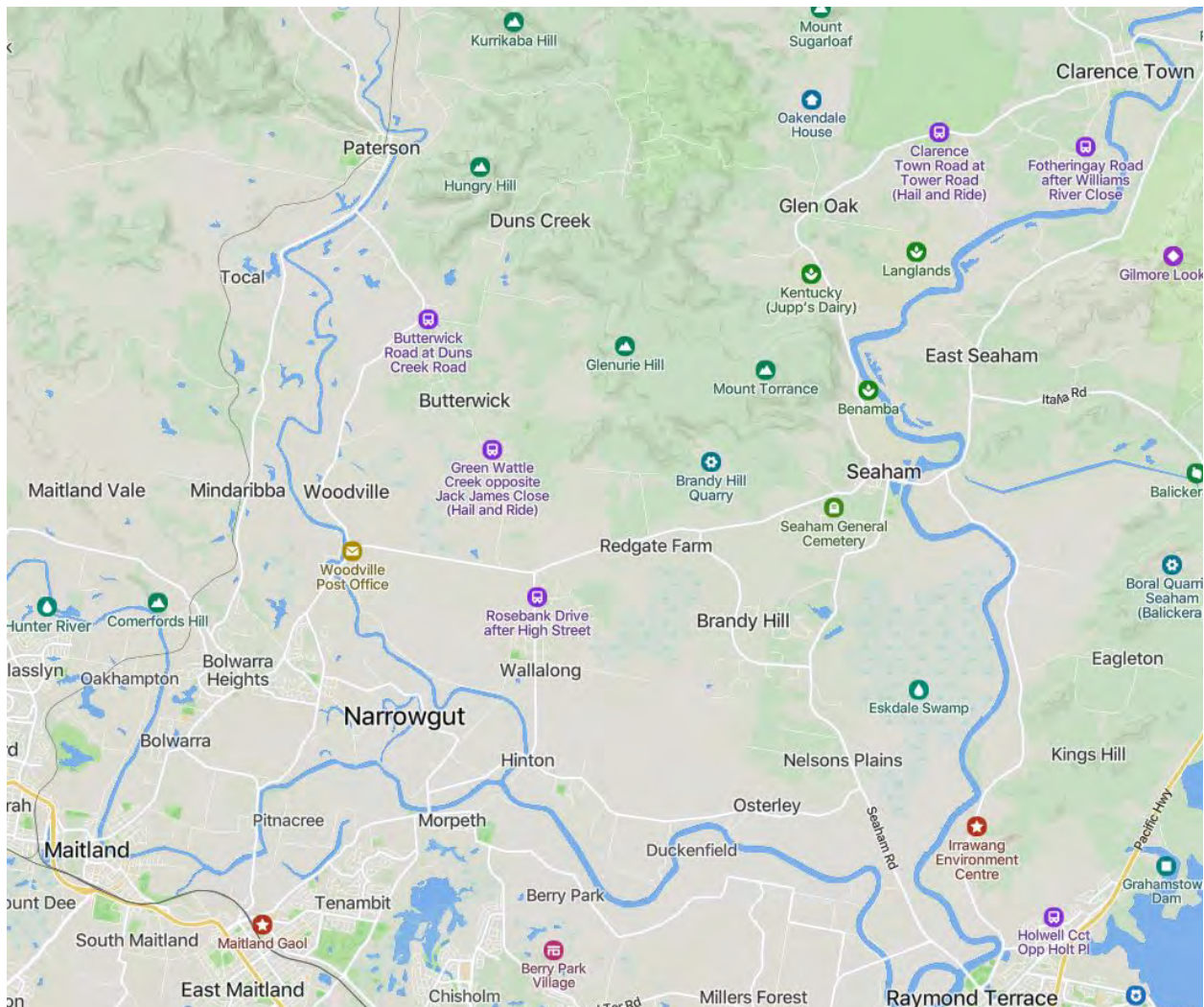
After Bishop William Grant Broughton's pastoral visitation to the Hunter Valley in 1837, Middleton was licensed to serve in the parishes of *Butterwick and Seaham*, and in April 1838 he was authorized to solemnize **marriages in his house** at Hinton**, there being no church building in the area. In 1839 the Hinton parish was further limited to the lower reaches of the Williams and Paterson Rivers. Middleton also did much of the parish work in the ecclesiastical centre of Morpeth until failing health confined him to Hinton. He died there on 15 May 1848.

Information above edited from:

Maitland our Place, our Stories – Persons Religion 18 April 2022 by Brian Walsh

Australian Dictionary of Biography, Volume 2 , 1967-2009 - George Augustus Middleton (1791–1848) by Niel Gunson

**His house was at Phoenix Park across the river from Hinton at Narrowgut (Phoenix Park Rd runs through Narrowgut today. (NM 2025)



A transcript of the marriage of Mary Meskell and Joseph Morgan in 1844.

The year is still 1844 and we are staying with the Meskell family in the Hunter region, **Joseph Morgan** has entered the scene as **Mary Meskell's husband**, they have a son, John Morgan is born on August 18th 1844. Yes even with the 3 weeks of Banns prior to their wedding it seems like pregnancy was the reason for their marriage. However before all of the extended families, the Meskell, the McKee and the Morgans pack up and leave the Hunter for Grafton in 1860/61 Mary and Joseph have **10 children** and they have another 5 during the next 9 years to 1870 in Grafton. Their story will continue in part 2 of this book, The Morgan Family.

New South Wales

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1995

Church of England

MARRIAGES

Number	549 Vol 29
Grooms Details	
Name	Joseph MORGAN (his X mark)
Of	Butterwick
Marital Status	Bachelor
Brides Details	
Bride	Mary MASCALL (her X mark)
Of	Butterwick
Marital Status	Spinster
When married	8 January 1844
Where married	Parish of Butterwick in the County of Durham
By	Banns
Consent	The latter's Father
Minister	George Augustus Middleton
Witnesses	John McKee John Mascall (his X mark)



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REGISTRY OF BIRTHS
DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

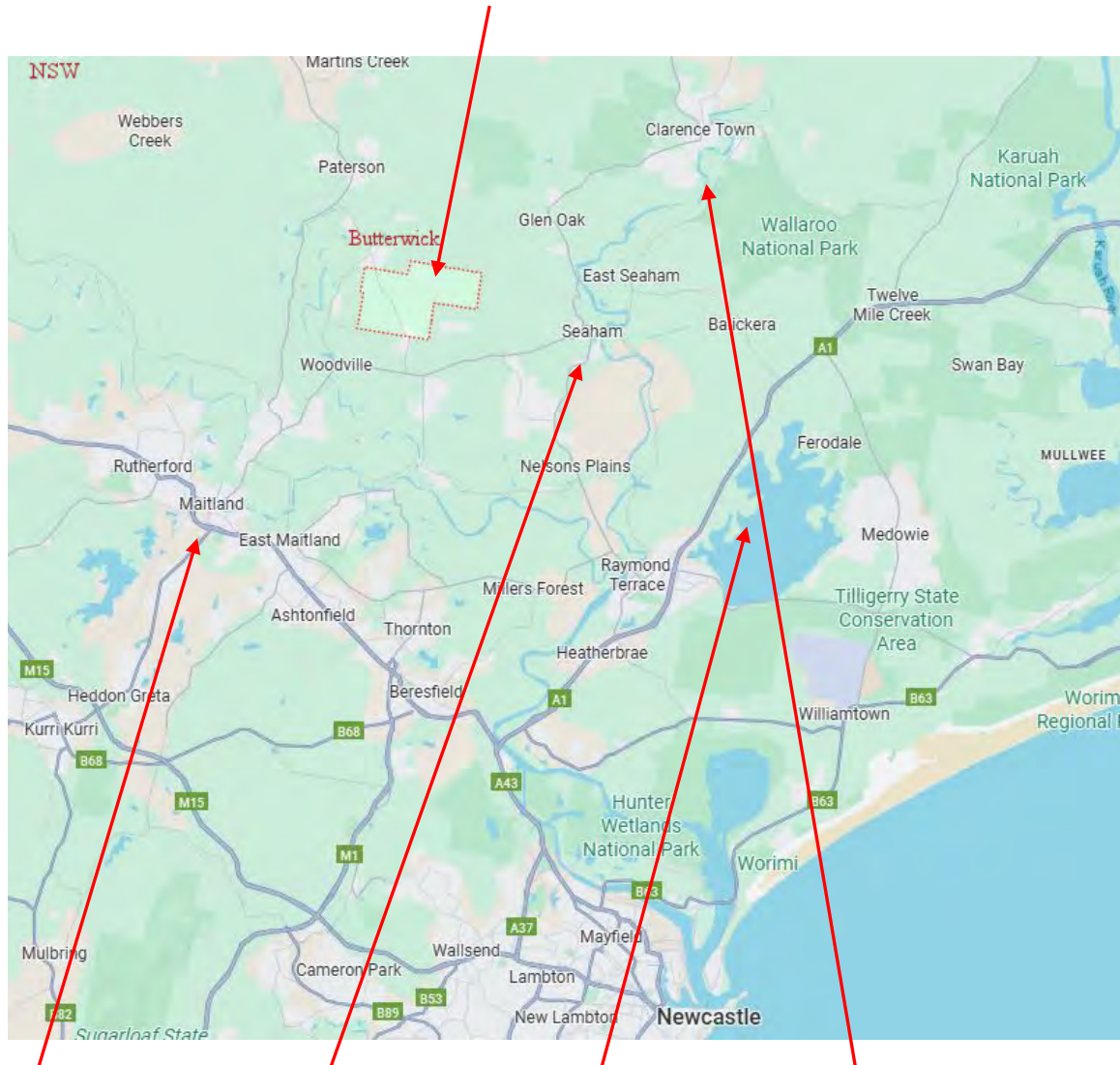
SYDNEY 09 July 2025

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of particulars recorded in a
Register in the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia

Heaven James

Registrar

John and Mary Meskell are living in Butterwick by August 1840.



Maitland

Seaham

Irrawang

Clarence Town

From their arrival in 1840 until they leave the Hunter Valley region and move to Grafton in 1860/61 we know very little about John Meskell and Mary Caesar. Within the first four years though they have lost two of their children and their daughter Mary is married.

The conditions of their Bounty Immigration deal meant that they were employed, in their case, John as a farm labourer and Mary as a house servant. Labour was still fairly intensive in the 1840's with very little mechanisation.

From 1844 to 1860/61 we know very little, **John and Mary** may have moved from Butterwick closer to Seaham or Clarence Town records are confusing because another John Meskell lived in Seaham. Their daughter **Mary** has 10 children by 1860 and the code for the District where the children were born suggest that they moved from Butterwick closer to Clarence Town and Dungog the church code changes from ML to MA (see the birth list from NSW BDM in the later section about Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell).

The move from the Hunter Valley – Butterwick, Clarence Town or Seaham – to Grafton was undertaken between October 1860 and July 1861 based on the birth location of two of Mary Meskell's child. Edward was born 29th September 1860 at Irrawang (south of Seaham, just north of Raymond Terrace, her next child Samuel was born 14th September 1862, however we can close the window a little because while Mary was busy having 10 children from 1844 to 1860 her brother John (Jnr) Meskell had married Eleanor Daley at Hinton in 1858 and their second child Mary Eleanor Meskell (Yes another Mary Meskell to deal with) was born at Waterview, Grafton 3rd June 1862.

A very firm date for having moved to Grafton is before **27 July 1861** when Edward Meskell died.

And possibly, they moved before February 1861 because one of the extend family, William McKee married Janet Jane Gordon on the 14th of that month and the notice below describes him as “Mr William McKee of the Clarence River” and we know he is the son of Eliza Lydia Caesar and James JOHN McKee. My assumption is that most of the extended family moved together.

se / The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW : 1843 - 1893) / Tue 19 Feb 1861 / Page 1 / Family Notices

MARRIAGES.
At Clarence Town, on the 14th instant, by the Rev. A. M. Sherriff, Mr. William McKee, of the Clarence River, to Janet Jane, eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph Gordon, of the Fitz Roy Hotel, Clarence Town.

Other evidence is an unclaimed letter in the GPO in Sydney addressed to “Mrs M Meskell – Clarence River” the date on this notice is 16th June 1861.

New South Wales Government Gazette (Sydney, NSW : 1832 - 1900) / Fri 5 Jul 1861 [Issue No.162] / Page 1435 / No. 12. LIST OF LE

General Post Office, Sydney,
15th June, 1861.

No. 12.

LIST OF LETTERS RETURNED FROM THE COUNTRY, AND NOW LYING AT THIS OFFICE UNCLAIMED.

PARTIES applying for Unclaimed Letters at the General Post Office, are requested to give the correct number of the Letter, as also the date and number of the List in which they may have observed their names, as such reference will materially facilitate delivery. Parties in the Country making written applications, in addition to the former particulars, are requested to state where they expect their Letters from, and any other information tending to prevent an unnecessary transmission of Letters.

9 Kelly Thos, Walgett (4)
13 Kelly P., Wollongong

3 Mason W., Goulburn
4 Malleson W. T., Binalong

109 Meskell Mrs. M., Clarence River
110 Meurant Mrs. A., Burrangong

It seems the extended families moved from The Hunter to The Clarence:

John and Mary Meskell with their son Edward

Their daughter Mary and her husband, Joseph Morgan and their 10 children

Their son John and his wife Elleanor Daley and one child

And Mary's sister and her husband, that is, James John McKee and Eliza Lydia Caesar and nine of their ten children (Frances died in 1855) moved with them.

Why did they move?

In the 1850s/60s The Clarence region known as “The Big River” was a land of opportunity new land grants were being provided. It was full of possibilities.

My best supposition is that **Julius McKee**, the son on James John McKee and Eliza Lydia Caesar, and possibly his brother William moved north to The Clarence in **1859**. Julius had a farm between Dungog and Clarence Town at Brookfield in 1858 (someone stole a cow from him in March of that year) but then in **April 1859 Julius bought land at Copmanhurst**, just north of Grafton. The land he bought was at Smith's Flat and I am confident that he is the correct “Julius McKee” because later in 1865 he married Margery Phemister at Smiths Flat and the property he buys is next door to land bought by John Phemister.

It seems that the prospects around Grafton were enticing enough for all of the families to give it a go and move so sometime in late 1860 and early 1861 they sailed north.

In 1861 land grants were released around Grafton and the Robertson Land Acts (1861), allowed "free selection before survey" that let ordinary people (selectors) buy Crown land cheaply.

ise / The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954) / Tue 19 Apr 1859 / Page 3 / GRAFTON.

Sale of Agricultural Land, situated at Smith's Flat near Copmanhurst, at the head of the Navigation, April 12.

Lot 1	—	38	8	0	Alexander Beaton	.....	£116	5	0
2	—	45	0	0	C. K. Mylne	.....	180	0	0
3	—	41	0	0	Alexander Beaton	.....	86	2	0
4	—	41	0	0	John Brady	.....	46	0	0
5	—	63	0	0	Alexander Beaton	.....	81	18	0
6	—	45	0	0	Ditto ..	.....	130	10	0
7	—	45	0	0	C. K. Mylne	.....	254	8	0
8	—	53	0	0	Ditto ..	.....	304	15	0
9	—	49	0	0	Alexander Beaton	.....	132	6	0
10	—	59	2	0	W. A. B. Greaves	.....	74	7	6
11	—	42	0	0	John P. Mackenzie	.....	81	18	0
12	—	40	0	0	Ditto ..	.....	90	0	0
13	—	87	0	0	Henry Barnes	.....	343	0	0
14	—	97	0	0	Ditto...	.....	348	0	0
15	—	86	2	0	George Lillibach	.....	86	10	0
16	—	58	0	0	George Gerard	.....	78	6	0
17	—	60	2	0	Ditto ..	.....	80	15	0
18	—				No offer	.....		
19	—	113	0	0	Henry Barnes	.....	365	16	0
20	—	84	0	0	John Paemister	.....	264	12	0
21	—	92	0	0	Julius M'Kee	.....	230	0	0
22	—	91	0	0	John M'Aulay	.....	93	0	0
23	—	92	0	0	William Matheson	.....	110	8	0
24	—	53	0	0	Robert Amos	.....	79	10	0
25	—	99	0	0	James Ross ..	.....	117	0	0
26	—	93	0	0	Donald M'Aulay	.....	93	0	0
27	—	88	0	0	George Gerard	.....	93	8	0
28	—	86	0	0	William Tyer	.....	86	0	0
29	—	80	0	0	James Priestly	.....	80	0	0
30	—	80	0	0	Ditto ..	.....	80	0	0
					Deed fees	.....	34	5	0
Total acres	...	2012	2	0	Realized		£4265	9	6

April 1859, Julius McKee buys land near Copmanhurst just north of Grafton in NSW. Julius is a son of Eliza Lydia Caesar and her husband James John McKee he is a nephew of John and Mary Meskell (Caesar). The McKee family do well around Copmanhurst and other strands of the family live there as well, I have not worked out their relationships.

Below:

The Electoral Roll from 1880 lists numerous McKee males in the Copmanhurst District.

it 4 Sep 1880 / Page 3 / GRAFTON ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

M'Kee Charles, Copmanhurst
M'Kee James, Copmanhurst
M'Kee John, senior, Copmanhurst
M'Kee John, Copmanhurst
M'Kee John, Copmanhurst
M'Kee Julius, Copmanhurst
M'Kee Thomas, Copmanhurst
M'Kee William, Copmanhurst
M'Kee William, Copmanhurst
M'Kee George, Copmanhurst

I assume the families took a ship from **Newcastle to Grafton**, steamers were running from **Clarence Town to Newcastle** and by 1861 there was a regular paddle wheel steamer service from Sydney to Grafton that called in at Newcastle. Grafton was still fairly isolated only tracks connected the region via Armidale and then the Liverpool Plains through Tamworth to the Hunter and then Sydney.

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954) / Tue 23 Jul 1861

HUNTER RIVER NEW STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.—Steam to and from the HUNTER during the months of July and August.
FROM SYDNEY.
 The CITY OF NEWCASTLE, on WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS, at 11 p.m.
 The WILLIAMS, on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS, at 11 p.m.
FROM MORPETH.
 The CITY OF NEWCASTLE, on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, at 8 a.m.
 The WILLIAMS, on WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS, at 8 a.m.
 A Steamer for CLARENCE TOWN, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st, at 11 p.m.
 P. J. COHEN, Manager.
 Offices, foot of Market-street.

ry and Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW: 1843 - 1893) / Tue 22 Oct 1861 /

NEWCASTLE SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.—October 17. Urara (s.), from Sydney; Anne and Jane, barque, 301 tons, Smith, from Melbourne; Viseroy, schooner, 156 tons, Nicholson, from Melbourne; Thames, brig, M'Kellar, from Sydney.
DEPARTURES.—October 17. Urara (s.), for Clarence River; William Hill, brig, Gregory, for Geelong, with 177 tons coal.
COASTERS INWARDS.—October 17. Catherine Agnes, Kate Kearney, Little Pet, Otago, Mountain Maid, Shamrock, Ranger, and Atlantic.

In 1862 grandchildren are born in Grafton. John Meskell and Mary Caesar's son **John (Jnr)** has a daughter, Mary, in June and his sister Mary has her 11th child **Samuel Morgan** in September.

Back in Ireland

During the years 1840 to 1861 while John and Mary Meskell were living in the Hunter Region life in Ireland would have been quite terrible for rural labourers, the famine hit in 1845 and for the next 10 years hunger, disease and homelessness was widespread a million die and two million Irish left their homeland. While things may not have been great in Australia they must have still thought they made the right decision in 1840.

The Meskell and the Morgan families in Grafton 1860/61

As suggested earlier I suspect that John & Mary Meskell and all their family including their daughter Mary who had married Joseph Morgan in 1844 and their 10 children as well (John (Jnr) Meskell who also had one child) and Mary's sister Eliza Lydia Caesar who married James John McKee and their 11 children – term children is used rather loosely, William their eldest would have been 32 years old – I have not traced the McKee family tree to know how many of Lydia's grandchildren would have been in this move to The Clarence.

The McKee family move to Copmanhurst and the Meskells and the Morgans settle in Waterford.

The reasons for these choices are unknown, although we do know that the McKee's son, Julius had bought land at Copmanhurst in 1859. At least one other McKee family also come to live at Copmanhurst, if they were there already or when they came and exactly how they were related to James John McKee I am not sure. (We leave the McKee family here, details about them is in [Research Note A](#)).

Waterview

I have marked on the map below **Waterview** as the area is know today, however in the past the location of Waterview probably included most of the areas north towards Seelands. It is all pretty flat farming land and even today (2025) the area is only dotted with a few farmhouses. It floods and has done so regularly. The residence of the Meskells was flooded several times and Pete Meskell has indicated that many of the family historical documents and photos have been lost during floods.

Waterview, Eatonsville, Mylneford, Copmanhurst, Seelands and South Grafton are all places where this part of the family story is cantered.


In 1861 and in fact up until 1932 South Grafton and Grafton were quite separate towns. The Clarence River is 200 metres wide and the current can be a little treacherous so crossing the river was time consuming, and cost money. Facilities; banking, Post Office, schools, offices and shops existed in both towns.



In May 1861 Grafton experienced a serious flood, it flooded 3 years in a row. Although the region was growing, the town population –Grafton & South Grafton – was only about 1500. Potential was everywhere but so was disease, particularly cholera, and there was heartbreak.

Within months of arriving in Grafton John and Mary Meskell's son, Edward Meskell, dies on July 27th 1861 he was just 27 years old. Edward died from Consumption, tuberculosis (TB) it is likely he had it for sometime well before they moved to Grafton anything from one to three or four years. It was a common cause of death in the 1800s. and on May 12th 1865 their son John Jnr and his wife Eleanor Daley loose a child, **John Thomas Meskell** who is just 14 months old.

The death Certificate of **Edward Meskell 1834-1861** . This document of Edward 's death when he was just 27 in 1861 , he died just a few months after the family moved from The Hunter to Grafton the information is provided by his father. The family was living at Waterview. We have John's wife, Edward's mother clearly listed as Mary Caesar. Edward was born in Tipperary Ireland and he died of Consumption (tuberculosis).



DEATH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

No.	Date and place of death	Name and occupation	Sex and age	Cause of death Duration of last illness; medical attendant; when he last saw deceased	Name and occupation of father Name and maiden surname of mother	Informant	Particulars of registration	When and where buried; name of undertaker	Name and religion of Minister and names of witnesses of burial	Where born and how long in the Australasian Colonies or States	Place of marriage, age, and to whom	Children of marriage
138	29 July 1861	Edward	Male 27 yrs	(1) Consumption (2) Splenorrhoea (3) St. Luke (4) About three weeks.	(1) John Meskell Farmer (2) Mary Caesar —	John Meskell Father of deceased	W. W. Walker 1st Registrar 1861	29 July 1861 North Grafton Stephens and Mackay	Rev. G. E. Colwyn Minister of the Church of England Dr. Little Dr. W. H. G. Grafton	Tipperary Ireland 20 years N.S.W.	(1) (2) (Unmarried) (3)	

VERNON MARY G...

John Meskell 1803/06 - 1866

John Meskell dies in 1866 his death certificate says he was 63. When John arrived in Sydney in 1840 his “Age on Embarkation: 34” which would have him born in 1806. Two documents two different dates!

The death certificate on the next page tells us a lot about John. It is from this document we have been able to research a little more detail. It confirms information and lets us speculate.

Some facts and some speculation about John Meskell

He was a farmer. That fact was stated on his immigration documents and on wedding certificates of his children as well.

When he died the location is listed as Southampton (see map previous page) this is close to Waterview. He was probably in the care of his daughter, Mary, and her husband Joseph Morgan because Joseph supplied the information for the death certificate and he is listed as also living at Southampton.

The cause of death is “Congenital Hernia” and the duration is “3 years”. This is something John had all his life and the effect may have been unnoticed as a child but heavy work and manual labour probably was a struggle for him for a long time. The last 3 years of his life it must have had debilitating consequences. Any sort of surgery would have been considered extremely dangerous even in Sydney in remote places like Grafton not a chance.

John was in Grafton for no more than 4 years and for most of that time he seems to have been in ill health, it possibly explains the events that we come to next year in 1867.

John Meskell’s parents recorded on his death certificate are his father **Edward Meskell**, a farmer, and his mother is named as “**Mary Murphy**”. *His parents lived and died in Tipperary Ireland*

The presiding minister at his death is Church of England. *John was a Catholic when he arrived in NSW.*

Place of marriage is “**Cashel, Ireland**” in 1826. His wife is named as Mary unknown. That is the maiden name of Mary, his wife, was unknown to her son in law, Joseph Morgan, who he had known for 22 years! *This is of course Mary CAESAR, who is still alive in 1866 and lives another 17 years.*

Children of marriage: living 1 son **John** and 1 female **Mary**. --- Two males and two females dead. *Although the “Two” before the males is not clear we do know the 2 males William who died in 1843 and Edward who died in 1861. It is the clearly written “Two” before the females that leaves us assuming a daughter who died in Ireland prior to their departure for NSW. A daughter Sarah died in 1841.*

The descendants of John Meskell are from either his son **John** (who I have designated John Jnr) the **MESKELL line** and his daughter **Mary** who married Joseph Morgan the **MORGAN line**.

The headstone of **John Meskell 1866** and his wife **Mary Meskell (Caesar) 1883** and their son **Edward** July 1861
Edward Meskell died on July 27th 1861 he was 27 years old. Edward must have died within a few months of the family’s arrival in Grafton

I visited the Grafton Cemetery in 2025.

John Meskell and Mary Caesar are my GGG-Grandparents; this is the longest family lineage I have in Australia.

The Grafton Cemetery in Villiers Street Grafton also has headstones of Martin Maloney who married, Harriet Morgan, a granddaughter of John and Mary.

On my maternal side my mother’s great-grandfather, Joseph Bradfield, also has a headstone in this cemetery.



Neville Maloney researching in Grafton 2025
A clearer, enlarged photo of the Headstone is on a later page

John Meskell born in Tipperary, Ireland 1803/06 died 25 February 1866 in Grafton Australia

NEW SOUTH WALES

REGISTRATION NUMBER
1866/ 004323

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT 1995

DEATH CERTIFICATE

Date and place of death	Name and occupation	Sex and age	Cause of Death Duration of last illness; medical attendant; when he last saw deceased	Name and occupation of father Name and maiden surname of mother	Informant
124 25 th February 1866 Southampton Grafton	John Meskell Farmer	male 63 years	(1) Congestive Aemia (2) 3 years (3) 8 th Delirium (4) 1 month before death	(1) Carron Medical (2) Farmer (3) Mary Murphy	Joseph Morgan Southampton son law of deceased

Particulars of registration	When and where buried; name of undertaker	Name and religion of Minister and names of witnesses of burial	Where born and how long in the Australasian Colonies or States	Place of marriage, age, and to whom	Children of marriage
1866 Grafton	27 th February 1866 Grafton	Rev. P. C. Lehane Church of England ministers	Tipperary Ireland.	Cashel (1) Ireland (2) 1866 (3) Mary unknown	3 sons males! John Females! Mary — No males and two females dead

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REGISTRY OF BIRTHS
DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

SYDNEY 04 Sep 2009

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of particulars recorded in a Register in the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia

Corey Curry

Registrar





The headstone of **Mary Meskell (Caesar) 1883** and
John Meskell 1866 and their son
Edward Meskell died on July 27th 1861

The headstone must have been erected sometime after Mary died in 1883
It is located in the Grafton General Cemetery in the Anglican Section A. B5. In the
South West corner of the cemetery near the intersection of Villiers St and Crown St

1867 the year after John Meskell's death

John's estate is insolvent; he has more debts than he has assets. He owes some £268 but only has £1 in assets.

Notices of Insolvency Proceedings

The Insolvency court was similar to bankrupt status today, Mr Mackenzie as the Official Assignee was the government appointed officer who managed and sorted the case.

It seems John is a farmer, suggesting he owns a farm, rather than being described as a farm labourer where he would be working for someone. His assets however are only one pound!

John's debts of £268 are considerable. Wages ranged from £2 to £4 a week so his debts were about 18 months of average wages. A family farm around Grafton could be purchased £50 and one on good land for £100, so his debts were considerable. I am puzzled about his assets. Where is the farm? Did he lease a farm? What did he borrow the money for? Who was he in debt to? Why are his assets only £1?

ry and Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW: 1843-1893) / Sat 28 Sep 1867 /

INSOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS.

NEW INSOLVENTS.

Sept. 24.—John Martin Olson, of Cumberland-street, Sydney, labourer. Liabilities, £32 0s. 0d. Assets, £5. Mr. Kempill, official assignee
24.—John Meskell, of Waterview, Clarence River, farmer. Liabilities, £268 16s. 1d. Assets, £1. Mr. Mackenzie, official assignee.

New South Wales Government Gazette (Sydney, NSW: 1832-1900) / Tue 8 Oct 1867 [Issue No.174]

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In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

IN INSOLVENCY.

In the Insolvent Estate of **John Meskell**, of Waterview, Clarence River, farmer.

SINGLE OR ONLY MEETING.

WHEREAS the Estate of the abovenamed Insolvent was, on the 24th day of September, 1867, placed under sequestration, by order under my hand: I hereby appoint a Single Meeting of the Creditors of the said Insolvent, to be holden before the Commissioner of Insolvent Estates for the District of Grafton, at the Court House, Grafton, on Friday, the 25th day of October, 1867, to commence at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon afterwards as the course of business will permit, for the proof of debts against the said Estate, and for the collection, administration, and distribution of the same; that the Insolvent may account for his Insolvency; for directing the Official Assignee whether the Insolvent will be allowed to retain for his own use, his household furniture, wearing apparel, beds, bedding, and tools of trade, or any part thereof respectively: And as it now appears that the goods and effects of the Insolvent, available for the payment of his debts, are less in value than £100, notice is hereby given, that unless it be shewn at said Single Meeting that these goods and effects exceed the value of £100, the said Commissioner will summarily proceed to rank the debts which shall then be proved, and will direct the

proceeds of the Estate to be forthwith distributed by the Official Assignee accordingly.—Dated at Sydney, the 3rd day of October, A.D. 1867.

GEORGE HIBBERT DEFFELL,
Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates.
ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL,
Registrar in Insolvency.

Official Assignee—**JOHN PIPER MACKENZIE.**
4776

8s. 6d.

It is puzzling because as early as 1865 the family seems to be in debt **John Jnr Meskell** lost a child, *John Thomas Meskell*, in May 1865 and could not pay the funeral expenses. He is in court in 1866 for two claims against him the other is for dishonouring a promissory note (cheque).

Sydney Mail

Sep 28 1867 • Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

ESTATES SURRENDERED OR PLACED UNDER SEQUESTRATION, DURING THE WEEK.

September.	Estimated Liabilities.	Estimated Assets.
20 Daniel Sinclair and James Sinclair, Barraba, storekeepers and innkeepers ...	2684 18 8	2983 8 0
William Somerville, Bulli, timber merchant ...	2882 6 9	663 11 0
21 Robert Augustus Gillies, Glenmore, near Camden, labourer ...	79 16 6	4 5 9
James Thompson, Goulburn, butcher ...	5641 10 3	7355 3 6
23 William Gill Hawken, Raymond Terrace, miner ...	80 12 10	7 0 0
Patrick Heney, Parramatta, gaol warder ...	76 14 9	5 0 0
24 John Martin Olson, Sydney, labourer ...	32 0 0	5 0 0
John Meskell, Waterview, Clarence River, farmer ...	268 16 1	1 0 0

New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW: 1859-1889) / Tue 9 Jan 1866 /

SMALL DEBTS COURT.

TUESDAY.

BEFORE Captain Hill, P.M.

M. WELSH V. P. SANDS.

A claim of £1 8s, balance of account for hire of bullocks. Verdict for plaintiff with costs.

L. JACOBS V. W. ARCHER.

A claim of £1 1s 6d, for board supplied to defendant. Verdict for plaintiff, with costs.

ANN GARDENER V. R. COWAN

An account for board and lodging, £3 7s. Verdict for plaintiff with costs.

W. STUCLEY V. S. MORGAN.

A claim of £5 18s 6d for timber supplied to defendant. Verdict for plaintiff with costs.

W. STUCLEY V. J. MESKELL, JUNIOR.

A claim of £3 14s 6d for funeral expenses. Verdict for plaintiff with costs.

MICHAEL V. J. MESKELL, JUNIOR.

A claim of £4 4s 3d being a dishonored promissory note. Verdict for plaintiff with costs.

D. GOODING V. A. M'LEAN.

A claim of £3 5s 8d, for cash lent. Verdict for defendant with costs.

A. M'LEAN V. D. GOODING.

A claim of £4 10s for board and lodging. Verdict for defendant with costs.

Mary Meskell (Caesar) inherits the debt

It seems the debt problem continues. Again I assume the insolvency (bankruptcy) case from the Estate of John Meskell was resolved in 1867, however in October 1874 Mary is in debt for £129 and her assets are £5. This time we get more clues; she is a widow, and she has been engaged in “farming pursuits” and the cause of her debt “low price of produce and pressure of her only creditor, Mr Thomas Fisher”

Clarence and Richmond Examiner and New England Advertiser
Nov 3 1874 • Grafton, New South Wales, Australia

INSOLVENCY MEETING.—In the estate of **Mary Meskell**, a single meeting will be held at the Court House, Grafton, on Wednesday, 28th November, for proof of debts and that the insolvent may account for her insolvency.

The move to Grafton for John and Mary Meskell in 1860/61 has been difficult.

Edward (son) dies in 1861

John Thomas Meskell (grandson) dies 1865

John Meskell dies 1866

“Unnamed” Morgan (grandson) dies in 1867

Insolvent debt of John’s Estate 1867

Mary’s sister Eliza Lydia McKee dies in 1872

Mary in Insolvency Court 1874

Mary Meskell (Caesar) died 15th May 1883 - her death certificate and confusion about her age are covered in an earlier section about the Caesar family.

In the years after the debt crisis of 1874/75 until her death in 1883 we have very little information but from the few details about her grandchildren we can assume things started to work out for the extended family.

In the death notice below we know Mary was living with her son John and his wife Eleanor.

They seemed to be living a little further west than Waterview, a few kilometres further away from Grafton. The residence is named as “Urara” and on her death certificate it is the “Nara River”, neither of these places seem to have existed but the Orara River fits the bill. What her short and painful illness was we don’t know but her age of 85 is in some dispute. (See previous section on the Caesar family).

Empire

Oct 20 1874 • Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

SURRENDER.
Mary Meskell, of Waterview, near Grafton, widow, lately engaged in farming pursuits. Cause of sequestration: Low price of produce and pressure of her only creditor, Mr. Thomas Fisher. Liabilities, £129. Assets, £5. Deficiency, £134. Official assignee, Mr. J. P. Mackenzie.

General Advertiser (NSW: 1874 - 1875; 1879 - 1882; 1888; 1892; 1899 - 1922) / Fri 23 Oct 1874 /

MRS. MARY MESKELL of Waterview, near Grafton, widow, has filed her schedule in the Insolvent Court, Sydney. Liabilities, £129. Assets, £5. Mr. Mackenzie, official assignee.

Wales Government Gazette (Sydney, NSW: 1832 - 1900) / Fri 23 Oct 1874 /

IN INSOLVENCY.

In the Insolvent Estate of **Mary Meskell**, of Waterview, near Grafton, widow.

FIRST AND ONLY MEETING.

WHEREAS the estate of the abovenamed insolvent was, on the 19th day of October, A.D. 1874, placed under sequestration, by order under my hand, I hereby appoint a First Meeting of the creditors of the said insolvent, to be holden before the District Commissioner of Insolvent Estates, at the Court House, Grafton, on Wednesday, the 25th day of November, A.D. 1874, to commence at 11 o'clock in the forenoon or as soon afterwards as the course of business will permit, for the proof of debts against the said estate, and for the collection, administration, and distribution of the same; that the insolvent may account for her insolvency; for directing the Official Assignee whether the insolvent will be allowed to retain for her own use, her household furniture, wearing apparel, beds, bedding, and tools of trade, or any part thereof respectively: And as it now appears that the goods and effects of the insolvent, available for the payment of her debts, are less in value than £100, notice is hereby given, that unless it be shown at said First Meeting that these goods and effects exceed the value of £100, the said Commissioner will summarily proceed to rank the debts which shall then be proved, and will direct the proceeds of the estate to be forthwith distributed by the Official Assignee accordingly.—Dated at Sydney, the 20th day of October, A.D. 1874.

GEORGE HIBBERT DEFFELL,
Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates.

ARTHUR HENRY,
Registrar in Insolvency.

Official Assignee—JOHN PIPER MACKENZIE.
5272

8s. 6d.

Clarence and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW: 1859 - 1889) / Tue 22 May 1883 /

DEATH.
MESKELL.—On 15th instant, at her son's residence, Urara, Mrs **JOHN MESKELL**, aged 85, after a short and painful illness.

The family of John Meskell 1806-1866 and Mary Caesar 1807-1883

John and Mary were both born in Tipperary Ireland and immigrated in 1840. They lived in The Hunter region from 1840 until 1860/61 when they moved to Grafton.

John Meskell born 1806 in Tipperary, Ireland (son of Edward John Meskell and Mary Murphy), died 25th Feb 1866 in Grafton,, buried Feb 1866 in Grafton Cemetery.

Mary Caesar, married John in 1826 in Cashel, Tipperary, Ireland, born 1807 in Tipperary (daughter of Julius Caesar and Sarah MacHartel), died 15 May 1883 in Orara River (near Grafton) NSW, buried May 1883 in Grafton Cemetery.

John and Mary's children

- I. **Unknown Meskell**, b. Circa 1827, d. Before 1840.
- II. **Mary Meskell**, b. 28 Aug 1828 in Clonmel Tipperary, Ireland, d. 14 Feb 1900 in Grafton NSW.
Mary married **Joseph Morgan**, married 8th Jan 1844 in Narrowgut, John was born. Apr 1811/12 in Frome, England, the son of **David Morgan** and **Mary Lush**, he died 14th Feb 1881 in Grafton, buried 1881 in Grafton Cemetery.
- III. **Sarah Meskell**, born. About 1830 in Tipperary, Ireland, died 14th May 1841 in Swan Reach, near Hinton NSW.
- IV. **Edward Meskell**, born 15th Apr 1834 in Tipperary, Ireland, died 27th Jul 1861 in Waterview near South Grafton. He was buried in the Grafton Cemetery and the grave was used also for his parents.
- V. **John (Jnr) Meskell**, born. 10th Jun 1836 in Tipperary, Ireland, died. 2nd Oct 1894 in Southgate, Grafton,.
John married **Eleanor Daley**, married 9th Aug 1858 in Hinton, NSW, she was born 1842, d. 1922.
- VI. **William Meskell**, b. 13th April 1841 in Raymeind Terrace (sic) (Reg), d. 20th Feb 1843 in Maitland.

Of the generation who came to NSW in 1840 only **James John McKee**, Mary's brother-in-law, is still alive he dies 5 years later in 1888. Mary's sister **Eliza Lydia Caesar** died in 1872.

In 1883 only two of John & Mary Meskell's children survived them; **Mary Meskell 1828-1900** and **John Jnr 1836-1894**, they both married and the story of John Jnr's family and descendants follows. The story of Mary, her husband, Joseph Moran and their descendants is told in Part 2 of this book.

Mary Meskell (Caesar) died in 1883 in Grafton her death certificate is in an earlier section on the Caesar family.

John Meskell (Jnr) 1836 - 1894

John Meskell (Jnr) was born 10th Jun 1836 in Tipperary, Ireland. He died. 2nd Oct 1894 in Southgate, Grafton.


John is my great-great-great-uncle he is the brother of **Mary Meskell 1828-1900** who is my great-great-grandmother. That is 3 greats as an uncle but only 2 greats as a grandmother because there is no grand uncle relationship status. (Neville Maloney) John is also the great-great-grandfather of Pete Meskell.

(See the Who's Who in the front section of this book).

John immigrated to NSW in 1840 with his parents along with 3 siblings; Mary, Sarah and Edward. Sarah died in 1841 and Edward in 1861 – see the family list on previous page. John was only 4 when he arrived in Sydney. He grew up in the Hunter region, there were no schools so reading writing were not in his skills set.

Spelling Chaos

John married Eleanor Daley, on the certificate she is named Ellen Daily, he is named John Miskell and rather strangely his father is listed as John Riskell and is mother Mary Ceazar. Spelling on this document is interesting. The effect is that his wife's name is often spelt as "Eleanor" in some records and to add confusion Eleanor sometimes seems to have also used the name Helena.



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MARRIAGE REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

No.	Date and place of marriage	Names and surnames of parties	Conjugal status	Birthplace	Usual occupation	Age	Usual place of residence	Father's name mother's name and maiden surname	Father's occupation
2148	14 th August 1858 Hinton near Morpeth	John Miskell Bachelor Ellen Daily Spinster	-	Sydney NSW	Farmer	22	John's Plains near Hinton and Raymond Terrace New South Wales	John Riskell Mary Ceazar	Farmer
						21	Raymond Terrace (16)	John Daily Johnna Birmingham	Spinner

Particulars in Columns 5, 7, 9 & 10
 obtained from
 Church Register
 No. 12019
 J. Johnson
 Registrar General
 Sydney 20th June 1961

MARRIED IN THE presence of us
 at Hinton
 According to the rites of the Presbyterian Church

This Marriage was
 solemnized by
 John Miskell
 Ellen Daily
 In the presence of us
 Mary Morgan
 Joseph Morgan

Signed
 By (or before) me
 Robert Blair
 Officiating Minister or Registrar.

I, VERNON MARK BENNETT, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF PARTICULARS RECORDED IN A REGISTER KEPT BY ME.

ISSUED AT SYDNEY, 20th AUGUST, 1984.

PRINCIPAL REGISTRAR

John moves to Grafton with his parents in 1860/61 he has with him his wife Eleanor Daley and a child, Edward, who was born in the Hunter region 25 Aug 1859. John and Eleanor have 6 more children; Mary, John, Anne, William, Henry and Arthur. In 1861 when they move John is 25 and by 1866 when his father dies he is 30.

The first few years in Grafton must have been a difficult time for John, as mentioned with his parent's debts John was caught up as well in 1865 he was in court. The article below is from Tue 8 Aug 1865, the same year we had an article (a few pages back) from the Small Claims Court where John could not pay the expenses for his child's funeral. These were tough days.

Clarence and Richmond Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Tue 8 Aug 1865 / Page 2 / GRAFTO

KLOHR V. JOHN MESKIL, JUN.

A claim of £14 2s 11d. being a store account, less £7 paid on account, since the service of the summons. Defendant was not present, but plaintiff swore that Meskil, in the presence of himself and his solicitor, admitted the claim. Verdict for the balance due, £7 2s. 11d., with costs. Mr. Michael for plaintiff.

John Meskell Jnr and the year 1865

As we have seen John has debts but earlier in the year.....

In February 1864 **John and Eleanor** have their 3rd child **John Thomas Meskell** but sometime in late April/early May 1865 he gets a fever and on May 12th he died, probably typhus, 15 months old. A distraught John gets caught-up in some dispute raging at the time between doctors, chemists and "healers". Chemists were in effect seeing patients and prescribing formulas that they made up cure most everything. In Grafton it blew up between a local Doctor Belinfante MD, the doctor who treated John's son and a local chemist G Krause.

The Dr wrote a letter to the paper

John Meskell replied to the Dr's letter

Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Tue 16 May 1865

PUNISHMENT OF QUACKS.
 TO THE EDITOR OF THE EXAMINER.
SIR,—In your two last issues an amusing advertisement appears. A man, named G. Krauss, has removed to the "Elysium of Fashion;" he has a splendid assortment of toilet articles, he moreover declares that he will "always be at home to be consulted," and that he administers gratis advice. On what subject can the public possibly consult the man of the "Elysium of Fashion?" Is he going to teach the ladies dancing and deportment? Or in connection with his splendid perfumery, is he going to acquaint the rougher sex with the means of dyeing red whiskers black? Or does he intend to infuse into the souls of his customers the unspeakable delights attendant on the use of his incomparable oils, pomades, nail brushes, worm cakes, cigars, and lemonades? But as the man of the "Elysium" keeps a dispensary, "accurately prepares prescriptions!" the inference must be that his consultations and gratis advice relate to disease, and that he is thus impudently encroaching upon a learned and honorable profession; an action which is likely to inflict incalculable mischief, and irrevocable evils on the public. As yet people entertain a very erroneous idea of what they call a "doctor's shop." They believe, that because a man sells drugs, he necessarily knows the art of surgery and the science of medicine. The sooner the public unlearn this pernicious error the better for themselves. Any person may open a shop in Prince-street and sell soap in the same way as he may sell marbles, needles and oranges. A man, whose brains and education, only fit him for a bricklayer, a navvy, or a bullock-driver, may sell drugs if he feels so inclined, but it is needless to add that the act of selling such commodities does not make him a doctor. This gratis advice is certainly not worth anything; but it is not so certain as to the misery and evil such valueless advice, in the majority of instances may entail. Recently, two quacks in England, were, like common felons, condemned to two years' hard labour. It might appear astonishing, that in the face of such facts these druggists do not tremble and forbear to thrust their arrogant and impudent pretensions on the community, were it not that the very essence of quackery consists of impudence and cheek in a most unlimited sense. I would not send the impudent Charlatan to the gallows; but I think the suggestion of my friend *Punch* an admirable one—and that is put all quacks in the stocks. If the man of the "Elysium" were put in the stocks for forty-eight hours, it might on the whole be beneficial to humanity, and a salutary lesson to himself.
 I am, Sir, yours, &c.,
S. BELINFANTE, M.D.

New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Tue 23 May 1865 /

PUNISHMENT OF QUACKS.
 TO THE EDITOR OF THE EXAMINER.
SIR,—I beg you to allow me space in your valuable journal to state a few facts, and also to express my indignation of a letter that appeared in last Tuesday's issue, signed "S. BELINFANTE, M.D."
 It is astonishing how a man who styles himself "M.D.", and who, according to his statements, belongs to that honorable and learned profession of which he certainly is no ornament, as he has plainly shown in that disgraceful epistle by which he attempts to hurt another man, who earns his living in this place, in a peaceable and honorable manner. I for one can testify that Mr. KRAUSS possesses no mean share of medical knowledge, as he has proved most successfully in my own family. I also tested the skill of Dr. BELINFANTE, and after his treating my child for five days, had to bury it; the same day, another of my children was attacked with the same severe symptoms, and on the recommendations of some of my neighbours, I went to call on Mr. KRAUSS to see my child, and to my great gratification and joy, my child recovered, as well as a child of one of my neighbours, who was also treated by Mr. KRAUSS.
 Dr. BELINFANTE told me that my child who died had had TYPHUS FEVER; now my other child as well as that of my neighbour who recovered under the skilful treatment of Mr. KRAUSS, had shown EXACTLY THE SAME SYMPTOMS as those the deceased child was attacked with,—but according to Mr. KRAUSS' statement, IT WAS NOT TYPHUS FEVER as Dr. BELINFANTE called it, BUT SCARLET FEVER, and the result has shown that Mr. KRAUSS' view was correct.
 As gratitude and justice compel me to the above statement, I hope that the inhabitants of this place and district will be guided and profit by my experience.
 SIGNED JOHN MESKILL.
 Southampton, May 18th.

John made a terrible mistake. He has been used; remember his 15 month old son had died just a week before. This letter is hard to read, hard to imagine what was going on in John's mind. Harder still when you realise that John was illiterate and the proof lies in that he had this letter witnessed and signed it with a X "His mark"

I would like to say it gets better but John is in court (almost in court) in 1874.

1875; 1879 - 1882; 1888; 1892; 1899 - 1922) / Mon 26 Oct 1874

GRAFTON PETTY SESSIONS.
FRIDAY.
BEFORE Their Worships the Police Magistrate, Messrs. P. R. Donaldson, J. M. Purves, and J. F. Wilcox, J.P.'s.
In the suit of Frederick Doberer v. John Meskell, there being no appearance of the parties, the case was struck out.

And in 1885 John owes £6 11s to J. Houison. (*James Houison was a medical doctor in Grafton*).

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which a verdict was given.
J. Houison, M.D. v. John Meskell.--A claim of £6 11s, which was admitted, and a verdict given for amount claimed.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EXAMINER.
SIR,—Knowing that in your issue of to-morrow, a letter bearing my name is to be inserted, reflecting on Dr. BELINFANTE, I wish to state that Mr. KRAUSS, the chemist, gave me a letter which Mr. WAGNER wrote, to take to the Printing Office, about Dr. BELINFANTE, as a stinger to the letter which appeared in the former week's paper, but I did not know its contents until I read a part of it in the Office of the *Examiner* read by the Editor: even then I was under the effect of a glass. Finding that I have been misled by Mr. KRAUSS, in conveying a letter for publication, the contents of which I was ignorant, I wish to advise uneducated men to observe caution, more especially in matters of this like nature, and not to be gulled by those who profess knowledge un-directed by charitable motives. In justice to Dr. BELINFANTE, I must add that he behaved towards me as a gentleman, professionally and otherwise, and now express my regret that his name should have been so publicly made use of. In giving insertion to this, Mr. Editor, you will oblige,
His
JOHN x MESKIL, JUN.
mark
Witness to the mark of JOHN MESKIL, JUN.
EDWARD M. RYAN, J.P.
FREDERICK RYAN.
Waterview, Monday, 22nd May.

1867

An interesting intersection of history

In July 1867 John Meskell Jnr was summoned to court by **Martin Maloney** for unpaid wages, a fairly large sum of £40.

This is interesting because just one month later in August 1867 **Martin Maloney** marries **Harriet Morgan**, the daughter of **Mary Meskell**, John's sister. Yes, John is Harriet's uncle. I don't know if John was invited to the wedding, or if he was in goal!

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WAGES.
John Meskil was summoned by **Martin Maloney** for £40 due to him for twelve months' wages. Meskil did not appear, and the service of the summons having been proved, the case was heard *ex parte*, and the Bench directed that the amount be paid forthwith, or levy and distress, and in default of sufficient levy, fourteen days' imprisonment.

November 1888 John Meskell Jnr and his son Edward are involved in a trial. John has bought charges against George Austin for £200. Edward borrowed £145 from Austin who seized property from Meskell's farm and sold it to recover his money. John is the Plaintiff and George Austin is the defendant. In 1800s papers were difficult to read – the language has changed – Give this story a go and you will find out quite a bit about the Meskell family. During the trial Edward Meskell said “*he got into difficulties through having to keep his parents who had nothing...*”

Spoiler – John Meskell loses the case.

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Jury Cases.

JOHN MESKILL v. M. M'DONOUGH.

This was an action for illegal distraint, damages being laid at £200.

The defence was “not guilty,” and that the property seized did not belong to plaintiff.

Mr. Norrie for plaintiff, Mr. Laman for defendant.

Jury : Cornelius O'Brien, James Beatson, Walter Lowe, and Charles Walsham.

Plaintiff's case was that he had a son named Edward residing on the same farm, with himself, on the Orara, but occupying different homes. The son was a married man, and held the c.p. of 120 acres on which they resided. E. Meskell became indebted to George Austin for goods supplied, to the amount of £145, in security of which he had given a lien over his crop to Austin. The latter noticing that the debt was increasing to a large amount, obtained a judgment under an eight-day summons. Under this judgment an execution was issued, and defendant went out to enforce it, and seized property belonging to E. Meskell, plaintiff, and other people. Plaintiff's wife gave Phillips, the assistant bailiff, notice that some of the property seized was theirs. She sent her son to where plaintiff was working, at Nana Creek, 40 miles distant. Plaintiff immediately walked in to the Orara, and thence to Grafton. He told defendant that he could prove portion of the property seized belonged to him. Defendant refused to listen to him, saying that if he did not sell under that execution he could under another issued against plaintiff. When defendant came to the place he was warned not to sell the property of plaintiff. This, however, he would not heed, but sold the property seized at a sacrifice. Two horses that were purchased for £40, from M. Duggan, were sold for £21 10s; another, 22 years old, was sold for 5s; dray, £3 5s. Plaintiff also

claimed harness, six cows, fowls, and pigs that were sold under the execution against his son.

In reply to Mr. Laman, plaintiff said he worked off and on for his son with a pair of horses for 30s a week, and find board for himself and family. He had nothing to do with the produce of the land. His cattle were branded with his son Edward's registered brand. A number of judgments had been issued against him at different times, but he satisfied them all except one in favour of Shoveller. *Cu sa* orders had also been taken out against him. He caused no written notice to be served on defendant about the distraint. A notice of this description was prepared for his son William. At his son Edward's request he made an offer to defendant of £20 or £25 for the whole of the articles seized, provided they were put up in one lot. Defendant said that the goods must be sold in the usual way.

The Court adjourned at 1 o'clock for three-quarters of an hour.

Further evidence was given for plaintiff by Murty Duggan, who deposed to selling him two horses for £40, getting his son's endorsement for payment of the bill. The money was eventually paid to the bank to meet the bill, but he could not say whether it was part of the proceeds of Edward Meskell's selection.

Helena Meskell, wife of plaintiff, deposed to claiming the fowls and pigs seized, and generally corroborated her husband's evidence. She admitted receiving some of the goods that Edward Meskell purchased from Austin, and also a portion of some he bought from M'Kittrick. These were taken as payment for work performed by her husband. She did not hear that he was working for wages till some time afterwards, but she knew he was not to receive a portion of the crop, as Austin had a lien over it.

This is Eleanor Daley

Henry Priest, saw mill proprietor at Tea Tree Creek, employed plaintiff at his mill, giving him £18 for two months at fencing and day work. He said he wanted the money to pay for two horses he had purchased.

Thomas Thompson bought a chestnut mare and foal from Edward Meskell, as per receipt produced, on 19th February, 1888, for £6. She was afterwards seized by the bailiff. He and plaintiff came to Grafton, and told defendant that some of the horses seized belonged to them. Defendant said he would sell them. Plaintiff on the day of sale protested against his horses being sold, saying he would hold defendant responsible for them. They were sold, and witness's mare and foal were knocked down to Austin for £2 10s. He did not protest against the sale.

Reuben Ellem, son-in-law of plaintiff's; Albert Everingham; William Meskell, son of plaintiff; and William Robertson also gave evidence, but not of a material character.

Edward Meskill's testimony substantially corroborated that of his father. He was examined at some length.

Sydney Hill, manager of the A.J.S. Bank, gave evidence as to transactions that had taken place by the Meskills through the Bank, and the dates the bills had been paid.

This closed plaintiff's case.

Mr. Laman claimed a nonsuit, as only a verbal notice of demand for the goods had been made to the bailiff, which he held was not sufficient.

His Honor could not uphold the objection.

For the defence, George Austin, storekeeper on the Orara, had several dealings with plaintiff. He understood that the latter and his son worked the place between them. Latterly he supplied the son with goods on condition that he got a lien on the crop, which he did that year. In 1887 both plaintiff and his son agreed to give him a lien conjointly for the crop of that year. They came to Shoveller for that purpose, who said two liens would be required if the two of them had the crop. It was decided to save this expense; that plaintiff would sign a document, stating that he had nothing to do with the crop, and that Edward Meskill was to be charged for the goods. Plaintiff owed him an account, and he stopped his credit. He offered to take cattle and pigs to liquidate the debt on one occasion, but Mrs. Meskill stated they had neither pigs or stock. When Edward Meskill sold his property for £300, he suggested that he should pay part of the claim of £147 he owed him. He replied he could not give any. He then suggested that he would permit a judgment under the new Act to be taken out against him, and this E.

Meskill consented to. Heard £45 was coming to him out of the land, and he got a bill for this amount on C. Schwinghammer, the purchaser of the land. Before the bill was completed, E. Meskill directed Schwinghammer not to pay it. Then got out an execution, but before putting it into force asked E. Meskill for an order for £10 on Schwinghammer, which he refused to give. A levy was then made, and the articles were pointed out by him as belonging to E. Meskill, as he fully believed them to be. On the morning of the sale plaintiff said he would give £30 for two horses, a dray, and some cattle. Replied that was not their value, nor did he consider it would be fair to E. Meskill to sell them that way. He heard plaintiff state when the first horse was offered, that he would hold the party liable that sold him. He purchased the horse. No further protest was made. The proceeds of the sale about half satisfied his claim. He signed a paper indemnifying the bailiff (defendant) the latter representing that no liability attached to it.

In reply to a question as to why he did not produce his books though subpoenaed to do so, witness said he did not consider it necessary, as the execution was on a judgment debt. He supplied both plaintiff and E. Meskill with goods in the name of E. Meskill and Co., on the security of the lien.

John G. Phillips, assistant bailiff, deposed to enforcing a warrant of execution on E. Meskill's goods on 17th August last. Told him that anything on the premises that did not belong to him would be given up to the right owner if claimed in the proper way. The day before the sale heard plaintiff say that he intended to put in a claim, but that he would not do so, but would let everything be sold. At the sale plaintiff wanted to purchase the lot for £30, but Austin would not consent.

Plaintiff said he would not permit the sale, but would put in his claim. Defendant said if he did he would be obliged to interplead, and the case would come before the next Court. E. Meskill said he got into difficulties through having to keep his parents, who had nothing, and Austin would not give them credit. A black mare was the only beast claimed by E. Meskill when he made the levy.

The Court adjourned from 6 till 7.30 p.m.

Defendant, William Clarke, Thomas Shoveller and Charles Schwinghammer also gave evidence, after which addresses were made by the solicitors, and his Honor summed up.

The jury, after a deliberation of half-an-hour, returned a verdict for defendant. The question of witnesses expenses was reserved, pending decision in another case arising out of the same levy. On application of Mr. Laman, attorneys' fee was increased to £5 5s.

The Court adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

The Family of John Meskell Jnr 1836-1894 and Eleanor Daley 1842-1922

John and Eleanor had 7 children.

John Meskell, was born 10th Jun 1836 in *Tipperary, Ireland* the son of *John Meskell* and *Mary Caesar* he died 2nd Oct 1894 in Southgate, Grafton,.

John married **Eleanor Daley** on 9th Aug 1858 in Hinton, NSW. Eleanor was born 1842 and died 1922.

7 Children

- I. **Edward Meskell**, b. 25 Aug 1859 in Hunter River, d. 15 Aug 1955 in Qld.
Edward married Frances Bollard, married 13 Dec 1886 in Grafton.
- II. **Mary Eleanor Meskell** b. 03 June 1862 in Waterview, Grafton d 26 Aug 1931 in Grafton
Mary married Reuben Ellem, on Jul 1880.
- III. **John Thomas Meskell**, b. 23 Feb 1864 in Southampton, Grafton, d. 12 May 1865 near Grafton.
- IV. **Anne Meskell**, b. 30 Dec 1865 in Waterview, Grafton, d. 11 Feb 1907 in Ulmarra.
Anne married Thomas Hession, on 30 Nov 1882 in South Grafton.
- V. **William Meskell**, b. 01 Sep 1868 in Waterview, Grafton, d. 11 Jan 1927 in Grafton.
William married Mary Ann "Polly" Baker on 1901, b. 1874 in Grafton d 1959 in Grafton.
- VI. **Henry Meskell**, b. 09 Sep 1870 in Waterview, Grafton, d. 04 Sep 1950 in Grafton.
Henry married May Parkinson, married 07 Mar 1899 in Grafton, b. 1877, d. 1967.
- VII. **Arthur Ernest Meskell**, b. 07 Apr 1882 in South Grafton, d. 17 Apr 1917 in Grafton.
Arthur married Sarah Jane Casey, married 1907 in Lawrence.

The descendants of the 7 children, above, of John Meskell Jnr and Eleanor Daley are in **Research Note B**

John Meskell Jnr was the brother of **Mary Meskell** who married **Joseph Morgan** the family lines diverge at this point and the Meskell family members become cousins of the Morgans and the degree of relationship is measured by the generations **Pete Meskell** who assisted me with this book is my 4th cousin John Meskell Jnr is his great-great-grandfather and Mary Meskell is my great-great-grandmother (**Neville Maloney**).

Below: **John Meskell Jnr** died in 1894 (details next page in his death certificate).

Bottom: John's wife **Eleanor** died in **1922**; she had married a 2nd time in 1902 to William Smith. In the notice it mentions her daughter Nurse Ellem. (See the notice on the right).

Below: The 2nd child of John and Eleanor (see above list) **Mary Eleanor Meskell** died in **1931**. This notice provides a wealth of family information.

The Armidale Express and New England General Advertiser
Oct 9 1894 • Armidale, New South Wales, Australia

A resident of Alumny Creek, near Grafton, **John Meskill**, succumbed on Tuesday last to an internal cancer, at the age of 60 years.

Mrs. Eleanor Smith, a very old resident of the Clarence, died at Grafton on Friday last, aged 80 years. She was a native of Sydney, and came to the Clarence about 1860, shortly after she married her first husband, John Meskell, who died 27 years ago. About 20 years ago she married William Smith, of Southgate, who predeceased her by eight years. Of her family four survive, Mrs. (Nurse) Ellem (Grafton), Messrs. N. Meskill (Queensland), W. Meskell (Grafton), and H. Meskell (Cangai).

Daily Examiner (Grafton, NSW: 1915-1954) / Thu 27 Aug 1931 / Pa

The death occurred at the Grafton District Hospital yesterday morning after a long illness, of Mrs. **Mary Eleanor Ellem**, wife of Mr. **Reuben Ellem**, of 24 Duke street. Deceased who was well-known on the Clarence River was an obstetric nurse for a period of more than 30 years. The late Mrs. **Ellem**, who was 69 years of age, was born at Waterview, South Grafton. She leaves a widower, two sons, Messrs **Loyal Ellem (Grafton)**, **Arthur Ellem (Sydney)**, and five daughters, Mesdames **Bull (Sydney)**, **F. Dahl (Grafton)**, **Butcher (Condong)**, **G. Kennedy (Grafton)**, and **Fitzpatrick**. The funeral, following a service to be held at 2.15, will leave Christ Church Cathedral for the Grafton cemetery at 2.30 this afternoon.

Family Photo 1907

The family of **John Meskell Jnr** 1836-1894 and **Eleanor Daley**

The photo below is thought to have been taken in 1907 after the funeral of Anne Meskell.

By 1907 two in the family had died **John Meskell Jnr 1836-1894** and their son **John Thomas Meskell who died in 1865**, only 14 months old.

John's wife **Eleanor Meskell (Daley)**, in the front row lives another 15 years, dying in 1922.

Edward Meskell seated on the right in the front row born 1859 made the journey from The Hunter to The Clarence in 1860/61 just 1/1½ years old and remarkably he died in Qld in 1955.



Back Row L to R: **William** Meskell 1868-1927, **Arthur Ernest** Meskell 1882-1917
Front Row: L to R: **Henry** Meskell, 1870-1950, **Eleanor** Meskell (Daley) 1842-1922,
Edward Meskell 1859-1955, **Mary Eleanor** Meskell 1862-1931

There were other photos but as Pete Meskell noted to me: “*Unfortunately my Grandfather Henry George Meskell(1902-2002), told me all other photos and a family bible from these older times, along with other records, had been lost in different floods over the years around the Waterview, Cangai and Grafton areas.*”

The death certificate of **John Meskell Jnr 1836-1894** . This document confirms many of the facts about the Meskell family; parent's names, origin in Ireland, time in NSW, living in The Hunter Region, names of children....



DEATH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

CERTIFIED COPY FURNISHED UNDER PART V OF THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT, 1973.

No.	Date and place of death	Name and occupation	Sex and age	Cause of death	Name and occupation of father	Name and maiden surname of mother	Informant	Particulars of registration	When and where buried; name of undertaker	Name and religion of Minister and names of witnesses of burial	Where born and how long in the Australasian Colonies or States	Place of marriage, age, and to whom	Children of marriage
5744	1894. 2nd October 78	John Meskell Farmer	Male 60 years	(1) Cancer of stomach (2) about 8 months (3) of gastric fever (4) at 73, 6.4.094 (5) 27th Sept. 1894	(1) John Meskell (2) Farmer (3) Mary (4) Brass	Edward Meskell Lou Soutlegate	Edward Meskell Lou Soutlegate	3rd October 1894 St Peter's Church of England Country Brafton Henry H. Sanders	P. H. Forster Church of England Edward Meskell Henry Meskell	Sydney Ireland 57 years in New S. Wales	(1) Hinton New S. Wales (2) 24 years (3) Belconn Paley	Edward 37 years Mary 32 Alice 28 William 26 Henry 24 Arthur Ernest B. 1 Male living Deceased	

I, VERNON MARK BENNETT, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF PARTICULARS RECORDED IN A REGISTER KEPT BY ME.



Vernon Mark Bennett
Principal Registrar

ISSUED AT SYDNEY, | 20TH | AUGUST, 1984.

The descendants of John Meskell Jnr 1836-1894 and Eleanor Daley 1842-1922

John and Eleanor had 7 children: Edward, Mary, John, Anne, William, Henry and Arthur

Six of the 7 had families:

Edward married Frances (Fanny) Bollard – 12 children

Mary married Reuben Ellem – 12 children

John – died at 14 months

Anne married Thomas Hession – 6 children

William married Mary Ann "Polly" Baker – 1 child

Henry married May Parkinson – 6 children

Arthur married Sarah Jane Casey – 4 children

The descendants in the next few generations grow into hundreds and in this book I just can't follow the paths and do them justice. **Peter (Pete) Meskell** – Henry Meskell and May Parkinson are his great grandparents – has an extensive knowledge of the Meskell family and has provided me the descendants that he has researched and that list is [Research Note B](#) later in this book.

The Meskell name in this story comes to an end and now we follow the family of **Mary Meskell** and her husband **Joseph Morgan**.

Mary Meskell is the sister of **John Meskell Jnr**, John and Mary were the only two of six children of John Meskell and Mary Caesar who survived to have descendants.



← **Mary Meskell** 1828-1900 – the daughter of John Meskell & Mary Caesar.

Mary Married Joseph Morgan in 1844 and her daughter married Martin Maloney in 1867.

This photo is **Martin Maloney** in August 1867, the day he married Harriet Morgan, it has always been something of a puzzle. Who is standing beside him? It is not Harriet because she was only 18 when she married Martin. The most likely candidate is **Mary Morgan (Meskell)**, Harriet's mother she would have been 39 in 1867. The puzzle has been partly the position of the subjects; not a bride and groom setting. If it is Mary Meskell, Martin's mother-in-law it is the only known photo of one of the Meskells who was born in Ireland. The woman in the photo has a similar slope of her eyes as do later photos of Harriet her daughter.

Part 2

THE MORGAN FAMILY

Some of this section on the Morgan Family I have covered in *“From Shamrocks to Gumleaves” The story of the Maloney Family*, a book originally written for a reunion in 1994 that I extensively updated in 2023.

Joseph Morgan 1811-1881 is my great-great-grandfather. Joseph links us to the Meskell family when he married **Mary Meskell** 1829-1900 at Narrow Gut near Hinton NSW in 1844.

On the cover of this book I have a photo of **Harriet Morgan*** the daughter of Joseph Morgan and Mary Caesar, for me she is the first Meskell/Morgan. Harriet had 14 brothers and sisters; the Morgan/Meskell clan is now a large extended family.

1840 in the title refers to the date that Mary Meskell and her parents, **John Meskell** and **Mary Caesar** arrived in NSW from Ireland.

***Harriet Morgan** married **Martin Maloney** in 1867 and she becomes the link in my line of the family that completes the story line, told by my great-uncle Charles (Charlie) Maloney, of the family names being **Maloney, Morgan, Meskell** and **Caesar**.

Not This Morgan Family

The first question when the Morgan family is mentioned is “Are we related to **Mad Dog Morgan** 1830-1865) the outlaw?” The answer is a clear and definite **“NO”**. Mad Dog Morgan was Jack Fuller who went by a variety of names; John Smith, Down-the-River-Jack, Billy the Native. The usual story has him originally as Jack Fuller. There is however a chance he was Sam Moran the son of two convicts. He used so many aliases that the truth is a little obscured. The name Dan Morgan he however adopted later in his career and it alliterated well with Mad Dog so the name Mad Dog Morgan stuck. **He is not a relative.**

This Morgan Family

David Morgan 1757-1853 and **Mary Lush** 1761-1840

3 Children

Sarah Morgan 1789-1862

William Morgan 1796-1879

Joseph Morgan 1811-1881

Joseph Morgan 1800-1181 and **Mary Meskell** 1826-1900

15 Children

- I. **John Morgan** 1844-1918
- II. **Sarah (Sally) Ada Morgan** 1846-1911
- III. **David Morgan** 1847-1921
- IV. **Harriet Morgan** 1849-1923
- V. **Mary Morgan** 1851-1929
- VI. **William Morgan** 1853-1924
- VII. **Joseph Jnr Morgan** 1856-1937
- VIII. **Anne Morgan** 1857-1918
- IX. **Frances (Fanny) Margaret Morgan** 1858-1936
- X. **Edward Owen Morgan** 1860-1938
- XI. **Samuel Morgan** 1862-1949
- XII. **George Henry Morgan** 1864-1942
- XIII. **Unnamed Morgan** 1867-1867
- XIV. **Daniel James Morgan** 1868-1933
- XV. **Charles (Charlie) Morgan** 1870-1887

Joseph Morgan 1811/12 -1881

Joseph Morgan is something of an enigma; we think we know a fair amount about him and maybe we do but there is a maybe. Some of the information on the genealogy sites is not correct and the story that I present here has some issues. I will explain them as I go.

We do have facts so let's start with them. Joseph's death certificate seems an unlikely place to start but it provides us with a clear list. We can work backwards and forwards from **1881** the year he died. The facts going forward are pretty clear it is the going back that presents problems/difficulties and assumptions.

Joseph Morgan's death certificate 1881

This document is a source of some of the few facts we have about Joseph that are reliable.

His name is clear, **Joseph Morgan**, spelling is no problem – *he appears to have no known middle name.*

He is a **farmer**.

He lived at Eatonswill. (*A dozen kilometres west of Grafton*).

He was **70 years old** in 1881 so he was born about **1811**.

He was **33 when he married in 1844**.

His wife is **Mary Meskell**.

Place of birth was **England**.

He has been **in Australia for 40 years** arriving about 1840. (*We think 1837*).

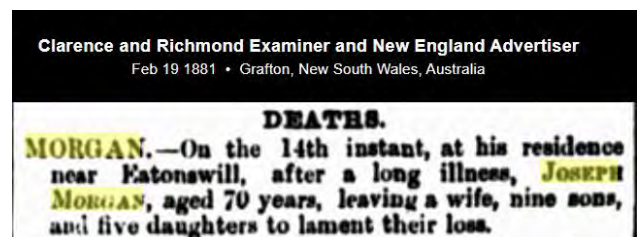
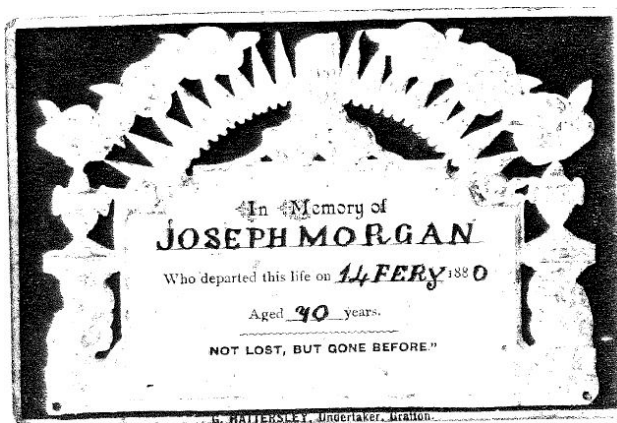
His parents were **David Morgan** and **Mary Lush** (*On the original document his father is listed as a storekeeper, but that is not on the transcription copy*).

The Children are listed as **8 males, 5 females & a deceased male**. *The count should have been 9 living males. The total children were 15. They are listed correctly on his wife's death certificate in 1900 and also in a newspaper death notice the correct number of children is mentioned.*

The cause of death was kidney disease that he had for 12 months.

The messages concerning his death below on the left a *memorial card* with an incorrect date the year is written as 1880 it should be 1881.

On the right a newspaper notice on February 19th 1881 get the dates and the number of his children correct.



On the following pages are copies of Joseph Morgan's death certificate; a transcription copy and a copy of the original certificate.

Transcription of Joseph Morgan's death certificate 1881

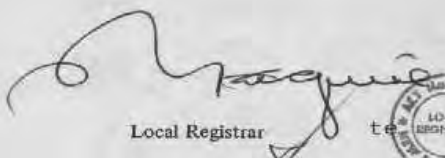
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DEATH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA


Surname of deceased	MORGAN	
Other names	Joseph	
Occupation	Farmer	
Sex and Age	Male 70 years	
Marital status	Married	
Date of death	14th February, 1881	
Place of Death	Eatonswill	
Usual residence	Eatonswill	
Place of birth	England 40 years in Australia	
Father - Surname	MORGAN	
Other names	David	
Mother - Maiden surname	LUSH	
Other names	Mary	
Place of marriage	Hunter River, N.S.W.	
Age at marriage	33 years	
To whom married	Mary Meskell	
Children of deceased	8 Males 5 Females Living 1 Male dead	
Informant	Certified in writing by David Morgan, Son Eatonswill	
Cause of death	Disease of the Kidney 12 Months	
By whom certified	Dr Houison	
Particulars of burial or cremation	15th February, 1881 Grafton	
Particulars of registration	W. Clarke, District Registrar	Date 15th February, 1881 Number 1765/1881

I, **JAMES THOMAS MAGUIRE**
hereby certify that the above is a true copy of particulars recorded in a register kept by me.

Issued at **Grafton**
on **29th June, 1989**


 Local Registrar





Births, Deaths & Marriages

NEW SOUTH WALES

REGISTRATION NUMBER

1881/ 007160


BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT 1995

DEATH CERTIFICATE

Date and place of death	Name and occupation	Sex and age	Cause of Death Duration of last illness; medical attendant; when he last saw deceased	Name and occupation of father Name and maiden surname of mother	Informant
<p>4th February 1881</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; margin-top: 20px;">17/65</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Edenhill</p>	<p>Joseph Morgan</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">Barmer</p>	<p>Male</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">70</p> <p style="text-align: center;">years</p>	<p>Chorea of the</p> <p>(1) Kidney</p> <p>(2) 12 months</p> <p>(3) Dr Hamilton</p> <p>(4) December 1880</p>	<p>(1) David Morgan</p> <p>(2) Margaret</p> <p>(3) Mary Leah</p>	<p>Residence sitting by</p> <p>David Morgan</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">Son</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">Edenhill</p>

Particulars of registration	When and where buried; name of undertaker	Name and religion of Minister and names of witnesses of burial	Where born and how long in the Australasian Colonies or States	Place of marriage, age, and to whom	Children of marriage
<p>Edenhill</p> <p>(1) 15th February 1881</p> <p>(2) Grabbow</p> <p>(3) Grabbow</p>	<p>15th February 1881</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">Grabbow</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">James Grant</p>	<p>St. George's Church of England</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">Henry James</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">John Cameron</p>	<p>England</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">40 years in</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">New South Wales</p>	<p>St. Peter's</p> <p>(1) St. Peter's</p> <p>(2) 43</p> <p>(3) Mary</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">Mackell</p>	<p>8 children living</p> <p>5 females</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">1 male dead</p>

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REGISTRY OF BIRTHS
DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

SYDNEY 16 Feb 2006

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of particulars recorded in a Register in the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia

Carol Carter

We have our Joseph Morgan who died in 1881 in Grafton and married to Mary Meskell in 1844 and we know Mary. They both lived at Butterwick, NSW.

Where did Joseph come from?

The most common researched history follows the information about the names of his parents, from his death certificate, **David Morgan and Mary Lush**. Following this line of reasoning we have records of Joseph Morgan arriving in Sydney, NSW in 1837 on the Charles Kerr a convict ship. Joseph was sentenced to 14 years for receiving stolen goods.

Joseph Morgan the Convict

In 1837 he is convicted of 2 counts of Larceny (stealing physical goods, in this case he seems to have received stolen goods) at the Wilts Court, short for Wiltshire Court in Devizes. (Devizes is a town in Wiltshire).

County of <i>Wilt.</i>		Register of all Persons charged with INDICTABLE OFFENSES				at the Assizes and Sessions held within the County during the Year 1837.					
442	Names of Offenders	Degree of Indication	Ages	At what Sessions Tried or Discharged without Trial	OFFENSES of which those Tried were Carried on Acquitted—and of which those discharged without Trial were charged on Indictment or Committal.	SENTENCES					
						Death	Transportation	Imprisonment	Whipping, Fines, &c.	Acquittal	Execution Commuted Penitentiary
	<i>William Mescock</i>		<i>18</i>	<i>County Sessions</i>	<i>Horse-stealing</i>						
	<i>Mark Smith</i>		<i>34</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Sheep-stealing</i>						
	<i>John Welch</i>		<i>31</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Killing a Sheep with intent to steal</i>						
	<i>Joseph Morgan</i>		<i>25</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Larceny two convictions</i>						<i>7 Years on each conviction</i>
	<i>David Weston</i>		<i>25</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Larceny</i>						<i>7 Years</i>
	<i>Daniel Webb</i>		<i>34</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>						<i>7 Years</i>
	<i>Mary Broad</i>		<i>25</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>						<i>7 Years</i>
	<i>William Saunders</i>		<i>27</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>						<i>7 Years</i>
	<i>James Legg</i>		<i>25</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Larceny before conviction of 1837</i>						<i>7 Years</i>
	<i>Thomas Mitchell</i>		<i>20</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>						<i>7 Years</i>
	<i>Richard Bell</i>		<i>25</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Larceny</i>						<i>7 Years</i>
	<i>Thomas Burdett</i>		<i>30</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>						<i>7 Years</i>
	<i>Joseph Harting</i>		<i>17</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Larceny before conviction of 1837</i>						<i>7 Years</i>
	<i>John Lewis</i>		<i>23</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Larceny before conviction</i>						<i>7 Years after 12 Days kept</i>
	<i>Thomas Bowley</i>		<i>22</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>						<i>7 Years after 12 Days kept</i>
	<i>John Gray</i>		<i>25</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Larceny</i>						<i>8 Months</i>
	<i>Samuel Hatchel</i>		<i>25</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>						<i>8 Months</i>

Joseph is the 4th on the list it reads, some is Ditto marks and I have entered the words.

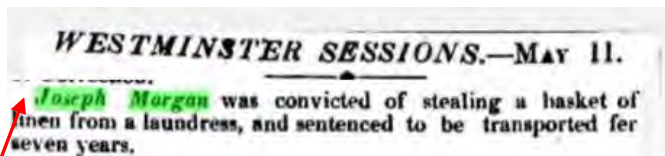
Joseph Morgan, 25, County Sessions 3 January 1837, Larceny - two convictions, 7 years on each conviction

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The Problems

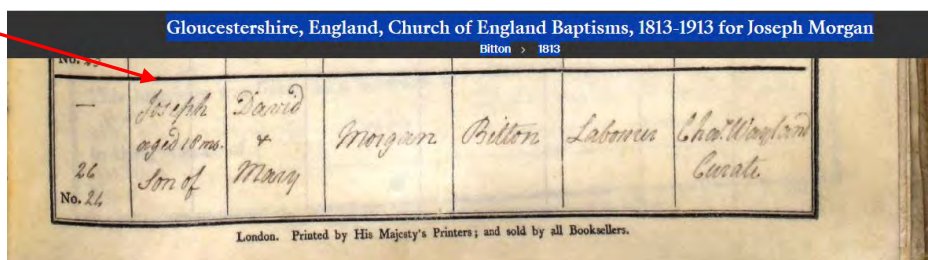
Joseph the convict seems to have been charged with slightly different crimes, in the case above, larceny, stealing but other times it is buying stolen goods. He is mentioned as a; shoemaker, soldier, labourer and an umbrella maker!

There are a lot of “Joseph Morgans” in the historical records and there are even a number of Joseph Morgans with parents David and Mary who fit the timelines for our “Joseph” This Joseph Morgan was convicted in London while our Joseph was in a convict hull waiting transportation at Gosport. 1837 this is **NOT** our Joseph he has though the potential to confuse our records.



These two *Joseph Morgans* are **NOT** our Joseph Morgan. There was also a Joseph Morgan living in Picton and one in Bathurst and in the 1840's again **not** our Joseph.

This is **NOT** our Joseph Morgan baptised in Bitton near Bristol in 1813 however in some of the online genealogy programs researchers and descendants have included this event but this is **NOT** the same person as the Joseph Morgan who was born in Frome in 1811. (The Bitton in Gloucestershire baptism is another Joseph Morgan, his mother's maiden name was NOT Lush).

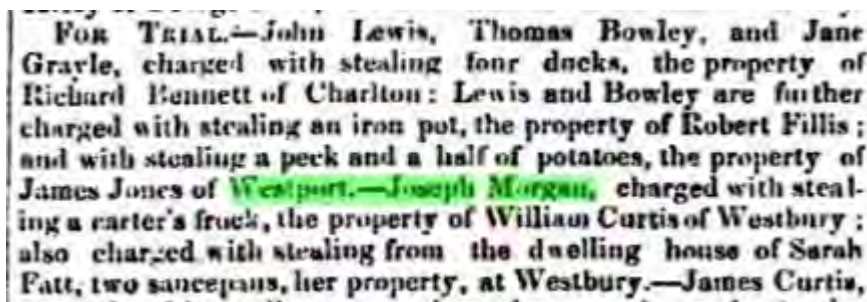


Joseph Morgan married Mary Meskell in 1844 and he is 33 and Mary is 15½ and nearly 2 months pregnant. Mary's parents have just lost 2 other children Sarah in May 1841 and William in February 1843. Mary is marrying a convict; yes in 1844 Joseph is still a convict, twice her age.

How often did convicts marry? They live at Butterwick and Michael Magner has a convict, Joseph Morgan, assigned to him in December 1837, so this has to be our Joseph. BUT, but, but remember with John Meskell, Mary's father, another John Meskell lived in Seaham and trying to tease the two apart in the records and newspaper articles is a task. There may have been another Joseph Morgan in Butterwick or very close by. A Joseph Morgan bought a block of land near Paterson. I can't be sure of the dates but it was in the 1840's. It may have been our Joseph but I can't be sure, I just don't know enough about convicts owning land and getting married. Family historians have been unable to find a "Permission to Marry form" for a convict Joseph Morgan and there are no family stories or tradition of Joseph being a convict. I am confident he was but I am not certain.

There are a lot of documents and there are the slight variations in facts. The Joseph who marries Mary Meskell in 1844 seems to be Joseph Morgan the convict who arrived in NSW in 1837 on the convict ship the "Charles Kerr" and that is the history that follows here.

The problems sorted so back to Joseph Morgan the Convict. We have some good documentation of the crime, the trial, the sentencing, the petition and his transportation. It all happens with astonishing speed, Joseph is caught on December 8th 1836 and he is transported on June 8th 1837.



This is the first time we find our **Joseph Morgan** in the historical records; the entry is in the *Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette*, 8th Dec 1836.

"Joseph Morgan is charged with stealing a carter's frock, the property of William Curtis of Westbury; also charged with stealing from the dwelling house of Sarah Fatt, two saucepans, her property, at Westbury."

Joseph Morgan's sentence is published in the *Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette* 12 Jan 1837.

He receives 7 years for each offence.

Transportation for 14 years.—Joseph Morgan, viz. 7 years transportation for stealing a carter's frock, the property of Wm. Curtis ; and 7 years, for stealing two saucepans, the property of Sarah Fatt, at Westbury.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 26 Jan 1837 reports that Joseph is being removed to Gosport to be held in the Hulk (old ship no longer fit for sailing) York until he is transported to NSW.

During the week the following convicts (convicted at the late county sessions at Devizes,) have been removed from Fisherton gaol to the York Hulk, Gosport :—William Stokes and Joseph Morgan, 14 years ; William Hiscock, Mark Smith, Job Welch, life ; David Wootton, Daniel Webb, Richard Ball, Thomas Burchall, William Saunders, John Lewis, Thomas Bowley, James Legg, alias Hewer, Thomas Hiscock, and Joseph Harding, 7 years each.

The following petition was made by a number of people, strangely including Sarah Putt (Fatt) who was one of the victims that Joseph stole two saucepans from. Sarah is described on the list as "Prosecutor" a legal term at the time for the person who the crime was committed against.

This is a transcript obtained by Judy Gordon in Sept 2006 via a website pathfinder.net that no longer exists.

HO17 Petition for Clemency

To His most Gracious Majesty King William the Fourth

We the undersigned loving subjects of your Majesty strongly beg leave to your Majesty's clemency and mercy Joseph Morgan convicted at the last Wiltshire Sessions held at Devizes, of Felony and sentenced to Fourteen years Transportation (a sentence we believe too severe for his offence). Our recommendation is grounded on the following qualifications, he, previous to the committal of the offence of which is convicted (and which was committed under distressed and peculiar circumstances) was possessed.

By trade he is a Shoemaker, and previous to the above offence, of good and honest character; he was formerly a private in the 28th Regiment of Foot (reference to the Captains &c. of that regiment will prove he conducted himself soberly, honestly, and soldierlike) and from which regiment he obtained his discharge by purchase.

A man possessing these (previous) qualifications, we are aware will not be denied your Majesty's Royal clemency. We only ask for a revision of the sentence from 14 to 7 years and not to leave England.

The convict has an aged fond and affectionate Father and Mother, who write with us most earnestly, to implore your most gracious Majesty to grant us this our request.

And we as dutiful, loyal, and loving subjects will ever pray &c

Sarah Putt Prosecutor
Robert Edwards
William Baily
Chas. Barnes

Jerry (unclear)
Edmund Randall
James Will
Joseph Parker
John Carter
Thomas White

A second page reads:

Honble Sir

We shall ever feel obliged if your Lordship will be so kind as to get the enclosed petition presented & let us know the result. We take great liberty but are both nearly broken hearted

From your Lordships
Very humble & very Obed. Servts.
David & Mary Morgan
Father & Mother of the convict
Warminster, Wilts 14th Feb. 1837

The catalogue description from the National Archives, Kew UK concerning this petition is below:

It refers to the petition and his elderly parents are living in Warminster in Wiltshire, it also includes the name of the person he stole the saucepan from and this time her name is spelt Sarah Futt (previously Fatt & Putt)! Joseph is confirmed as being imprisoned on the York and his trial was at Devizes in January 1837. The gaoler report says "Character bad, in prison before".

HO 17/48/39

[1837 Feb 14]

Prisoner name(s): Joseph Morgan.

Prisoner age: 26.

Prisoner occupation: Shoemaker.

Court and date of trial: Wiltshire Quarter Sessions Devizes January 1837.

Crime: Stealing clothing, property of Sarah Futt.

Initial sentence: Fourteen years transportation.

Gaoler's report: Character bad, in prison before.

Annotated (Outcome): Nil.

Petitioner(s): 52 people including prosecutor.

Grounds for clemency (Petition Details): Previous good character; served with good conduct in army before his discharge; distress of elderly parents.

Other papers: Covering letter with petition from David and Mary Morgan (prisoner's parents) of Warminster [Wiltshire].

Additional Information: Prisoner on board York.

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John Baines
Jenny
Surrell Jett
James Randall
James Hill
Joseph Parker
John Carter
Thomas White

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enclosed Petition presented & let us know the result - we take great liberty but are
both nearly broken hearted -
From your Lordships
Very humble & very obed^t Serv^{ts}
David & Mary Morgan
Father & Mother of the Convict
Warrminster - Wilt^{sh} - 14th Feb^y 1837 -

This is the trail ledger that seems to be from Salisbury (some abbreviation) on 17th January 1837, two weeks after the trial. The names on this list include those in *Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 26 Jan 1837*. This seems to be an administrative document because the records previously said that Joseph was sent from the Fisherton Goal in Salisbury to Gosport.

This document lists that Joseph stole "Wearing Apparel" and there were 2 charges of 7 years, he is 26, he can read but not write. Strangely his occupation is now an "Umbrella Maker" and the Gaoler's report says "Bad character in prison before"

The column headed: **How Disposed of** names the Charles Kerr, 1 June 1837 NSW and a prisoner just two lines above Joseph is listed on the ship *Emma Eugenia*, 28 Oct 1837 NSW. These details suggest that this ledger as some overall court record for Wiltshire completed probably at the end of 1837.

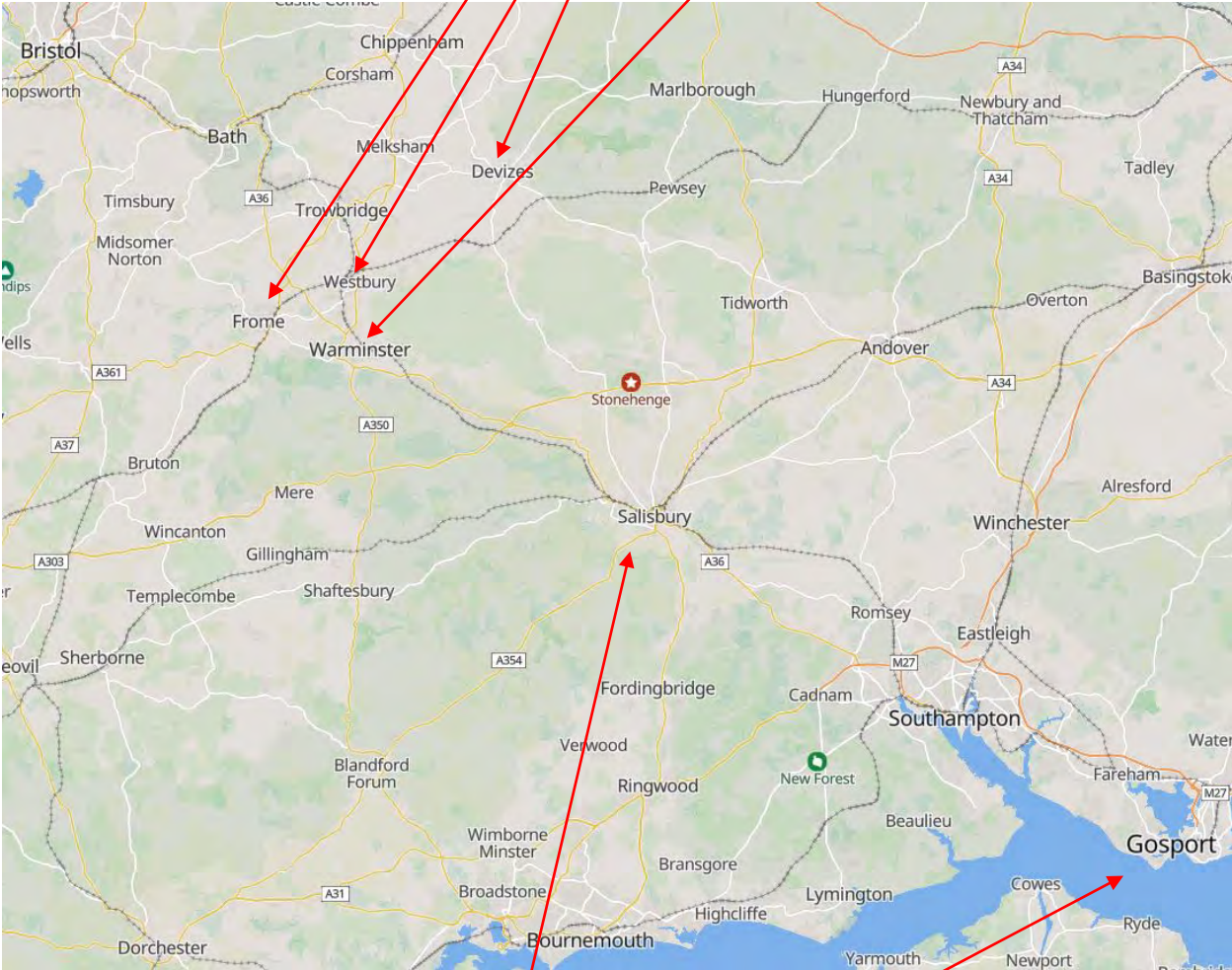
This record, the articles from the *Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 26 Jan 1837* and the *WLTs court record a few pages back* all list the same names of other prisoners convicted on Jan 3rd 1837 so we have a good foundation that we are following the same person in these documents.

No.	Prisoner's Name	Age	Crime	Where	When	Sentence	or Single	or Write	Trade	Gaoler's report	How disposed of
7132	William Goldsmith	35	Housebreaking & receiving stolen goods	Devizes	2 Jan 1837	14 Years	✓	No	Labourer	Unknown	Placed on board Emma Eugenia
7133	Joseph Ferguson	20	Stealing sheep	Devizes	2 Jan 1837	7	✓	No	Labourer	Bad character	Placed on board Emma Eugenia
7134	William Ferguson	38	Disobedience	Devizes	29 Dec 1836	7	✓	No	Labourer	No Report	Placed on board Emma Eugenia
7135	William Foster	26	Stealing food	Devizes	2 Jan 1837	14	✓	No	Butcher	Bad character, convicted of robbery	Placed on board Emma Eugenia
7136	William Haddock	18	Housebreaking	Devizes	3 Jan 1837	Life	✓	No	Blacksmith	Not known	Placed on board Emma Eugenia
7137	Mark Long	56	Sheep stealing	Devizes	3 Jan 1837	Life	✓	No	Labourer	Not known, suspended for 3 years	Placed on board Emma Eugenia
7138	John White	31	Sheep stealing	Devizes	3 Jan 1837	Life	✓	No	Labourer	Not known	Placed on board Emma Eugenia
7139	Joseph Morgan	26	Stealing sheep	Devizes	3 Jan 1837	14 Years	✓	No	Umbrella maker	Bad character in prison before	Placed on board Emma Eugenia
7140	William Haddock	18	Housebreaking	Devizes	3 Jan 1837	7 Years	✓	No	Labourer	Bad character in prison before	Placed on board Emma Eugenia

Joseph Morgan is now waiting on the prison hulk *York* in Gosport (Portsmouth). These must have been four long months; February, March, April and May 1837 were spent in the old, rotting ship.



Joseph was born in Frome
He was caught stealing in Westbury
His trial was at Devizes
His parents lived at Warminster in 1837



Joseph was sent to Fisherton Goal in Salisbury.
In late January 1837 Joseph was sent to the prison hulk *York* at Gosport near Portsmouth he spent 4 months on this ship.
A drawing of the prison ship *York*.



Joseph is waiting; those sentenced with him on June 3rd at Devides are with him he must have known about the petition to commute his transportation he must have hoped. Other have written about the conditions on the York and the following is an edited quote from a family history of Samuel Harford http://harfordenterprisescomau.melbourneitwebsites.com/persistent/catalogue_files/products/1.9transportation.pdf

In general, conditions on board the floating gaols were appalling. The standards of hygiene were so poor that disease spread quickly. The sick were given little medical attention and were not separated from the healthy. Many of the convicts sent to New South Wales in the early years were already disease ridden when they left the hulks. As a result, there were serious typhoid and cholera epidemics on many of the vessels heading for Australia. James Hardy Vaux described the conditions on the hulk Retribution : There were confined in this floating dungeon nearly 600 men, most of them double ironed; and the reader may conceive the horrible effects arising from the continual rattling of chains, the filth and vermin naturally produced by such a crowd of miserable inhabitants, the oaths and execrations constantly heard amongst them.... On arriving on board, we were all immediately stripped and washed in two large tubs of water, then, after putting on each a suit of coarse slop clothing, we were ironed and sent below; our own clothes being taken from us.... The living quarters were very bad. The hulks were cramped and the prisoners slept in chains. The prisoners had to live on one deck that was barely high enough to let a man stand up. The officers lived in cabins in the stern. The conditions on board were often worse than places like Newgate Prison. Attempts by any prisoners to file away or knock off the chains around their waists and ankles led to frequent floggings, extra irons and solitary confinement in tiny cells with names like the 'Black Hole'. The men were poorly dressed as well as unhealthy. The authorities were always keen to keep down the cost of the prisons. They wanted to avoid giving prisoners a better life than the poor had outside the hulks. The quality of the prisoners' food was therefore kept as low as possible. The monotonous daily meals consisted chiefly of ox-cheek, either boiled or made into soup, pease (dried peas), bread or biscuit. The biscuits were often mouldy and green on both sides! On two days a week the meat was replaced by oatmeal and cheese. Each prisoner had two pints of beer four days a week, and badly filtered water, drawn from the river, on the others.

The above was written about 1833 and it seems life in the hulks may have actually improved a little because Maree Woods writes of her ancestor as a convict imprisoned on the York in 1837 with Joseph Morgan and she says:

Life on a prison hulk was well organised with prisoners in irons working in the dockyards for ten hours a day, returning to the ship at midday for dinner and then resuming their labour. There was also schooling for an hour every evening as well as evening prayers. Prisoners were expected to thoroughly wash on Saturday's and on Sunday's clothing was checked and repaired, followed by religious services.

From the website Free Settler or Felon the following information about the 1837 trip of the Charles Kerr provides the following information:

Embarked 250 Men
Voyage 123 days

The prisoners were convicted in counties in England - Suffolk, Wiltshire, London, Somerset, Hertford, Berwick, Norfolk, Oxford, Dorset, Essex, Sussex, Northampton and Cambridge, mostly for various forms of stealing. There were also three soldiers who were court-martialled for desertion and insubordination at Corfu, Cefalonia and Portsmouth, - William Spencer, Thomas Brett, and John Brown.

Surgeon-Superintendent John Edwards

John Edwards was a well experienced surgeon having previously been employed as surgeon-superintendent on the convict ships Hercules in 1832, Henry Tanner in 1834 and Roslin Castle in 1836. He kept a Medical Journal from 13th May to 18 October 1837. Most of the prisoners were embarked on the Charles Kerr at Portsmouth from the convict hulks; some from the **York** and others from the Leviathan on **1st June 1837**. They were examined by the surgeon and all were considered to be in good health. According to the surgeon at the time of embarkation there prevailed on board the convict hulks a strong scorbutic diathesis and on inspection prior to embarkation he rejected a number of prisoners who were suffering some of the symptoms.

The Charles Kerr sailed from Spithead on 8th June however owing to boisterous weather and rain they anchored at Falmouth on the 10th where they remained wind bound until 14th June. Here Thomas Boyles a feeble old man aged 68 transported for seven years

for a trifling offence, died after suffering diarrhoea. On the 17th June another death occurred, a soldier of the guard, Adam Bailey died from the result of internal injuries received by a fall into the hold.

On the 28th June yet another death - Richard Edwards aged 21, had been tried at the Old Bailey on 7th April and sent to the Leviathan hulk from Newgate prison on the 21st April. For the next few weeks there were no more fatalities although the surgeon was kept busy in the Hospital. His journal reveals some of the diseases experienced by the convicts - During the voyage prisoners presented with illnesses such as Synochus, Phlogosis, Rheumatism, Pleurodynia, Tonsillitis, Syphilis, Icterus, Scorbutus, Catarrhs, Dyspepsia, Headaches, Diarrhoea, Colica, Vulnus and Obstipatio.

Storms lasted for 12 days and there was almost constant rain and the frequent shipment of heavy seas kept the vessel above and below continuously under water preventing anything approaching dryness or ventilation in the prison and hospital. Besides this the upper seams near the side let in the water so abundantly that at one time there was not a dry bed in the hospital - many of the berths in prison equally sharing in the discomfort. Another man Leonard Turner became ill and died on the 25th August. After this the weather improved and they completed the remainder of the voyage without any more serious sickness.

They arrived in Port Jackson on Monday 9th October 1837 with the remaining two hundred and forty-six prisoners. The printed indents reveal such information as name, age, education, religion, marital status, family, native place, trade, offence, date and place of trial, sentence, prior convictions and physical descriptions. There is no information as to where and to whom the prisoners were assigned on arrival.

The men were probably at first taken to the Hyde Park Barracks when they disembarked from the ship.

On the Charles Kerr "The Guard consisted of Lieutenant Hilton and Ensign Boyle, 4th regiment, and 28 rank and file of the 28th regiment" This is an interesting point because in the Petition to the King in 1837 requesting that Joseph not be transported to NSW it is mentioned that he was a soldier in the 28th regiment. He may have for better or worse known some of the guards on the ship.

Joseph Morgan arrives in NSW 1837

Joseph is on the convict ship Charles Kerr from 8th June until the 9th October 1837, the trip took 123 days.

On the following pages are manifests of the convicts when they left England. There appears to be two lists, one is simply titled "Charles Kerr 250 NSW June 1837" and that is on page 3567 of a bound volume of convict ships and the convicts. The British Government keep detailed records of their trials, sentencing and the transportation of convicts. Joseph is found 10 pages into this list on page 77.

The second list is titled "Assignment List of 250 Male Convicts embarked in the Ship Charles Kerr for New South Wales". A note at the top right read "Charles Kerr 1837 and a page number 227 (another bound volume of convict ships and convicts) There some other semi-legible notes added to the heading "13 Oct" probably the date this list was copied or filed. The words "Certified copy..... convicts 13 died" (I'm not sure about the 13 died because the surgeons report, a few pages back, says only 4 died)!

Charles Kerr.

250. N.T.W. 6 June 1837

Names.	Where convicted.	When.	Term.
William Hiscock	do . . do	3 rd January 1837	Life
Job Welch	do . . do	3 rd January 1837	Seven Years
Joseph Morgan	do . . do	3 rd January 1837	Seven Years
David Wootton	do . . do	3 rd January 1837	Seven Years
Daniel Webb	do . . do	3 rd January 1837	Seven Years
Richard Ball	do . . do	3 rd January 1837	Seven Years
Thomas Burchall	do . . do	3 rd January 1837	Seven Years
John Lewis	do . . do	3 rd January 1837 to be computed from 17 th January being under sentence of transportation to the hulks.	Seven Years

During the week the following convicts (convicted at the late county sessions at Devizes,) have been removed from Fisherton gaol to the York Hulk, Gosport:—William Stokes and **Joseph Morgan**, 14 years; **William Hiscock**, **Mark Smith**, **Job Welch**, life; **David Wootton**, **Daniel Webb**, **Richard Ball**, **Thomas Burchall**, **William Saunders**, **John Lewis**, **Thomas Bowley**, **James Legg**, alias Hewer, **Thomas Hiscock**, and **Joseph Harding**, 7 years each.

Above Centre is a partial copy of page 77 of the convict list on the Charles Kerr and below that in the article above is the list of those convicted with Joseph Morgan on 3rd Jan 1837. The seven names highlighted in yellow are the same names; they are also as well as in the Charles Kerr manifest on the next page.

Charles Keel 1837
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Immigrant 13 Oct 1837

Certificate of the Honble the Secretary of State
Assignment List of 250 Male Convicts embarked in the Ship 'Charles Keel' For New South Wales.

Names	When convicted	When	Term
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William Stokes	20 (Devizes)	2 ^d January 1837	Fourteen years
William Tussock	20	3 ^d January 1837	Life
✓ Job Hatch			
Joseph Morgan	20	3 ^d January 1837	Fourteen years
David Hoellom			
Daniel Webb	20	3 ^d January 1837	Seven years
Richard Pelt			
Thomas Bunnia			
John Lewis	20	3 ^d January 1837	Seven years <small>As completed from January term's assignment of the convictment is 3 years</small>

We are going to leave Joseph for the moment while he waits in Sydney it is the 9th October 1837.

The year before, in 1836, he must have been living in Warminster or Westbury. His parents seem to live in Warminster and he stole a carriers coat and some saucepans in Westbury.

We are about to discover his family in Somerset England.

The Morgan Family in England

We know Joseph's parent's names from the Petition for his sentence reduction; it listed their names and address and their names are on his death certificate in 1881.

(Part of the Petition)

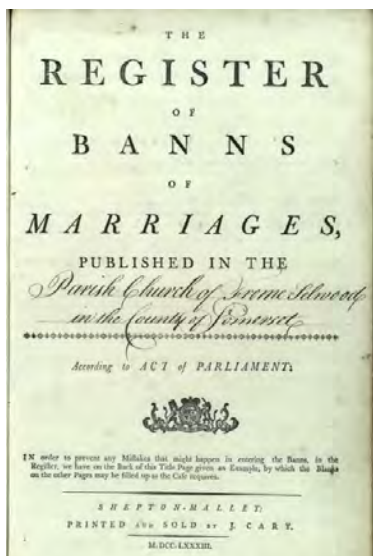
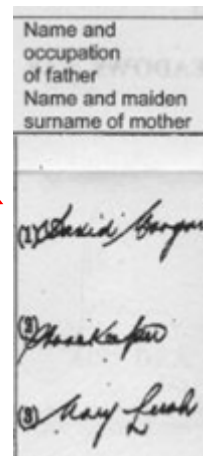
Very humble & very Obed. Servts.
 David & Mary Morgan
 Father & Mother of the convict
 Warminster, Wilts 14th Feb. 1837

From Joseph's death certificate

David Morgan

Storekeeper

Mary Lush



Given the names of Joseph's parents, the only couple in the records that fits are David Morgan and Lush from Frome, Somerset. The Register of Banns and Marriages is from **Parish Church of St John the Baptist** in Frome. (Frome was known as Frome Selwood). The Banns were read in April and in May 1789 and the wedding was 7th August 1789.

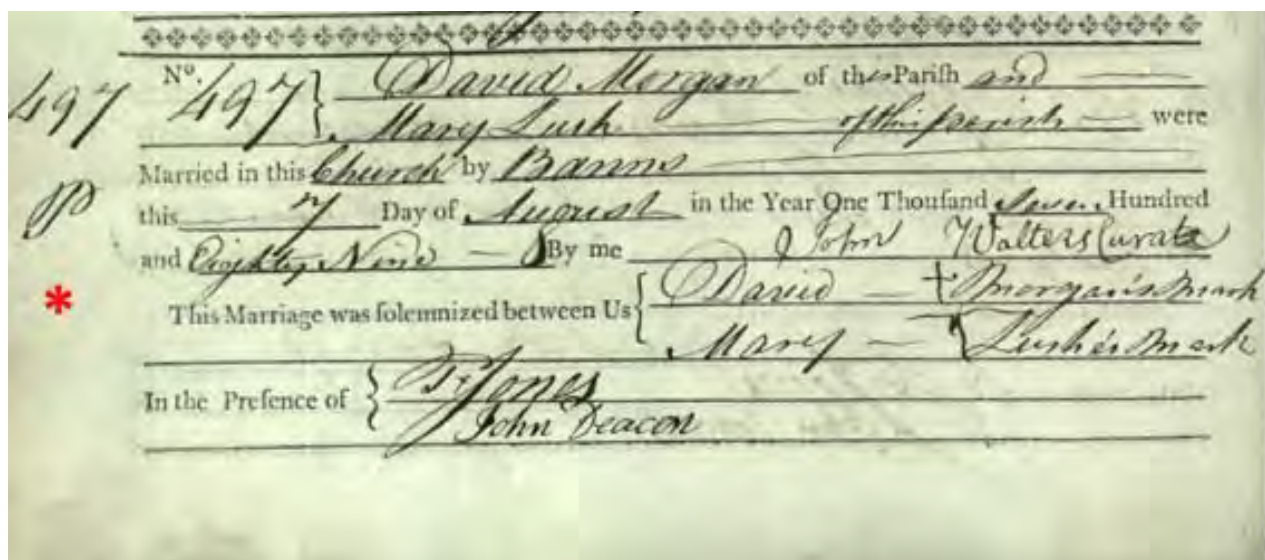
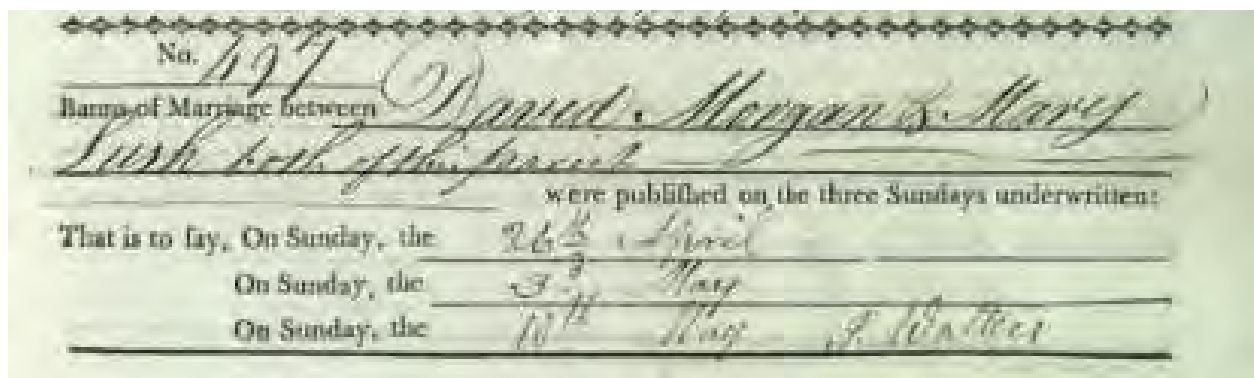
The marriage entry is on page 128 of the register.

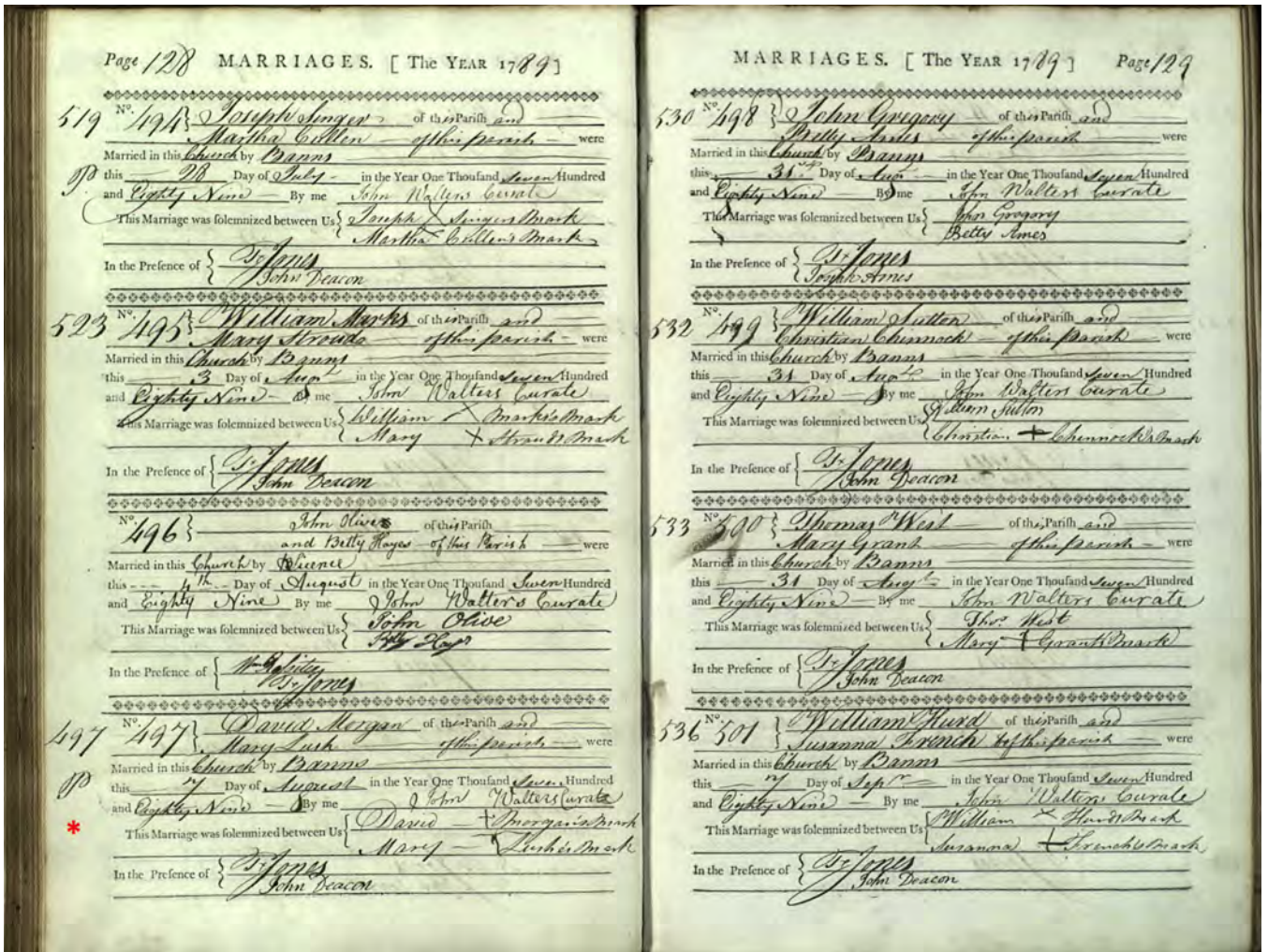
Left: cover page of the church register.

Below: Resister entry of the Banns

Bottom: Marriage entry of David Morgan and Mary Lush 1789

Nest Page: The full registry pages 128 & 129 showing David and Mary's marriage.





Joseph Morgan's death certificate in 1881 in Grafton stated that his mother was Mary Lush, the record above is looking pretty good. The evidence that Joseph was born in Frome, Somerset is based on this document. The gaoler also noted on Joseph's convict record that he had been in gaol before and recently I found a record of a Joseph Morgan "stealing straw bonnets from a shop of Mr Beacham." This was in Frome in October 1835. The next charges for stealing in 1836 were from Westbury. Frome is in Somerset and Westbury is in Wiltshire, they however are only 10kms apart.

FROME, Oct. 25. Commitments at Frome Petty Session: Charles Wheeler, Henry Gunning, and Elisha Stride, for imprisonment in Shepton Mallet gaol, in default of paying a fine of £5 each, for using snares in pursuit of game;—and for trial at the next Session, James Dunning, Jeremiah Scammel, and Joseph Morgan, on a charge of stealing straw bonnets from the shop of Mr. Beacham. Also, James Wilkins, for having secreted himself with a felonious intent on the premises of Benjamin Wall.

Date: Thursday, Oct. 29, 1835

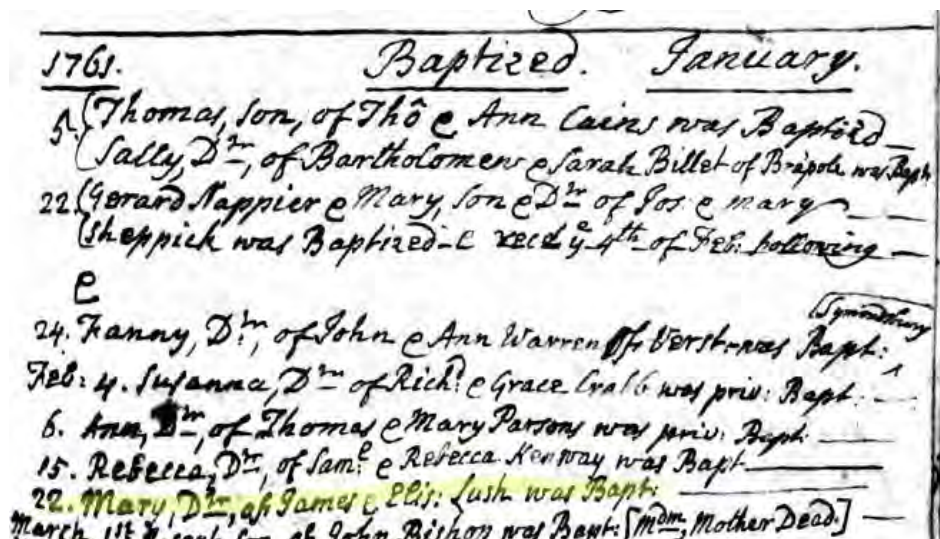
Publication: Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette (Bath, England)

Volume: 78, Issue: 3826

Mary Lush the mother of Joseph Morgan

Which Mary Lush?

Most of the family trees on Ancestry and MyHeritage sites list a **Mary Lush from Bridport** born in 1761 as the woman who married David Morgan in Frome in 1789. The record below from the Bridport Parish in Dorset January/February 1761 and the entry on the 22nd reads; "Mary, daughter of James and Elisabeth Lush was baptised"

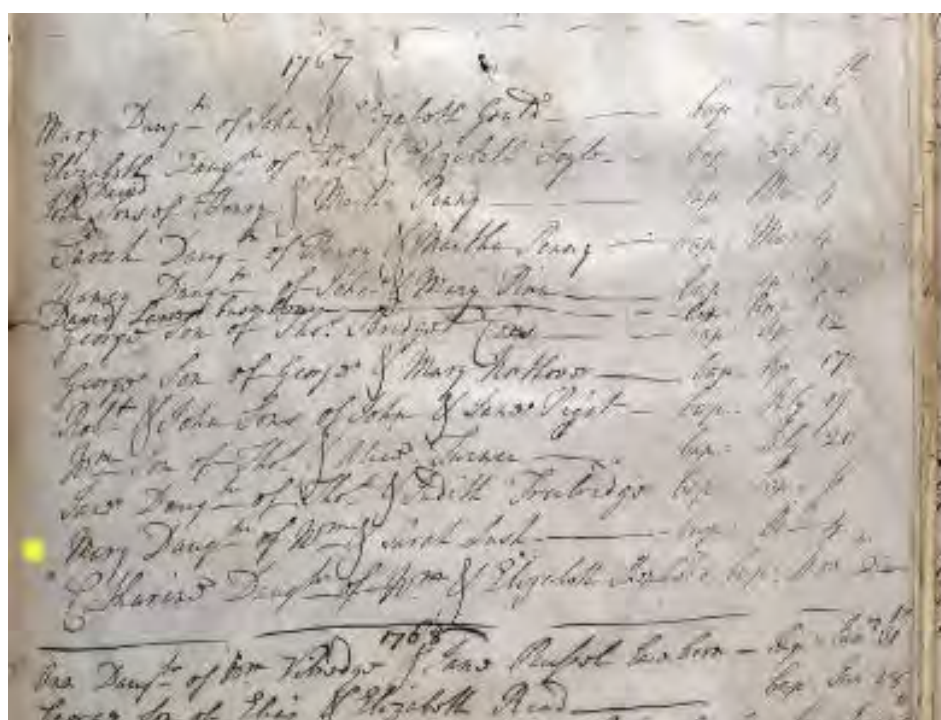


I am not so sure about this Mary Lush, she seems to have been selected because her name fits. There are problems here; Mary would have been 28 when she married the average age was about 23 and she would have been 50 when Joseph was born and that is extremely unlikely.

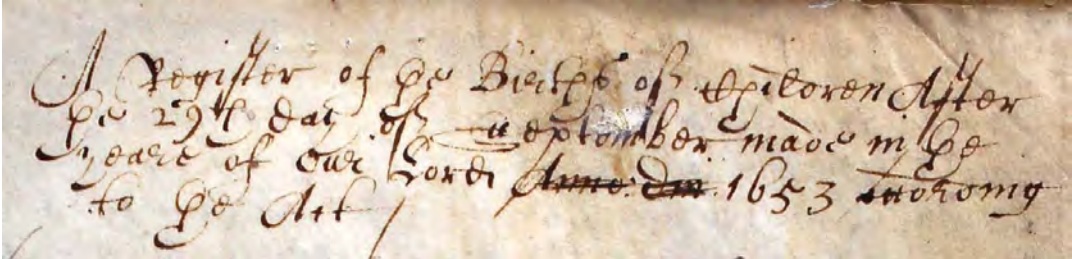
In the parish records for SE England there are perhaps **10 or 12 women named Mary Lush** born in the 1760's who could be the Mary Lush who is Joseph's mother. I have eliminated most and settled on the **most likely being Mary Lush born in Broad Chalke in 1767.**

Broad Chalke is near Salisbury less than 50kms from Frome, Bridport is some 80kms. This Mary Lush is baptised 4th October 1767 she would have been 22 when she married in 1789 and 44 in 1811 when Joseph was born and that is possible. Her parents were **William and Sarah Lush** and this point has made her the number one option for me because her first two children are named William and Sarah.

The entry with the yellow dot next to it reads: "**Mary Daughter of William & Sarah Lush** -"



The baptism entry on the previous page is from the **Broadchalke Paris Register AD 1658-1771**. The inscription on the first page declares that it is a register from 1653.



If this is the correct Mary Lush we can trace her parents **William Lush & Sarah Folliot** to their wedding in Broad Chalke in 1764. The record below is from the Banns before their wedding.

 The Year 1764.
 N° 37.
 Banns of Marriage between James Barber
 and Sarah Wilkins, both of this Parish
 were published on the three Sundays underwritten:
 That is to say, On Sunday, the 8th of April, 1764, by Mr. John Chapp, Vicar.
 On Sunday, the 15th of April, 1764, by Mr. John Chapp, Vicar.
 On Sunday, the 22nd of April, 1764, by Mr. John Chapp, Vicar.

 N° 38.
 Banns of Marriage between William Lush
 and Sarah Folliot, both of this Parish,
 were published on the three Sundays underwritten:
 That is to say, On Sunday, the 14th of Oct^r 1764, by Mr. John Chapp, Vicar.
 On Sunday, the 21st of Oct^r 1764, by Mr. John Chapp, Vicar.
 On Sunday, the 28th of Oct^r 1764, by Mr. John Chapp, Vicar.

The wedding date for William and Sarah Lush is listed as 29th October 1764 just one day after the 3rd Bann was read in church.

The key information in this record is again the location Broad Chalke and new information Sarah's maiden name Folliot.

Another claimant, another Mary Lush, with almost the same credibility was born in Salisbury on 12th July 1769 she however was my second option because her parents were named Henry and Louise, names that do not recur in the Morgan family.

Name	William Lush
Marriage Date	29 Oct 1764
Parish	Broad Chalke
Spouse	Sarah Folliot

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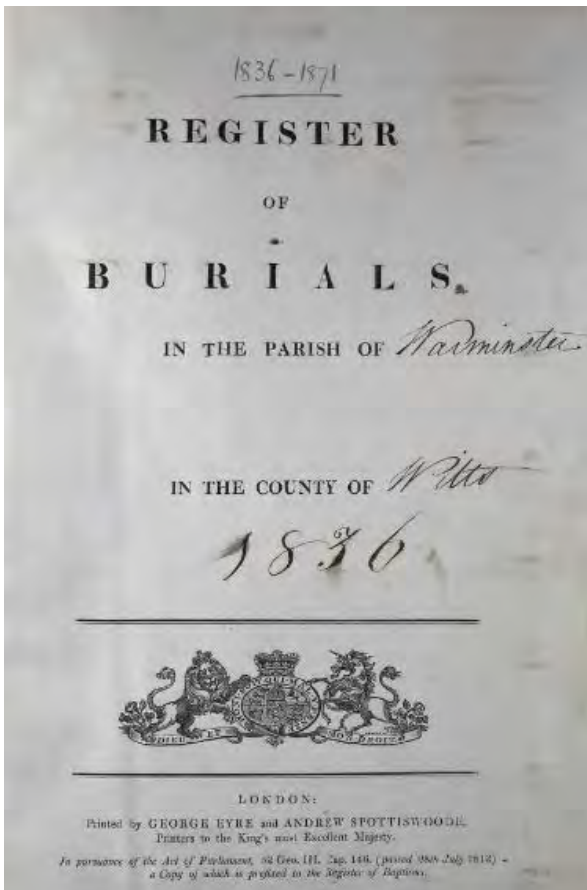
The problem with the Mary Lush options

Mary Lush the popular Bridport one fits a Mary Morgan death in **Warminster** she died on 26 January 1840 and her age is listed as 79, giving her a birth date of 1761 and this seems to be Joseph's mother, remember, her parents were living in **Warminster** when they wrote the petition about his sentence in 1837. The evidence is enhanced with the 1841 Census. **David Morgan** is listed in this census as 75 and his daughter, who was living with him, Sarah Dean, was listed as 50. David's birth date based on other events is thought to be 1757 but if we accept the 75 years of age he would have been born in 1766. (More on the issue of David's age in the following pages).

The Mary Lush solution for me is to include both the Bridport and the Broad-Chalke Mary and let future researchers history determine who it is.

Below is the cover of the Register of Burials in Warminster.

The record of **Mary Morgan (Lush)** is on Page 44 and the Entry No. is 374. **Mary died on 26th January 1840** and was buried on 2nd February 1840. Her last address is listed as West St, Warminster.



Page 47.

BURIALS in the Parish of <i>Warminster</i> in the County of <i>Wilt</i> in the Year 1840				
Name	Abode	When buried	Age	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
<i>Charlotte Letton</i>	<i>Perceps Lane</i>	<i>January 22</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>James Broad</i>
No. 369.				
<i>Louise Houghton</i>	<i>Beckham</i>	<i>January 23</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>William Dobby</i>
No. 370.				
<i>William Wilcox</i>	<i>Portway</i>	<i>January 24</i>	<i>1 1/2</i>	<i>James Broad</i>
No. 371.				
<i>William Eaton</i>	<i>St. Paul's Church</i>	<i>January 25</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>James Broad</i>
No. 372.				
<i>William Owen</i>	<i>Broad Street</i>	<i>January 30</i>	<i>5 mo</i>	<i>James Broad</i>
No. 373.				
<i>Mary Morgan</i>	<i>West Street</i>	<i>January 26</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>William Dobby</i>
No. 374.				
<i>Mary Elloway</i>	<i>King Street</i>	<i>Feb 2.</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>H. Walsh.</i>
No. 375.				
<i>Henry Smith</i>	<i>Portway</i>	<i>February 12</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>James Broad</i>
No. 376.				

David Morgan the Father of Joseph Morgan

The first reference we have of David Morgan is his marriage on 7th August 1789 to *Mary Lush* in the Parish Church in **Frome**.

They have a daughter **Sarah** in 1789 (baptised in 1791).

Next we find David in Warminster, his address with his wife Mary is on the petition in 1837 for Joseph's sentence to be reduced is listed as Warminster and he is described as elderly.

Mary Morgan (Lush) dies in Warminster in 1840, she was living in West St.

David Morgan (second from the top) is listed in the **1841 Census**. He is 75 (he could be 76,77,78 or 79 see the notes below), his job is now a "Chimney Sweep" and he was NOT born in Wilshire, and that helps confirm he is from Frome in Somerset. His address is "Frome Road" (Frome Rd is no longer a name in Warminster but I suspect it is now Victoria Road an extension of West St. The road now connecting Warminster and Frome the A362 was known as Frome Rd).

In the 1841 Census David's daughter, Sarah, who is 50 is listed as living with him – Sarah Dean – (more about Sarah later). There seems to be two other people in the same house a common practice at the time. This section of the Census covers four terraced houses, the ditto marks indicate another dwelling, and there were no house numbers in 1841. Interestingly a Sophia Morgan living a couple of doors away and she is an umbrella maker.

PLACE	HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
	Uninhabited or Building	Inhabited		Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland or Foreign Parts.
Frome Road			Charles Budget	12			Yes	
		1	David Morgan	75		Chimney Sweep	No	
		1	Sarah Dean		50		No	
			William Ditto	75		Popetock maker	Yes	
Ditto			Elizabeth Payne		55		Yes	1
		1	John Graham	30		Printer	No	
			Mary Graham		45		No	
			John Graham	6			No	
Ditto			Francis Graham		8		No	
			Thomas Graham	1			No	
		1	Sophia Morgan		40	Umbrella maker	Yes	
			Sophia Jones		11		Yes	
Ditto			David Perkins	70			Yes	
		1	James Pearce	55		Wagon	Yes	
			Elihu Pearce		30		Yes	
			Nich ^o Pearce	7			Yes	

In the 1841 census (taken in June), enumerators were officially instructed to round down the ages of everyone over 15 to the nearest lower multiple of five.

- *Census "Fudging"*: An individual who was 59 would be recorded as 55.
- *The Advantage*: This official rounding often created confusion that individuals could exploit. If a person wanted to appear younger for employment or older for relief, the lack of strict verification at the time made it easy to "fudge" their reported age during these official counts

The **1851 Census** sees David back in **Frome**, Sarah, his daughter, is still with him and now his son William is living with them. (More about William in the family section).

David is now 93! He was 75 ten years ago but then they were possibly “Officially fudged” and his age is correct, it corresponds with the **age of 96 when he dies in 1853**. Birthdays were not universally celebrated in the 1800’s, and many people, particularly in rural or poorer communities, genuinely did not know their exact age. Ages were often “best guesses” provided to the census enumerator, which could change between censuses.

David and Sarah, his daughter, who s now 65 (she was 60 in 1841 so aged 15 years in the last 10), are both listed as “Paupers” in David’s case it lists in brackets (late sweep). You could be relieved for thinking at least he is not cleaning chimneys anymore. The bad news is that being a pauper is not good, either you receive a social benefit and have to live and work in the workhouse in terrible conditions, or the older and infirm can get “outdoor relief” and live at home and this seems to be the case with David and Sarah. The “relief”, the social support was very basic just enough food and clothing in kind or cash to survive.

William is an umbrella mender, hopefully bringing in a few extra pennies. They are listed as Widowers (Sarah a Widow) and all being born in Frome. They live in Bell Lane.

Parish or Township of <i>Frome</i>		Ecclesiastical District of <i>Frome</i>		City or Borough of <i>Frome</i>		Town of <i>Frome</i>		Village of		
No. of House	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born		Whether Blind, or Deaf, or Lame
					Males	Females		Do	Do	
		William Noble	Son						Middlesex London	
		Charles Noble	Son						Somerset Frome	
172	Broad Lane	Richard March	Head	Married	34		Laborer	Do	Upton	
		Mary B. do	Wife	Married	27		Laborer	Do	Upton	
		Elizabeth do	Daughter		6			Do	Upton	
		Maria do	Daughter		5		Scholar	Do	Upton	
174	Bell Lane	Mary Gray	Head	Widow	53		Charwoman	Wilt	Stamington	
		Emma do	Daughter	Widow	23		Wool Spinner	Somerset	Frome	
		John do	Son	Widow	20		Pauper late Purveyor	Do	Do	
		Suey do	Daughter	Widow	14		Sick Worker	Do	Do	
		Theresa do	Daughter	Widow	11		Scholar	Do	Do	
174	Bell Lane *	David Morgan	Head	Widow	93		Pauper (late sweep)	Do	Do	
		Sarah do	Wife	Widow	65		Pauper	Do	Do	
		William Morgan	Son	Widow	38		Umbrella mender	Do	Do	
175	Bell Lane	Thomas Haywood	Head	Widow	60		Laborer	Do	Laverda	
		Mary A. do	Wife	Widow	25		Washerwoman	Do	Frome	
		Mary Marshall	Daughter	Widow	26		Dressmaker	Do	Do	
176	Bell Lane	James Thatchum	Head	Married	72		Pauper late Spinner	Do	Do	
		Mary do	Wife	Married	67		Do	Do	Northamptonshire Peterborough	
		Sarah do	Daughter	Widow	6		Scholar	Do	Somerset Frome	
Total of Houses		5 U B		6		8		17		

We have the same David Morgan who married Mary Lush and he may have been a storekeeper in his early years as Joseph remembered him but at some point he cleaned chimneys and lived a very long life. His life was centred in the town of Frome in Somerset SE England about 160kms from London and about 35kms from Stonehenge.

The church records in Frome from the early 1700s to the early 1800s have entries of baptisms and burials for a couple of dozen of the Morgan family. There is Robert and Mary Morgan who lose 3 of their new born children. There’s a Hannah, James, Richard, George, Anne, Maria, Harriet, Robert and a Thomas. Both a William and Joseph are in the records but they are not members of our David and Mary’s family.

Frome went from being a prosperous town in the 1600s right up to the mid 1700s, all based on sheep, wool, weaving and cottage industries making carpets, clocks as well as dairying. With the advent of industrialisation in the Midlands a quick decline set in and by the early 1800s poverty and social unrest predominated. David was probably caught up in this social change and not for the better.

David Morgan spent the last years of his life in Bell Lane, Frome. When he lived there Cocky's Bell Foundry would have been burning coal, making smoke and fumes as it noisily producing bells.

Bottom End of Bell Lane



8. Part of old Frome: Bell Lane, 1962

1853 April 10th David Morgan's name is entered in the "Frome Chapelry of the Holy Trinity in the County of Somerset", a record of the date he buried, he died on April 3rd. His age is recorded as 96 and he was living in Milk St

During his life the French Revolution, the Napoleonic Wars took place. The American War of Independence was fought. He lived through the Georgian Era.

The reigns of:

George III: 1760 to 1820.

George IV: 1820 to 1830.

William IV: 1830 to 1837.

And then the start of the Victorian Era with Queen Victoria: from 1837

It was the time of the Agricultural Revolution, the start of the Industrial Revolution. The impact of trade meant people moved into towns and the great urbanisation began.

1789 the year that David Morgan married Mary Lush, the French Revolution began with the storming of the Bastille. In America George Washington was elected President and in Australia there was a Mutiny on the Bounty and Captain Bligh was set adrift.

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BURIALS in the Parish of *Frome Chapelry of the Holy Trinity*
in the County of *Somerset* in the Year *1853*

Name.	Abode.	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
<i>Marshall Percy</i>	<i>Narney Lane</i>	<i>March 25th</i>	<i>9 Months</i>	<i>John Horton</i>
No. 105				
<i>John Wards</i>	<i>Union Hill</i>	<i>March 25th</i>	<i>4 Months</i>	<i>John Horton</i>
No. 106				
<i>Benjamin Barrell</i>	<i>Broadway</i>	<i>March 31st</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>Edaniel</i>
No. 107				
<i>Mary Matonell</i>	<i>Milk Street</i>	<i>April 1st 1853</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>John Horton</i>
No. 108				
<i>Sophia Chinnock</i>	<i>Broad Street</i>	<i>April 3rd 1853</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>Edaniel</i>
No. 109				
<i>Annand Collier</i>	<i>Wife Lane</i>	<i>April 4th 1853</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>John Horton</i>
No. 110				
<i>David Morgan</i>	<i>Milk Street</i>	<i>April 10th</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>John Horton</i>
No. 111				
<i>William James Gales</i>	<i>Blunt Street</i>	<i>April 17th</i>	<i>2 years</i>	<i>John Horton</i>
No. 112				

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Application Number COL 665925

REGISTRATION DISTRICT

Frome

1853 DEATH in the Sub-district of Frome in the County of Somerset

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
281	Head of H.C. 1863 Milk Street Frome	David Morgan	Male	96 years	Sweep	Age. Cause. Not Notified.	X The Mark of Elizabeth Bull Present at the death. Brandy Lane. Frome	15th April 1853	John Hingley Registrar

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.


Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 25th day of October 2006

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David Morgan's death 1853 (The Father of Joseph Morgan)

It confirms his age of 96. The place where David is listed as living in the burial list (previous page) as Milk St, on this record the address of the informant "Elizabeth Bull" is listed as Brandy Lane; the two streets are only 200 metres apart. (Brandy Lane is now known as Baker St). The note reads: "X The Mark of Elizabeth Bull, Present at the death, 'Brandy Lane. Frome'"

A Head of House Survey was undertaken in Frome in **1785** and the Morgans living there include David, a chimney sweep, he would have been 28 and interestingly a Thomas Morgan who lived in Milk St. Maybe David was taken in by relatives in the years before he died. *Reference numbers for the 1785 Survey referring to the page number and the position of the entry on the page.*

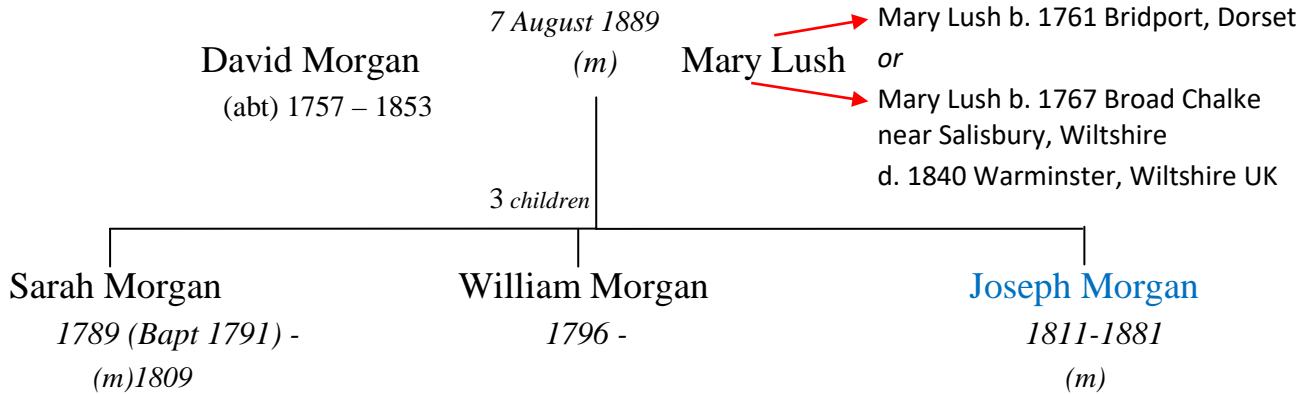
MORGAN, David	Chimney Sweep	Garston Stile	12R	9
MORGAN, James	Shoemaker	Garston Stile	12L	21
MORGAN, Jane	Spinster	Gentle Street	11L	2
MORGAN, John	Card Maker	Cross Street	24R	21
MORGAN, John	Chimney Sweep	Broad Street	32R	6
MORGAN, Samuel	Labourer	Gentle Street	11L	10
MORGAN, Thomas	Malter	Milk Street	20R	24

And just to add a little more confusion to the "which" **Mary Lush** problem there is a John Lush living in Frome in 1785

LUSH, John	Clothier	Behind Town	9L	6
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The Morgan Family Tree in England

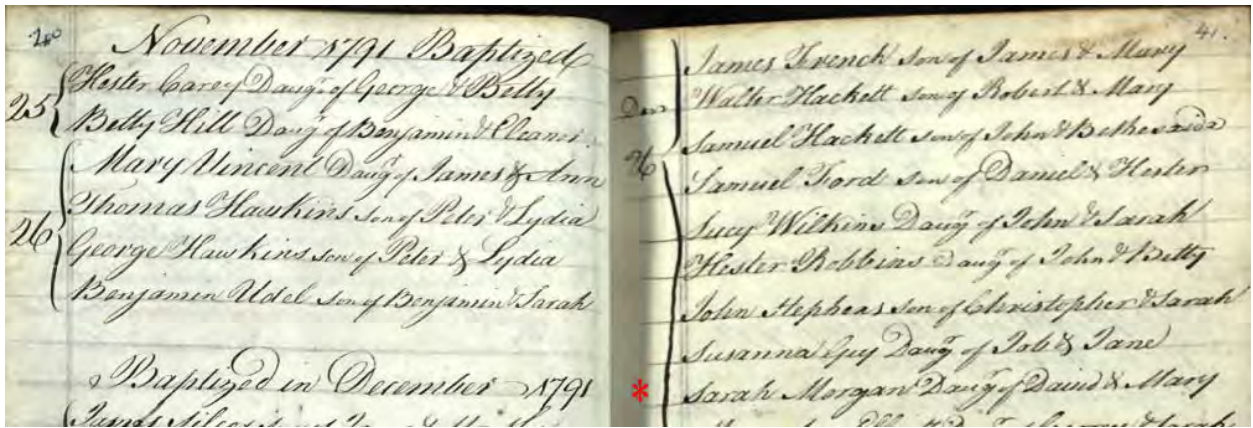
Joseph's death certificate states that his father's name is David and his mother is Mary Lush based on that the most likely couple are David Morgan and Mary Lush who married in Frome Somerset on 7th August 1789.



Charles Innocent Dean

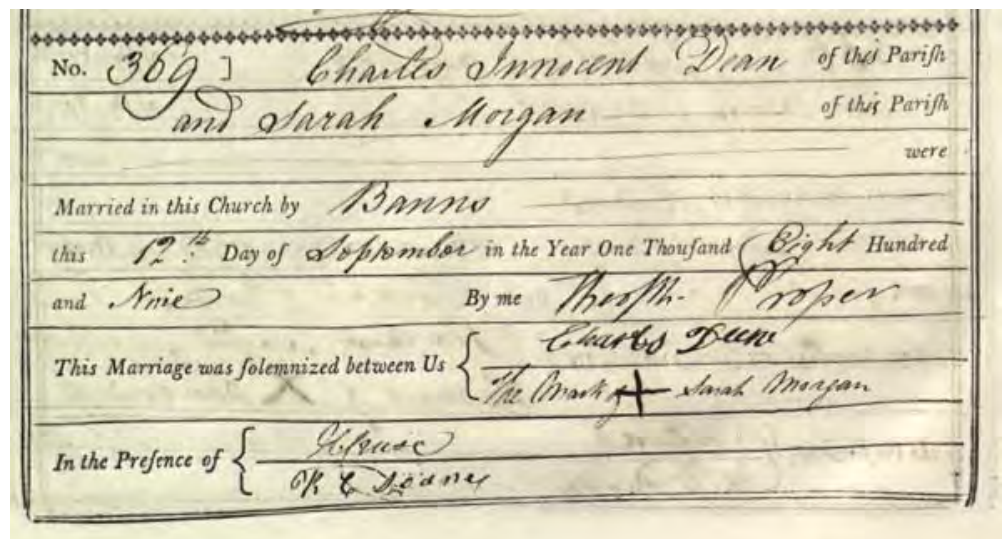
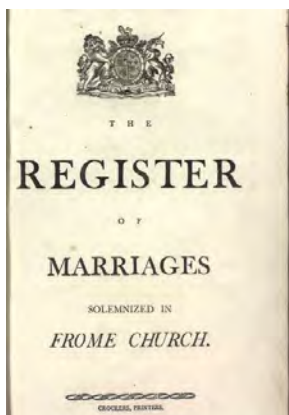
(Sarah is listed as Sarah Dean the daughter of David Morgan in the 1841 and 1851 Census).

Sarah Morgan is the only child of David Morgan and Mary Lush that can be found in the Frome parish records. The records for the St John the Baptist Parish Register in Frome seem intact from the mid 1600's through to 1843, so there is a little mystery going on here. Where are the other children?



Sarah married **Charles Innocent Dean** in 12th December 1809. She would have been about 20.

Sometime between then and 1841 Charles must have died because Sarah is living with her father and described as a widow. Some family histories online include her death and they are in Somerset but not near Frome. The only one which is close is a Sarah Dean buried in Batcombe, which is about 20 kms from Frome on 15 Feb 1860 but her age is 81. Our Sarah should have been 71. Can't be sure.



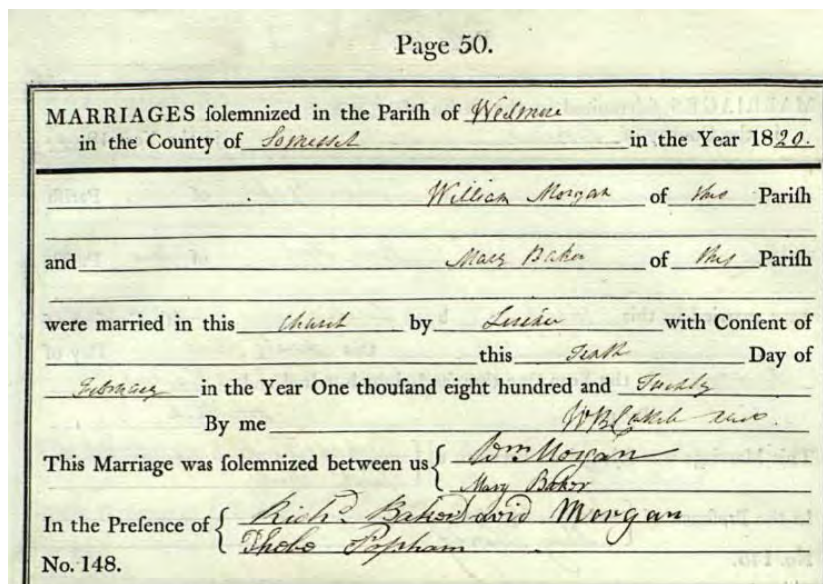
William Morgan – the 2nd child of David Morgan and Mary Lush - *the only reliable record* that there is to indicate that David and Mary had a son William is the 1851 Census where he is listed as David's son. He is 55 giving him a birth date of 1796+- 2years. Without this entry in the 1851 Census we would not know about William. The record lists him as a "Wide" for Widower indicating that he has a wife who has died and he is 55 and an umbrella mender



The most likely marriage for William in the Somerset records is to Ann Baker on 10 February 1820 in Wedmore.

There seems to be a link between Wedmore and Frome they are about 35kms apart. They share common Surnames and there were a lot of Morgans in Wedmore.

This William Morgan marriage I have identified as most probable because William would have been 24/25 years old and a David Morgan was a witness to the marriage



If this is William's wife there are two possible records of her burial (i) An Ann Morgan in Wedmore 21st August 1845 she was 52 and (ii) Ann Morgan in Frome 24th June 1846 she was 42. These two options would explain William living with his father in 1851 and described as a widower.

There are 3 registered burials in Frome after the 1851 Census that could be William. These records are from FreeReg - www.freereg.org.uk/

William MORGAN	Burial	28 Feb 1855	Somerset	Frome : Workhouse : Other Register
William MORGAN	Burial	02 Mar 1855	Somerset	Frome : Holy Trinity : Parish Register
William MORGAN	Burial	20 Jul 1857	Somerset	Frome : St John the Baptist : Parish Register

The entries for William that are recorded in many online family histories seem to be simply records of any William Morgan anywhere in Somerset with little to indicate that it is the same William in the 1851 Census who we know is the son of David Morgan and that is the same David in Warminster in the 1841 Census because of the presence of Sarah Dean in both and David and Mary Morgan we living in Warminster when they signed the petition for the reduction of Joseph Morgan's sentence.

There's potential for a lot more research here.

Although I have cast doubt on the birth of Mary Lush, opening possibilities of which Mary lush from the available records "our" Mary Lush is, there is little doubt about the one who died in Warminster in 1840 being Joseph's mother.

Joseph Morgan 1811/12-1881

There is no record of Joseph's birth, baptism or any other direct link to David Morgan and Mary Lush. The records that lead us to the David Morgan and Mary Lush in this book are based on:

1. The mention in Joseph's **death certificate in 1881** of his parent's names.
2. The names of his parents and their address in the **Petition for his sentence reduction in 1837**.

On the basis of those two documents, the linking documents like the 1841 and 1851 Census, and the courts records and dates, the family first names and some assumptions, Joseph Morgan is listed here as the 3rd child of David Morgan and Mary Lush from Frome in Somerset, England..

We left Joseph, a few pages back, just as he arrived in Sydney on the convict ship the Charles Kerr in October 1837.

He had been convicted in Wiltshire of stealing goods, somehow on the ship records buying stolen goods. Things get confusing but family history researchers and I am confident we have the same Joseph Morgan through all the variations in details.

One vital fact is consistent **Joseph Morgan was convicted on January 3rd 1837 in the Wilts (Wiltshire) Quarter Sessions at Devizes**. From that trial we can trace him to the convict ship the Charles Kerr (see previous section about his crimes) and now we follow the records of the convicts on that ship.

Joseph Morgan from Somerset England to Sydney NSW - 1837

The records of the convicts on the Charles Kerr give us a detailed description of the person and the crime. In our case we get a great physical description of Joseph and we get this garbled variation of his offence.

Remember after his trial the Petition to reduce his sentence and save him from transportation was from friends, his parents and even one of the people he stole from

“By trade he is a Shoemaker, and previous to the above offence, of good and honest character; he was formerly a private in the 28th Regiment of Foot....”

BUT the gaoler report read

“ Bad character in prison before”

In the following record he is listed as a **labourer and a soldier**.

These records are clear and easy to read because they are printed. First a full page of the record to give it context and then some magnified copies of the sections relevant to Joseph Morgan.

And another reminder Joseph is my great-great-grandfather.

<i>GG-Grandparents</i>	-	Joseph Morgan <i>m</i> Mary Meskell
<i>G-Grandparents</i>	-	Harriet Morgan <i>m</i> Martin Maloney
<i>Grandparents</i>	-	John Maloney <i>m</i> Mary Waugh
<i>Parents</i>	-	Jack Maloney <i>m</i> Ivy Bradfield
		Neville Maloney <i>m</i> Barbara Ford
<i>Children</i>	-	Reeanna, Amber & Andrew Maloney
<i>Grand-Children</i>	-	Jude & Freya Ventura Horta - Caleb & Carter Maloney

Joseph Morgan in NSW 1837-1881

On the next page is a list of the convicts on the Charles Kerr when it arrived in Sydney on 1837. Joseph Morgan's name and details are on page 157, 4th name from the bottom of the page.

Standing No. of Convicts	Indent No.	Name.	Education		Religion.	Single Married or Widower.	Children.		Native Place.	Trade or Calling.	Offence.	Tried.		Former Sentence.	Former Conviction.
			R. Reads.	W. Writes.			Male.	Female.				Where.	When.		
37-2396	342	Morgan, Joseph	27	Il	Protestant	Single			Somerset	Laborer and soldier	Buying stolen goods	Criminal Court	3 Janus, 1837	4 1/2 Years	None
37-2174	86	Morgan, William	18	None	None	Single			Swansen (in Wales)	Plasterer	Stealing lead	Central	12 Decemb.	8 1/2 Years	None

Height	Feet In.	Complexion.	Color of		Hair.	Particular Marks or Scars.	Remarks.
			Hair.	Complexion.			
5	7 1/2	Ruddy and freckled	Brown	Dark hazel	yes.	Right arm, CxM&LJ inside lower left arm, Large brown blotch right shin.	
5	11	Fair ruddy	Sandy brown	Light grey		Red whiskers, round scar right cheek, anchor inside lower right arm, breast a little hairy,	(Eyebrows meeting. W and small anchor inside left

The text from the records on the previous pages is a description of Joseph Morgan, the convict, who arrived in Sydney in 1837. The record tells us:

His convict number is **37/2326**, he was the **242nd** convict out of 250 who were loaded onto the ship the **Charles Kerr**, he was **27** years old and he could **read** but not write, he was a **protestant** (Church of England) and **single** with no children. His native place, where he was born was **Somerset** in England. His Trade/Calling, his occupation is **Labourer and Soldier**. The offence is listed as **"Buying Stolen Goods"**. He was tried at **"Wilts QS**, this is Wiltshire Quarter Sessions on **3 Jan 1837**. His sentence is **14 years**. Former convictions **"NONE"** The remaining columns describe Joseph. He is **5ft 7¾ in** (172cm). His complexion is **Ruddy and Freckled**, his hair is **Sandy Brown** and his eyes **Light Grey**. The description: **Red whiskers, Round scar right cheek, Anchor on inside lower forearm, Breast a little hairy.**

Joseph Morgan, ruddy and freckled, has arrived in Sydney, it's Monday the 9th October in 1837 and the Charles Kerr is about to unload its cargo of convicts. From Circular Quay, Joseph is marched up to the Hyde Park Barracks, 1km that probably took about 30 minutes. Hard to imagine what he must have been thinking; he has certainly lost everything he had, family, friends and freedom, it must have seemed a strange land.

The Hyde Park Barracks were built by 1819 and they are still there today, you can see the hammocks the convicts slept in and an explanation of their processing. Their lives have become a tourist attraction!

Surprisingly the printed sheets the "List of Convicts on the Charles Kerr....." were made at the time. The "Indents" of convicts from each ship were bound into books and they were the administrative journals of the colony. (A copy of a page from that book lists Joseph Morgan a couple of pages back in this book).

The possible options open to Joseph were to be; further sentenced to punishment, flogging or prison if he committed any offences on the voyage, assigned to a Government Work Gang to build roads, bridges and public buildings or assigned to a Private Master. Joseph was assigned to **Michael Magner**.

We know Joseph was assigned to Michael Magner because of the 1837 Convict Muster. Below is the top of page 95 of that muster, Joseph is at the bottom of that selection and it tells us he is 27 and arrived on

Convicts Names	Age	Name of the Ship in which they arrived	Year arrived	When tried
Mills John	33	"Charles Kerr"	1837	
Madden Michael	26	" "	"	
Milly Charles	23	" "	"	
Maddock Robert	27	" "	"	
Morse John	35	" "	"	
Morgan Joseph	27	" "	"	

the Charles Kerr in 1837. Although this page is part of many online family trees it frustratingly appears to simply list his name the ship he arrived on and the year BUT on the next page, page 96, it lists who he was assigned to and that is a vital record to link Joseph to the Hunter Region and in particular to Paterson near Butterwick.

The name Michael Magner and the district of Paterson correspond to the same line of Joseph on the double opened page of the 1837 Convict Muster.

Name of Master to whom each Convict is at present assigned, and the District in which he is stationed.	
Name of Master	Name of District
Police	Public Square Sydney
R. Dawson Senr.	Peters Plains
Gov. H. Mitchell	Murrumbidgee
J. Pollard	Mawarra
Michl Magner	Paterson
"	"

A few days or at most a few weeks after Joseph arrived in Sydney he is on a ship to Newcastle.

Being assigned to a Private Master meant long hours of physical labour, and although Joseph is variously described as an umbrella maker, a shoemaker and a soldier, being assigned to Michael Magner suggests he was working as a farm labourer. Farm work for free settlers and for convicts was hard manual work in the 1800s. Paterson was just the makings of a village in 1838, Magner had a property in the region and Joseph was cutting cedar trees, herding sheep or cattle or cultivating tobacco.

Two references below describe the life of settlers and convicts in the Dungog/Paterson region in the 1830/40s.

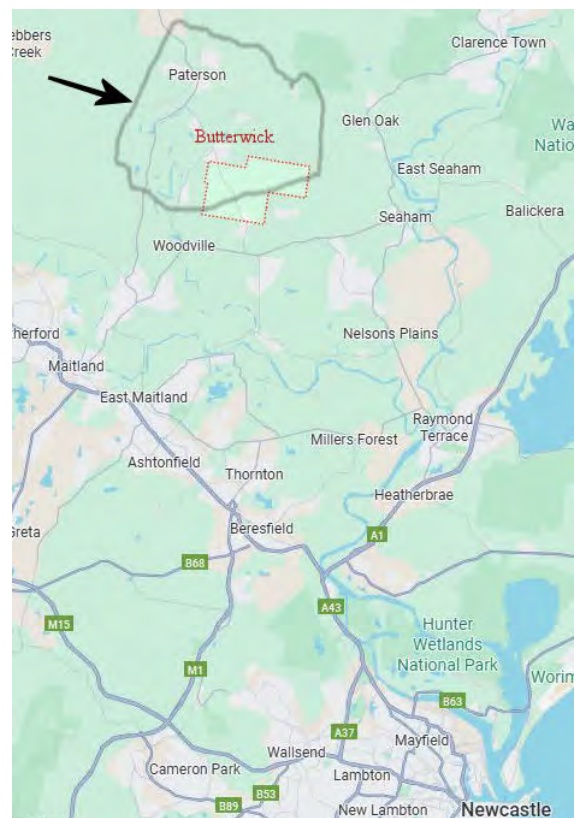
The assignment of a convict was not the end of the story but rather part of an ongoing bureaucracy, one that at the local level was dealt with by the magistrates. Magistrates spent much time dealing with the relations between convicts and the masters to whom they were assigned... Identification and being able to access a convict's records was naturally important and characteristic of this was adding the name of the ship on which a person arrived to the convict's name.... A labour force based on sentenced prisoners was not easy to manage and punishments were a major part of the system. The degree and nature of this punishment was often debated by landowners who as magistrates also determined these punishments. Charles Boyde, for example, criticised a law that would limit punishments, as this would allow a servant to sin 'to the utmost limit of his tether' ,,, Local landowners acted as magistrates with the limitation that they could not sentence their own convicts. This often meant sending convicts away for sentencing with a consequent loss of labour.... For absconding and other crimes, punishment with the lash was often inflicted, as when in 1837 William Forbes and William Daley received 50 lashes each. John Ford was given 50 lashes plus 12 months on the 'Ironed gang'

Analysis of 150 convicts assigned to five estates on the Paterson and Allyn Rivers over a period of years up till the ending of transportation reveals that a typical convict sent to such estates was protestant, single, aged between 15 and 30 years of age, had been sentenced to between 7 and 14 years, and had some education. Catholics made up less than 14%, those under 15 years old 3% and over 30 years old less than 7%, the totally illiterate 12%, those with a life sentence 33% and those who were married around 10%.⁹ Another analysis of the convicts of the Tocal estate on the Paterson River shows half to have been English, nearly half Irish and the rest Scots, with one Swede.

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Joseph was assigned to Michael Magner who had a property in the Paterson Region. The town of Paterson was a small village in 1840 and the regions of Paterson and Butterwick not clearly defined. Paterson is about 18kms north of Maitland, NSW.

During the years 1840 to 1844, the settlers of all classes, in the HunterRegion, suffered severe privation from the effects of drought and the low value of produce. The distress then was more general and acute than what the colonists have been passing through, during late years. The causes were the same - drought, land boom, and low prices for produce, "Free Settler or Felon"



In March 1839 after nearly 18 months labouring for Michael Magner, Joseph has had enough and we find him listed in the Government Gazette. On Page 340 of the bound gazettes there is a notice that reads:

Government Gazette (Sydney, NSW : 1832 - 1900) / Wed 20 Mar 1839 [Issue No.400] / Page 340

*Principal Superintendent of Convicts' Office,
March 19, 1839.*

THE undermentioned Prisoners having absconded from the individuals and employments set against their respective names, and some of them being at large with stolen Certificates and Tickets of Leave, all Constables and others are hereby required and commanded to use their utmost exertion in apprehending and lodging them in safe custody. Any person harbouring or employing any of the said Absentees, will be prosecuted as the law directs.

J. M'LEAN,
Principal Superintendent of Convicts.

Convicts Escaped
And one is
Joseph Morgan

And in the list of convicts on the next page:

Government Gazette (Sydney, NSW : 1832 - 1900) / Wed 20 Mar 1839 [Issue No.400] / Page 341

Morgan Joseph, Charles Kerr, 29, Somerset, laborer and soldier, 5 feet 1¾ inch, ruddy and freckled comp., sandy brown hair, light grey eyes, red whiskers, round scar right cheek, anchor inside lower right arm, breast a little hairy, from Michael Magner, Raymond Terrace, since March 7.

And we know it's our Joseph Morgan because there's the "*ruddy complexion*" the "*anchor tattoo*" and he has absconded from Michael Magner. They made a transcription error and maybe to his advantage he is now 6 inches shorter, 5 feet 1¾ inches rather than 5 feet 7¾ inches, than his convict records really state.

He is, however, caught. The records don't reveal when, where, how..... He is returned to Michael Magner. We only know he was returned because of later records. He was probably flogged, the descriptions on the previous page from "*A History in Three Rivers Dungog.....*" indicated that the punishment was usually 50 lashes. The notices above say he absconded - he ran away - on March 7th this notice was published on March 19th 1839 so a few weeks at least on the run.

Joseph goes back to Paterson as a farm labourer and for 4½ years he must have been on good behaviour or just knuckled down to hard work because in **November 1843 he received his Ticket of leave.**

A Ticket of Leave was essentially what we call parole. The convict was now freed from their condition of essentially slave labour to the government or a private master. For a convict like Joseph he would have had to have served about 6 years of his 14 sentence and have demonstrated good behaviour. Joseph was now free to:

- **Work for themselves** or others for wages.
- **Acquire property.**
- **Live in a specified district**, or obtain special travel permission to move until their full sentence time was completed.
- **Marry or bring families** over from England.
- **Musters & Church:** Holders had to attend quarterly musters and weekly church services

This is a copy from microfilm* of **Joseph's original Ticket of Leave**. The document was in two parts and this is the stub the other half with a government coat of arms was retained by the convict and he/she had to carry it or provide it to prove their free status. Interestingly although they were precious documents for the holder very few of the convicts copy survive, once their sentence was completed most convicts wanted to put that period of their life well behind them and kept nothing of their convict past and in fact claimed to be free settlers.

Joseph's Ticket of Leave (TOL) has been written on and has become a little confusing.

We know it is "our" Joseph, the Prisoner No. is 37/2326 the number allocated when he arrived on the Charles Kerr in 1837.

The handwritten text on the left edge reads: "Altered for Maitland 11 March 1844 see Com 44/2438"

Across the centre of the document has been written:

"Ticket of Leave Torn Up Morgan having Obtained A Cond^d Pardon xxx 9/997 Dated 1 June 1849"

The process of getting the TOL took quite a while with some initial communication in March 1843, the recommendation is dated July 23rd but the actual TOL seems to be dated from June 10th 1843.

**The microfilm copy of this document is held at the John Oxley State Library of Qld in Brisbane. It is in Database - British Convict Transportations, The Source - Registers 1787-1867 on Roll 90 H011/11 Number 70(40)*

Michael Magner and his brother Thomas were both Irish convicts transported to NSW in 1823 who took up land grants and bought land after they completed their 7 year sentences. They were assigned to a large farming property, Tocal, and just south of what became Paterson. Michael, in the early 1830's returned to Ireland and convinced 12 relatives to return to NSW with him. Michael lived at both Paterson and Hinton. His reports about Joseph as a convict worker would have contributed to him gaining his Ticket of Leave. From the Colonial Secretary's correspondence the following letter paints a rather disturbing picture of what life may have been like for Joseph in his last year working for Michael. The farm and business operation of the Magner brothers must have been failing and within months of Joseph leaving the Magner farm in November 1843.

*29 May 1844 from Jane Sullivan, Kent St Sydney, requesting admission of Michael Magner into Lunatic Asylum, his friends and relatives unable to support him. "The wife of Michael Magner is my sister, and she is now left destitute at Hinton in the County of Durham with a family of three children one of whom I have taken upon myself to support. I am therefore the Sister in Law of the said lunatic Michael Magner". The letter is annotated "Let the man be admitted. G.G. May 29". (CSIL 44/4244 in 4/2650.5). ***

Michael died in the asylum in November 1844.

** Some of this information about the Magner brothers came from "Voices from Tocal -Convict Life on a Rural Estate by Brian Walsh"

TICKET-OF-LEAVE.

No. *43/2596* *10th Nov 1843*

Prisoner's No. *37/2326*

Name..... *Joseph Morgan*

Ship *Charles Kerr*

Master *Arnott*

Year *1837*

Native Place.....

Trade or Calling

Offence

Place of Trial.....

Date of Trial..... *3rd January 1837*

Sentence

Year of Birth.....

Height

Complexion

Hair

Eyes..

General Remarks

Allowed to remain in the District of *Paterson*

On recommendation of *do* — Bench.

Dated *July 23*

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Altered for Maitland 11th March 1844 see Com from Paterson R No 44/2438

1844 Again

In Part 1, The Meskell Family, under the heading 1844, I covered the marriage of Mary Meskell to Joseph Morgan. There were the wedding Banns, the Marriage Certificate, they both lived at Butterwick and married at Narrow Gut. Joseph was 33 just 5 or 6 years younger than Mary's father, John Meskell, and Mary was only 15.

Since the Meskell Family arrived in NSW in 1840 they had lost 2 children; Sarah who came from Ireland with them died in May 1841, she was 11 and William who was born in April 1842 died in Feb 1843.

I had read the "facts" and I still wondered how John Meskell and his wife Mary Caesar must have felt, their daughter marrying a convict who was twice her age. The documentation did not quite link the Joseph Morgan on the marriage certificate to the convict Joseph Morgan. I emailed and spoke to a number of the Morgan Family researchers. I explained that there was no evidence that Joseph Morgan, the one who married Mary Meskell was a convict. There were no stories in the family about Joseph being a convict. **I am now certain that the Joseph who was sentenced in the Wiltshire Court in 1837 is the Joseph Morgan whose name is on the marriage certificate in 1844.** More documents including the assignment to Michael Magner and the deciphering of the Ticket of Leave and its meaning make the historical links convincingly complete.



The younger Joseph is a rogue, a liar and a thief.

The Joseph after 1839, the year he absconded and was caught, is a changed person. He spent 4 years working and following the rules and as we will see he became responsible and organised a father who provided well for his family of 15 kids. Not all goes well because life in the 1800s was not easy.

With his ticket of Leave (TOL) Joseph was free to own land, get married, get paid for his labour or be self employed. He seems to have given all of them a go. He receives his TOL in November 1843 and is married on January 8th 1844.

In the book "The First Titleholders of Land in the County of Durham" – compiled by Geoff Cannon there is an entry for land purchased by a Joseph Morgan. The columns are:

Name	Grant Ref.	Area	Holding	Parish No.
McDuff James	13.7.1857	10ac ea'		03,00
McDuff James	27.12.1845	60ac		17
Manning William Montagu		2a3r32p	C.P. 24.13	41
Morgan Joseph	2620-11	160ac	H.S. 97.6 Home Grant	25
Morris Price	2373-26	102a2r34p	H.S. 97.7 Home Grant	31Rem
Morris Walter Albert	13.7.1857	7a1r		73
O'Keeffe Morris	13.7.1857	9a1r11n		74

There is no Grant Reference for the Joseph Morgan purchase so it seems he bought it. The piece of land is about 1.2hectares. The land is just south of the Town of Paterson (see maps below).

The Joseph Morgan purchase of Parish No. 41 is contained within the section of the name marked "See Diagram A" and that refers to the "Small Portions" table. I have not been able to sort the dates on this section because these maps were working documents with notes added to them for decades. The only date on lot 41 is June 16th. The lot above (40) is "23 May 90" and that may have something to do with the note below and maybe not. If it refers to 1890 and that is the date then this is NOT our Joseph Morgan. If Joseph was in fact the "First Title Holder" then it would be in the 1840s and it is him. (*More research for someone. NM 2026*).



REFERENCE SMALL PORTIONS

Parish N ^o	Catalogue N ^o	Name	Area		
			a	r	p
15	P156	The Council of Education for Pub. Sch. S. L. A. Jordan	5	0	0
39	D3748		14	0	10
40	3749	R24189 Fr. Sale for Int. Purposes Not 23 May 90	6	0	0
41	3755	Joseph Morgan CP 24.13 June 16 th	2	3	32
59	4887	John Shelton p. Sp 137	8	2	1
62	4086	R 35724 from Sale for Roadway & Access Notified 4 th March 1905 W.R. Hicks P ^o Sp L 19.2 Gaz. 11.7.19	11	1	10
68	do	R35721 From Sale for Water Supply Notified 4 th March 05 also Part of R40776 see face of Map W.R. Hicks P ^o Sp L 19.2 Gaz. 11.7.19.	4	2	0

1st June 1849

Joseph Morgan receives his **Conditional Pardon**. This must have been a momentous event in his life, he is now free to travel, he can go anywhere except to the United Kingdom and Ireland. That is the condition of the pardon, he can however return after the date of his 14 year sentence has expired on the 3rd of January in 1851.

Below: The section of the Pardon that confirms the Joseph Morgan sentenced at Wilts (Wiltshire Court) on the Third day of January 1837. Next page the full page of Joseph's Pardon.

Pardon, had passed on that Day, under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom : And whereas the said recited Act has taken effect in the said Colony of New South Wales : And Whereas *Joseph Morgan* whose Description is hereunto annexed, having been indicted and convicted at *Wilts 2.8* on the *third* day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and *thirty seven* of the Crime of *Buying Stolen Goods* was, in pursuance of the said Conviction, sentenced to Transportation, and was accordingly Transported to the said Colony, for *a term which will expire on the third day of January which will be on the Year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one* } And whereas, in consideration of the good conduct of the said *Joseph Morgan* since his arrival in the said Colony, I, SIR CHARLES AUGUSTUS FITZ ROY, as such Governor of New South Wales, recommended the said *Joseph Morgan* to Her Majesty for a Pardon, to take

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CONDITIONAL PARDON.

No. 49/997

By His Excellency Sir Charles Augustus Fitz Roy, Knight Companion of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Territory of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS, by an Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law affecting Transported Convicts, with respect to Pardons and Tickets of Leave," it was, amongst other things enacted, that, after the taking effect of the said recited Act, in any Place to which Felons and Offenders had been or might be transported by Law, the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor should, from time to time, by an Instrument in Writing, under his Hand, recommend such Felons or other Offenders as he should think fit to be recommended, to Her Majesty, for an Absolute or Conditional Pardon; and in case Her Majesty should, through one of Her Principal Secretaries of State, signify Her approval of any such recommendation, it should be lawful for the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor to grant an Absolute or Conditional Pardon, pursuant to such Instructions as should be sent to him by the Secretary of State, by an Instrument in Writing, under the Seal of his Government, which should be deemed from the Day of the Date thereof, to have, within such Place or Places as should be specified in such Pardon, but not elsewhere, the same effect in the Law, to all intents and purposes, as if a General, Absolute, or Conditional Pardon, had passed on that Day, under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom: And whereas the said recited Act has taken effect in the said Colony of New South Wales: And Whereas Joseph Morgan whose Description is hereunto annexed, having been indicted and convicted at Hills 28 on the third day of January One thousand eight hundred and thirty seven of the Crime of Buying Stolen Goods was, in pursuance of the said Conviction, sentenced to Transportation, and was accordingly Transported to the said Colony, for a term which will expire on the third day of January which will be in the Year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one: And whereas, in consideration of the good conduct of the said Joseph Morgan since his arrival in the said Colony, I, SIR CHARLES AUGUSTUS FITZ ROY, as such Governor of New South Wales, recommended the said Joseph Morgan to Her Majesty for a Pardon, to take effect in all parts of the World, except the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland: And Whereas, Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to signify Her approval of such recommendation, through Her Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies: NOW KNOW YE, that I, SIR CHARLES AUGUSTUS FITZ ROY, in pursuance of the Power and Authority so in me vested by the said recited Act, and of Her Majesty's gracious approval so signified, and of the instructions of the said Secretary of State in this behalf, do hereby grant unto the said Joseph Morgan a Pardon for the Offence, in respect of which such Sentence of Transportation was passed as aforesaid, which shall take effect in all parts of the World, except the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland: PROVIDED ALWAYS, and it is hereby expressly declared to be a Condition of this Pardon, that if the said Joseph Morgan shall, at any time during the continuance of the term of his said Sentence, go to, or be in, any part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, then this Pardon shall thenceforth be and become wholly void, as by Her Majesty's Commands expressly limited and directed: And all Her Majesty's Officers and Ministers of Justice, and all other, Her Majesty's Subjects, are hereby required to take notice accordingly. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and to be Sealed with the Seal of the said Territory.

Given under my Hand at Government House, Sydney, this 1st day of June in the twelfth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, and in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

(Signed) CHAS. A. FITZ ROY.

ENTERED upon Record at Pages 194 and 200 Register No. 37 this twentieth day of June One thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

W. R. [Signature] for the COLONIAL SECRETARY AND REGISTRAR.

The next page of the records (page 100) is the reverse of the Conditional Pardon the details of the convict are listed. One puzzle still continues. Joseph is sentenced for stealing goods but is changed on the records when he arrived in Sydney to receiving stolen goods. On this document the words 'Burglary and' have been crossed out and the word "Buying" seems to be the word replacing them.

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WESTRALIA

DESCRIPTION.

NAME	<i>Joseph Morgan</i>
SHIP	<i>Charles Kerr</i>
MASTER	<i>Arnold</i>
YEAR of ARRIVAL	<i>1837</i>
NATIVE PLACE	<i>Somerset</i>
TRADE or CALLING	<i>Laborer</i>
OFFENCE	<i>Buying Burglary and Stolen Goods</i>
PLACE of TRIAL	<i>Wiltz</i>
DATE of TRIAL	<i>3rd Jan'y 1837</i>
SENTENCE	<i>14 Years</i>
YEAR of BIRTH	<i>1810</i>
HEIGHT	<i>5 feet 7 3/4 inches</i>
COMPLEXION	<i>Ruddy & freckled</i>
HAIR	<i>Sandy brown</i>
EYES	<i>Sight Grey</i>
GENERAL REMARKS	<i>Red whiskers, round, round scar on right cheek, anchor inside lower right arm, breast a little hairy.</i>

W. H. H.

1849 - The Meskell/McKee/Morgan extended family

By June 1849 Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell have four children; John 1844, Sarah (Sally) 1846, David 1847 and Harriet in March 1849.

Mary's aunt and uncle, Eliza Lydia Caesar and James JOHN McKee, have 10 children (one more will be born in 1853). The reliable McKee family name their children after grandparents and no doubt other family members. Their first two children are William and Frances, named after his parents and the next two are, Julius and Sarah, named after her parents. They even name their sixth child John Caesar McKee. This sort of naming makes family history a breeze.

The extended family of the Caesar sisters, Mary and Eliza Lydia, has now quite expanded, they arrived in 1840 with nine children Mary had 4 and Eliza Lydia 5 and she was 7 months pregnant. Now in 1849 Mary has lost 2 children (Sarah and William the later born in NSW 1842 and died 1843). There are now 13 children and 4 grandchildren in the Meskell/McKee/Morgan extended family. Just nine years have passed and there is another eleven years of living in the Hunter Region before they all pack up and move to the Clarence: Grafton, Waterview, Eatonsville and Copmanhurst.

Apart from the Joseph's convict records the time the Meskell and Morgan families spent in The Hunter region we know very little. We can surmise quite a bit though. They were farming and moving around just a little, they were not living in the developing towns of Maitland, Seaham, Paterson.... they did not move to Newcastle. Their farming ventures, as labourers, share farmers must have been successful but not successful enough for them to buy profitable farms. Joseph did not take up his work as a shoe or umbrella maker, if he ever had those skills. These assumptions are based on the places where Joseph and Mary's children's births were registered; John 1844 at Butterwick, the same place that is on Joseph and Mary's marriage certificate, Sarah 1846 at Alnwick, about 15 kilometres south east of Hinton, near Raymond Terrace, the next children David 1847, Harriet 1849 and Mary 1851 are listed as Hunter River, but registered in Dungog so they must be a little further north of Clarence Town. William 1853 is registered at Nelson Plains an area north of Raymond Terrace towards Seaham. The next three; Joseph Jnr 1856, Anne 1857 and Fanny 1858 were all registered with the generic Hunter River again. Edward 1860 is registered at Irrawang north east of Raymond Terrace. Not the current town of Irrawang.

The 1850's and Gold.

During the 1850's in Australia there was a constant shortage of labour, a lot of people were lured to the goldfields the Morgan and Meskell families moved around the Hunter Region scouting out better paid farm work and not tempted by gold fever. The McKee family moved from Butterwick a little further north to Glen William on the Williams River between Clarence Town and Dungog, their son Julius owns a farm near Glen William and one of their children Frances McKee 24/4/1831-28/3/1855 is buried in the Glen William cemetery. Throughout the 1840s and 1850s they all lived quiet rural lives. They do not appear in any records or newsworthy incidents. Joseph and Mary obviously maintain a clean and healthy household all of their children survive.

In the Part 1 – The Meskell family I suggested that the McKee family may have been the impetus for the families to make the move to The Clarence. Julius McKee bought land through a land grant sale in 1859.

and Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW: 1843 - 1893) / Tue 27 Dec 1859 / Page 3 / TT

TITLE DEEDS READY FOR DELIVERY.
Surveyor General's Office,
Sydney, 6th December, 1859.
The deeds of grant specified in this list being ready for delivery to the grantees, or their agents duly empowered, it is requested that early application may be made for them at this office.
Authorities must bear the signatures of the grantees, attested by a magistrate.
Parties applying for deeds are particularly requested to state the numbers placed against those they may require.

1828 McKee Julius, Clarence, 92 acres

Joseph Morgan in Grafton 1861-1881

From The Hunter to The Clarence -After Sept 1860 and before July 1861

Joseph moved to Grafton with his wife Mary Meskell sometime after their 10th child Edward Owen Morgan who was born in September 1860 in the Hunter Region and their 11th child Samuel Morgan who was born in September 1862 in Grafton.

Mary's brother, Edward Meskell, died in Grafton on 29th July 1861 so the most likely time of the move was between **November 1860 and May 1861**

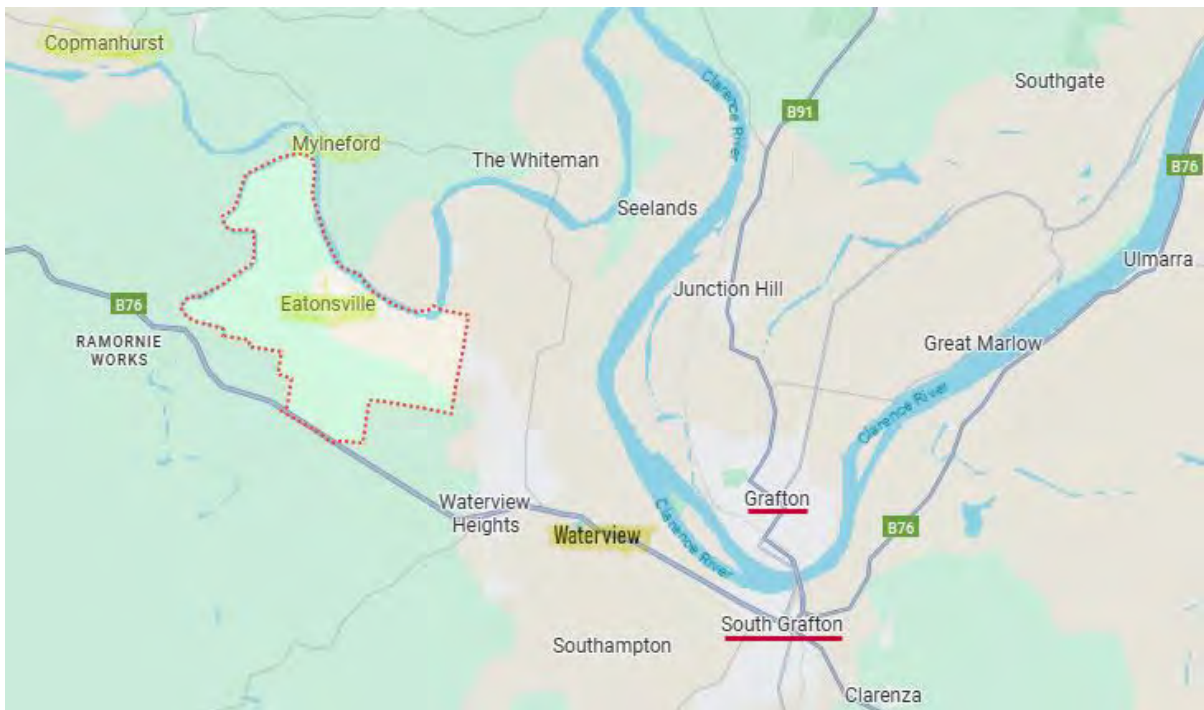
Mary's parents and her brother John Meskell Jnr moved to Grafton as well, John Jnr's, wife had a daughter, Mary Eleanor, born at Waterview, Grafton on June 3rd 1862.

The trip to Grafton on a steamer from Newcastle would have taken about 2 days. Grafton was two separate towns North and South Grafton. The shipping wharves and main business centres in 1861 were in South Grafton. Cowans Family Hotel and private boarding houses provided accommodation for arriving families so with 10 kids, the eldest, John, was 17 and the youngest Edward was between one and eight months old, they must have stayed in accommodation until they found a house to live in.

I assume that they moved in early 1861 (that's about midway within the possible time they could have moved) it would have taken a week or two to get themselves sorted. The McKee cousins may have come to Grafton a few weeks earlier to make preparations; in any case the move to a new home required a cart, maybe an ox team returning back from Grafton that had delivered wool, to move their possessions and the family. Mary's parents, John and Mary Meskell seem to have moved to Waterview, located somewhere east of Waterview Heights on the map below, and Joseph and Mary moved to Eatonsville. (See map below).

The McKee family, Mary's aunty and uncle, moved to Copmanhurst. (See [Research Note A](#)).

Joseph lived at Eatonsville and Mylneford, he seems to have owned land at Eatonsville and his sons later owned land and lived at Mylneford. – There are variations in the spelling of Eatonsville in the original documents; Eatonswill and Eatons Ville. It could even be that Eatonsville and Eatonswill are two places on each side of the river. The location is just to the west of Grafton.



A little bit of context here. The NSW that the families lived in by the mid 1850s was a different place from when they arrived. In the early 1840s NSW was a convict colony, travel was difficult relying on wind and sail, roads outside of Sydney were nonexistent, free settlers completed with free convict labour. Convicts were no longer sent to NSW after 1840 and by the mid 1850's there were very few convicts who had not received Tickets of Leave or Pardons. Steam power meant reliable and fast coastal shipping. In 1855/58 the colony became self governing and land reforms were introduced allowing selection of "small"

acreage 40 to 320 acres blocks for a small deposit. The European population had trebled to about 400,000 by the mid 1860's. The government encouraged farming to supply the population and Grafton and the Clarence River District was a new frontier. Into this mix of a great potential; vast tracts of land, cedar forests, sunshine and excitement came the Meskell, McKee and Morgan families. Lurking in dark corners though was: disease, hardship, floods, illness and a lack of facilities when they were needed. The road ahead was not going to be easy and luck played a big part in success or failure.

It must have been a blow to the whole family when just a few months after arriving in Grafton, Edward Meskell, Mary's younger brother, who came from Ireland when he was a six year old died on 27th July 1861. Edward was 27. Edward died from Consumption, tuberculosis (TB) it is likely he had it for sometime well before they moved to Grafton anything from one to three or four years. It was a common cause of death in the 1800s.

John Meskell dies in 1866 (the Meskell family story is more detailed in Part 1). The death of John meant a role for Joseph as the patriarch of the family. Joseph was only a few years, five or six, younger than John. It is probable that John found heavy work difficult all of his life; his death certificate lists a congenital hernia as the cause and that would have ramification for the type of work he would have been able to undertake.

1860s

Information is very limited about the Morgan family during the 1860s

Joseph and Mary Morgan's family increases. Edward is born in 1860 near the Hunter River before they leave to live in Grafton. Samuel 1862, George 1864, Unnamed baby 1867-1867, Daniel (James) 1868, and Charles (Charlie) is born 1870. **That completes their family of 15** and of those 15 only one an unnamed still birth child has died by 1870.

Two of their children marry; Sarah (Sally) in 1863 and Harriet in 1867

Mary's brother John Jnr has four children. Mary 1862, John 1864-1865, Anne 1865 and William 1868,

Joseph must have worked on farms around Eatonsville and Mylneford, their daughter, Harriet, was working for the Schwinghammer family who owned property at Seelands near Eatonsville.

Joseph seems to have made a land selection in 1864. These land selections must have been an attempt to get their own farms going. By the end of this decade Joseph has four sons older than 16 so farm labour was available and opportunity was what this move to The Clarence must have been all about.

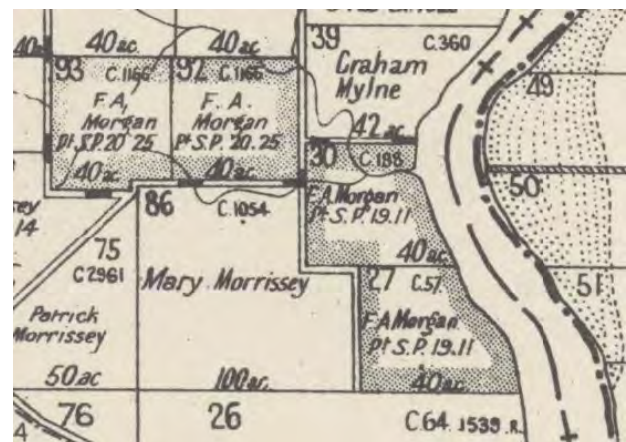
The more detailed notice below lists the buyer as "Joseph Morgan Jnr", in 1866 he would have been ten years old. The Parish Map of the title lists the name as F.A Morgan. They both refer to Lot 27. The Map also has F.A Morgan owning Lot: 30 92 & 93!

nd New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW: 1859 - 1889) / Tue 27 Nov 1866

FREE SELECTION.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND.
JOSEPH MORGAN, Eaton, South Grafton, 70 acres, county of Clarence, parish of Eaton, portion No. 27; lot 2, sale at Grafton of 24th November, 1864, of 40 acres, and 30 acres, unsurveyed land, adjoining.

nd Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW: 1859 - 1889) / Tue 9 Apr 1867

FREE SELECTION.
THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH.
JOSEPH MORGAN, JUN., of Eaton, Clarence River, 40 acres, county of Clarence, parish of Eaton, portion No. 27 lot 2; sale at Grafton, 23rd November, 1864, as selected by Joseph Morgan, 22nd of November, 1866, and directed to be forfeited.
JOSEPH MORGAN, JUN., of Eaton, Clarence River, 40 acres, county of Clarence, parish of Eaton, unsurveyed land, and adjoining his conditional purchase of that date.



As this decade ends the family has been on The Clarence NSW for nearly nine years and things are looking fairly good. The news they read must have been about the American Civil war that raged from 1861 to 1865. Communication and transport were developing with steam engines making industrial work easier and farming equipment is getting cheaper.

1870s

Joseph Morgan and his wife **Mary Meskell** have their 15th their last child, **Charles**, in August 1870.

In the extended family: Mary's brother **John Meskell Jnr** and his wife **Eleanor Daly** have 2 more children, Henry in 1870 and Arthur in 1882.

Mary's aunty, **Eliza Lydia McKee (Caesar)**, dies 1872

John Morgan, the eldest of their children, marries **Ellen Mary Jane Pigott** in 1873

Mary Morgan marries Walter Baker 1876

Anne Morgan marries Henry Walden in 1878

In 1870 Mary is 42 and Joseph is 59. Joseph is now described as a farmer and a miner. The family must have been able to make a reasonable living, maybe the Meskells helped out. All of the 15 children, except for two, one, unnamed, who was probably lived a few hours, and Charlie who has an accident at 17, survived into adulthood.

In the early 1870s mini gold rushes were all the rage around Grafton. Gold was being found to the west towards Glen Innes and the wonderfully named "Lunatic" mine at Kangaroo Creek to the south. It was at this time that the term "Miner" was added to the many occupations attached to Joseph Morgan. In 1872 we find his name along with John Meskell (this is John Meskell Jnr Mary Meskell's brother, Joseph's brother-in-law) in a list of gold mining claims registered and published in *The Clarence and Richmond Examiner and Advertiser*, Grafton, Tuesday August 27, 1872. The full list has 200+ names covering 50+ mining claims. Joseph's claim is at Cangai and they have named their claim "Napoleon".

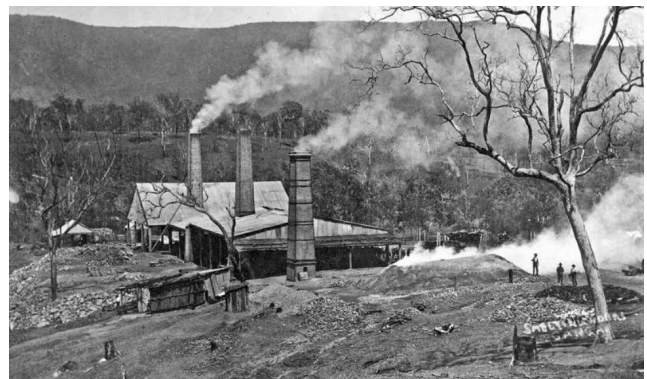
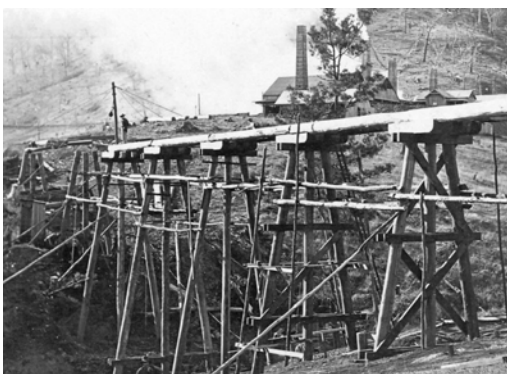
and Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Tue 27 Aug 1872

CHAMBIGNE, CANGI, UPPER CANGI, AND CUNGLEBUNG RUNS.

The following is a list of the claims taken up and registered with Mr. W. H. H. Becke, J.P., Mining Registrar, at Grafton, on the above reefs up to Thursday last, with the No. of the register, locality, name of claim, shareholders, No. of bearing, and area:—

No. 129—Cangi—Napoleon—Messrs. John M'Guinness, John Meskell, Hugh M'Guinness, David Bowie, Joseph Morgan, and Archibald Campbell
—No. 1 North, 300 feet x 200 yards.

All the above claims taken up in the neighbourhood of Cangi, Upper Cangi, Chambigne, and Cunglebung, will we have no doubt lead to the above districts being proclaimed by the Governor, as a Gold-Field, under the Gold-Fields Regulations Act.



Cangai, or Cangi as it was spelt then, in the 1870s. Cangai is about 20 kilometres west of Jackadgery about a kilometre off the Gwydir Highway between Grafton and Gen Innes.

In December 1872 Joseph also decided to lease a large parcel of land at Eaton (Eatonsville)

[id Examiner and New England Advertiser \(Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889\) / Tue 17 Dec 1872](#)

OUT OF AUGUST.
APPROVED CLAIM FOR UNDEFINED PRE-EMPTIVE LEASE.—The undermentioned claim of an undefined pre-emptive lease, has been approved by the Minister for Works :—**Joseph Morgan, sen., 240 acres, parish of Eaton. Rent, £1 per annum.**

[New South Wales Government Gazette \(Sydney, NSW : 1832 - 1900\) / Tue 3 Dec 1872 \[Issue No.305\] / Page 3123 / APPROVED CLAIMS FOR UNDEFINED PRE-EMPTI](#)

[4411] Department of Lands,
Sydney, 3rd December, 1872.

APPROVED CLAIMS FOR UNDEFINED PRE-EMPTIVE LEASES.

IT is hereby notified for the information of all persons concerned, that under the provisions of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 claims for Pre-emptive Leases have been made by the persons enumerated in the subjoined List, in right of the several portions of land therein referred to, and have been approved subject to the conditions set forth in the Regulations of 1st November, 1861.

2. Applicants are reminded that the rents of the lands in question for the year commencing on the 1st of January, 1873, must be paid to the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands of the District in which they are situated, or to the Treasurer in Sydney, within two months from this date.

3. The rent of Leases in virtue of the undermentioned freeholds, is at the rate of £1 per lot per annum for all lots not exceeding 320 acres, and at the rate of £2 per section per annum for all lots above that area. The sums hereunder shown are those which must therefore be paid for the lots. *The renewal of rent for 1874 of any of these Leases must be paid in the month of September next.*

JAMES S. FARNELL.

Abstract No. of Lease.	Lessee.		Area of Freehold in virtue of which Lease is granted.	Particulars of Lease.				District.	Office No. of Application and papers.
	Name.	Address.		Area.	Rent.	County.	Situation.		
7	Joseph Morgan, JUN.	Grafton	80	210	1 0 0	Clarence	Parish of Eaton	Grafton	2841 C.P.

The top notice names “Joseph Morgan Sen” as the applicant however the name on the Lease document list is “Joseph Morgan Jnr” It seems to be the same lease. Joseph Jnr would have been 16 in 1872.

This must have seemed like it was all working out, the culmination of all those years of convict servitude, farm labour, moving the family north from The Hunter to The Clarence, 14 children all doing well and four grandchildren.... land, gold, sunshine. Joseph even found some geese, but before that find the world comes crashing down, within months Joseph is insolvent (bankrupt).

It’s May 1873. The good times didn’t last long. And we know what went wrong. Everything. Everything went wrong; his health, the mine, farming prices and he had a wife and too many kids to support.

In this Notice of Insolvency we read the devastating news.

Joseph is £257 15s 7½d in debt. That is somewhere between \$60,000 and \$320,000 in 2025 dollars

depending how you convert historically equivalent values. An average might be about \$200,000.

One mine at Cangai, the Sir Walter Scott was a success the alluvial miners quickly panned the surface gravel and departed, by 1901 it became a very profitable copper mining area and in 2025 Infinity Mining reopened the old Sir Walter Scott mine.

Some years later Henry Meskell 1870-1950 the son of John Meskell (named on the mining lease at Cangai) and nephew of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell owned the general store, butcher shop and Post Office at Cangai. He later invested in a platinum mine at Jackadgery that was not successful.

[Empire \(Sydney, NSW : 1850 - 1875\) / Tue 27 May 1873 / Page 2 / SURREN](#)

Joseph Morgan, of Eatonsville, Clarence River, miner. Cause of insolvency: Losses in farming, mining, and sickness, and having a wife and nine children to support. Liabilities, £257 10s 1½d. Assets, £24 4s 6d. Deficiency, £257 15s 7½d. Official assignee, Mr. F. T. Humphery.

Joseph Morgan is in Debt.

Vales Government Gazette (Sydney, NSW: 1832 - 1900) / Tue 10 Jun 1873

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. (11,526)

IN INSOLVENCY.

In the Insolvent Estate of **Joseph Morgan**, of Eatonsville,
Clarence River, miner.

FIRST AND ONLY MEETING.

WHEREAS the estate of the abovenamed insolvent was, on the 26th day of May, A.D. 1873, placed under sequestration, by order under my hand: I hereby appoint a First Meeting of the creditors of the said insolvent, to be holden before the Commissioner of Insolvent Estates for the District of Grafton, at the Court House, Grafton, on Friday, the 18th day of July, A.D. 1873, to commence at 11 o'clock in the forenoon or as soon afterwards as the course of business will permit, for the proof of debts against the said estate, and for the collection, administration, and distribution of the same; that the insolvent may account for his insolvency; for directing the Official Assignee whether the insolvent will be allowed to retain

for his own use his household furniture, wearing apparel, beds, bedding, and tools of trade, or any part thereof respectively: And as it now appears that the goods and effects of the insolvent, available for the payment of his debts, are less in value than £100, notice is hereby given, that unless it be shown at said First Meeting that these goods and effects exceed the value of £100, the said Commissioner will summarily proceed to rank the debts which shall then be proved, and will direct the proceeds of the estate to be forthwith distributed by the Official Assignee accordingly.—Dated at Sydney, the 5th day of June, A.D. 1873.

GEORGE HIBBERT DEFFELL,
Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates.

ARTHUR HENRY,
Registrar in Insolvency.

Official Assignee—FREDERICK THOMAS HUMPHERY.

3198

8s. 6d.

This insolvency (bankrupt) seems to have been settled in June 1873. He gets to keep his clothes, bed tools of trade

New South Wales Government Gazette (Sydney, NSW: 1832 - 1900) / Fri 30 Jul 1875 [Issue No.190] / Page 2266 / IN INSOLVENCY

[Notice of Application for a Certificate of Conformity.]

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. (11,526)

IN INSOLVENCY.

In the Insolvent Estate of **Joseph Morgan**, of Eatonsville,
miner.

To the Official Assignee and Creditors.

TAKE NOTICE, that **Joseph Morgan**, intends to apply to His Honor the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates, at the Court Room, King-street, Sydney, on Tuesday, the 31st day of August next, at 11 a.m., or as soon afterwards as the course of business will admit, that a certificate be granted to him, under and according to the provisions of the Acts 5th Victoria No. 17, 7th Victoria No. 19, and 25th Victoria No. 8.—Dated this 26th day of July, 1875.

J. K. O'MEAGHER,
Attorney for Insolvent,

Agents—PIGOTT & TRICKETT, Grafton.
129, King-street, Sydney.

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6s. 6d.

The New South Wales Government Gazette Friday 30 Jul 1875 has a notice and Joseph Morgan is insolvent again. (I am not sure if this relates to the earlier 1873 insolvency that was not finalised or a separate situation) NM

Things are not going well.

As the 1870s progress the family seems to keep farming around Eatonsville and the kids go to school at Gerymberrym.

1880s

The decades roll on and in 1880 Joseph Morgan is 69 and his wife Mary Meskell is 52.

Wait. What about the Geese? Oh yes, in 1876 Joseph found eight geese. The classified notices in the past were often a treat; social media today serves the same function.

Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 29 Jul 1876

Geese Found.

FOUND, at Eatonswill, on the 17th instant, **Eight** **GEESE.** The owner can have his property on paying expenses, by applying to **JOSEPH MORGAN,** Eatonswill. If not claimed soon will be sold.

The list below of the Grafton Electoral Roll has six Morgans; Joseph and his sons; Edward, Joseph Jnr, John and David.

A few problems here.

Edward was born 29th September 1860 he would have been 19 – the voting age was 21! There is only one David Morgan in the family in the 1800's. William Morgan is missing, he may have simply not registered in the Grafton Electoral District.

Sat 4 Sep 1880 / Page 3 / GRAFTON ELECTORAL DIS

Morgan Edward, Eaton
Morgan Joseph, Eaton
Morgan Joseph, Eatonswill
Morgan John, Southampton
Morgan David, Eatonswill
Morgan David, Eaton

Joseph Morgan Dies 14 Feb 1881

The insolvency in 1873 mentions Joseph's health as a mitigating factor. His death certificate says cause of death "Disease of the Kidney" and now on February 14th 1881 we have returned to where we started the Morgan Family with Joseph's death certificate. It listed his parent's names and enough clues to have recreated something of who he was.

Clarence and Richmond Examiner and New England Advertiser
Feb 19 1881 • Grafton, New South Wales, Australia

DEATHS.

MORGAN.—On the 14th instant, at his residence near Eatonswill, after a long illness, **JOSEPH MORGAN,** aged 70 years, leaving a wife, nine sons, and five daughters to lament their loss.

Throughout the 1880s and into the 1900s most of the Morgan family continue to live in the region around Grafton in the Clarence Valley.

Mary Morgan (Meskell) was 17 years younger than Joseph and we have followed her story from her birth in Clonmel, Ireland in 1828 to here in Grafton in 1881. She travelled, with her parents from Ireland in 1840; when she was an 11 year old kid. Her younger sister, Sarah, died in 1841 and a baby brother in 1843. Her brother, Edward, died of tuberculosis just after they arrived in Grafton in 1861, he was only 27. Her brother John Meskell Jnr is still alive.

Mary has lost only one child at this point. She has four children still under 19, the youngest, Charles is 9 and James is 11.

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DEATH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

Surname of deceased	MORGAN
Other names	Joseph
Occupation	Farmer
Sex and Age	Male 70 years
Marital status	Married
Date of death	14th February, 1881
Place of Death	Eatonswill
Usual residence	Eatonswill
Place of birth	England 40 years in Australia
Father - Surname	MORGAN
Other names	David
Mother - Maiden surname	LUSH
Other names	Mary
Place of marriage	Hunter River, N.S.W.
Age at marriage	33 years
To whom married	Mary Meskell
Children of deceased	8 Males 5 Females Living 1 Male dead
Informant	Certified in writing by David Morgan, Son Eatonswill
Cause of death	Disease of the Kidney 12 Months

Mary Morgan (Meskell) maintains some small farm at Eatonsville after Joseph dies she puts a notice in the *Clarence and Richmond Examiner and the New England Advertiser (Grafton)* in May 1882. She has lost a Draught Horse and a colt.

[aminer and New England Advertiser \(Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889\)](#) / [Sat 6 May 1882](#) /

Mary remains in Eatonsville and her family, all of her children and their families are close by.

William Morgan marries Elizabeth Emily Durrington in 1881

Joseph Morgan Jnr marries Emily Susannah Baker in 1886

Frances "Fanny" Morgan is not married but by 1889 has eight children

In 1887 **Charles (Charlie) Morgan**, Mary's youngest child, contracts tetanus from a wound and dies, he is just 17. The news article below describes the accident and the death notice provides the date and that he is the son "of the late Joseph Morgan", his mother inserted an "In Memory" notice on April 30th 1889.

There was a major flood in Grafton in late January 1887 and the mud and mess left over from this disaster may have been the cause of the tetanus cases.

£1 REWARD. —STOLEN or STRAYED from Morgan's Paddock, **Eatonswill**, on the 10th April, one Bay **DRAUGHT HORSE**, one hip down, branded 3 over JC; also, one Bay **COLT**, 3 years old, branded JM over t near shoulder. The above reward will be paid on delivery to **Mrs MORGAN, Eatonswill.**

[The Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser \(NSW : 1871 - 1912\)](#) / [Sat 14 May 1887](#) / Page

A lad named Charles Morgan died in the hospital here last week. He was suffering from tetanus when admitted. It is said that this was the result of a wound in the foot, caused by treading on a stalk of the plant popularly known as "stinking rodger." The lad's friends state that this is the third death which has occurred here from wounds caused by the same plant.

[Clarence and Richmond Examiner and New England Advertiser \(Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889\)](#) / [Tue 3 May 1887](#) / Page 2 /

DEATH.
MORGAN.—Died at the Grafton Hospital on the 29th April, 1887, **CHARLES**, aged 17 years and 8 months, youngest son of the late **Joseph Morgan, First Falls, Eatonswill.**

[nond Examiner and New England Advertiser \(Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889\)](#) / [Tue 30 Apr 1889](#) /

IN MEMORY of CHARLES MORGAN, who died the 29th April, 1887; aged 16 years and 8 months.
O! listen to my tales of woe, they are sorrowful to hear,
As soon the shades of evening cool draws o'er the silent tomb,
Bent down in life before his dawn of youth had yet begun,
And left a widowed mother here to mourn here faithful son.
To her he proved a faithful son—a son both kind and true;
His upright, manly ways had won the praise of all he knew.
Rest on, in peace, dear faithful son—thy loss we all deplore—
Unto that blessed mansion bright thou has't only gone before
Inserted by his loving mother MARY MORGAN.

Research Problems

In 1886 a rather curious advertisement appears in the *Clarence and Richmond Examiner and the New England Advertiser (Grafton NSW)*. It seems like William Morgan the son of Joseph and Mary. The problem is William was born in 1853, he would have been 33 years old and it is extremely unlikely that a 33 year old would have had cataracts for the previous 15 years, so most likely not our William. It is either an exaggeration of the years, advertising puff or there are other Morgan families in the Grafton region. I have not found another William Morgan though at Southampton!

[and New England Advertiser \(Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889\)](#) / [Sat 6 Nov 1886](#)

T O DOCTOR CARRODEEN,
Indian Eye and Pile Doctor.
After being 15 years troubled with a cataract on the eye, and under several doctors without obtaining any benefit, I went under Doctor Carrodeen, and in 14 days he made a complete cure.
WILLIAM MORGAN, Southampton.
November 4, 1886.

1890s

Mary Morgan (Meskell) continues her life now as a grandmother as this decade proceeds she has 43 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Mary is known as a mid-wife helping neighbours with childbirth.

Edward (Owen) Morgan marries *Jane Elizabeth Amos* in 1891. Edward was Mary's 10th child the last one born when they still lived in The Hunter region in 1860

Mary's brother **John Meskell Jnr** died on in October 2nd 1894

In her later years Mary had arteriosclerosis, hardening of the arteries, she may have had a heart condition as well, her death certificate lists "Senile gangrene". Her last few weeks were in Grafton Hospital, Mary died on 14th February 1900.

The kid from Ireland who was 11 years old when she arrived in NSW in 1840 is the only one of that family to see the new century. **Her parents have died**, her brother **John Meskell Jnr** died in 1894, **Edward in 1861** just after the move to Grafton and her sister Sarah died near Maitland in 1841. Her mother's sister, **Eliza Lydia Caesar** and her husband **John McKee** have died but four of their five children who came from Ireland in 1840 are still alive. **William McKee** 1629-1904, **Julius McKee** 1833-1910, **Sarah McKee** 1836-1930 and **Anne McKee** 1838-1903. Frances McKee born 1831, died in 1855.

Mary's death certificate lists her age as 80, however the records are pretty clear that she was born 28th August 1828 in Clonmel in Ireland, she was 11 in 1840 (immigration records), Mary was in fact 71 when she died on 14th February 1900. She is buried in Grafton Cemetery but the grave site has been lost. *There is no headstone for her or for her husband Joseph Morgan.*

Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Sat 24 Feb 1900



DEATHS.
MORGAN—On the 14th February, at the Grafton Hospital, **MARY MORGAN**; aged 79 years.
Sadly we sit beside you ;
Our sad, last watch to keep.
For soon they will lay you away, dearest mother,
Far away where the green willows weep.

Ah, mother! in accents so tender
We call on that loved name in vain.
That dear mother is slumbering so deeply ;
She heeds not our sorrow and pain.

On the churchyard's green hillside so lonely
They will lay you forever to-day,
Where the soft summer wind shall sigh o'er you,
Where the sweet tender moonbeams shall play.

We must take our last look at you, dear mother,
Ere they bear you away to your rest.
Ah! you lie so calm and so peaceful
With dear folded hands on your breast.

May God's peace be with you, dear mother,
May God's holy rest be your own
In that far off beautiful city
Where we pray your dear spirit has flown.

Where we hope, dearest mother, to meet you,
When this sad journey below here is o'er ;
Meet you in love, joy and rapture
To part again never more.

Inserted by her loving daughter, H. Maloney,
Solitude.

MORGAN.—At Grafton Hospital on February 14th, **MARY MORGAN**, the widow of late **Joseph Morgan**, of Eatonville, at the advanced age of 79 years. She leaves a family of 8 sons and 5 daughters and children, 14 great grand children to mourn their loss.

DEATH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

Surname of deceased	MORGAN	
Other names	Mary	
Occupation	-	
Sex and Age	Female 80 years	
Marital status	Married	
Date of death	14th February, 1900	
Place of Death	Hospital, Grafton	
Usual residence	-	
Place of birth	Clonmell, Tipperary, Ireland	
Father - Surname	MESKELL	
Other names	Edward	
Mother - Maiden surname	CEASAR	
Other names	Mary	
Place of marriage	Narrowgut, near Hinton,	
Age at marriage	N.S.W. 17 years	
To whom married	Joseph Morgan	
Children of deceased	John, 55 years, Sarah 53, David 51, Harriett 49, Mary 47, William 45, Ann 43, Joseph 41, Fanny 39, Edward 37, Samuel 35, George 33, James 30 Living.	
Informant	Samuel Morgan, son, 2 Males deceased Eatonsville	
Cause of death	Senile Gangrene of leg (Spreading) Asthenia 2 weeks	
By whom certified	C.J. Kearney, (Registered)	
Particulars of burial or cremation	15th February, 1900 Church of England Cemetery, Grafton	
Particulars of registration	C.C. Vindin, Acting District Registrar	Date 20th February, 1900
		Number 14/1900

This is **Mary Meskell**, she married Joseph Morgan. Her daughter Harriet is my Great Grandmother, the mother of **John Maloney 1875**.
(Neville Maloney)

I, **JAMES THOMAS MAGUIRE**
hereby certify that the above is a true copy of particulars recorded in a register kept by me.

Issued at Grafton
on 29th June, 1989


 Local Registrar  te



NEW SOUTH WALES

REGISTRATION NUMBER
1900/ 001627

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT 1995

DEATH CERTIFICATE

Date and place of death	Name and occupation	Sex and age	Cause of Death Duration of last illness; medical attendant; when he last saw deceased	Name and occupation of father Name and maiden surname of mother	Informant
1890. 14 th February 4 Hospital Grafton.	Mary Morgan.	Female 80 years.	(1) Venile Haemorrhage of leg (spreading), Athermia (2) & ulcers. (3) G.F. Kearney M.B. (Eng) & M.B. (P.) (Registered). (4) 12 th February 1900.	(1) Edward Chokell. (2) Farmer. (3) Mary Crasow.	Samuel Chokell Pom Catonville

Particulars of registration	When and where buried; name of undertaker	Name and religion of Minister and names of witnesses of burial	Where born and how long in the Australasian Colonies or States	Place of marriage, age, and to whom	Children of marriage
(1) Carl Anson (2) 20 th February 1900 (3) Grafton.	15 th February 1900 Church of England Cemetery Grafton Henry A. Sanders.	Francis Day Church of England A.B. Baker Samuel Morgan.	Blonmell County Tipperary Ireland. How long in Australia not known.	(1) Narrouguit near Hinton N.S. Wales. (2) 17 years. (3) Joseph Morgan.	John. 55 years Sarah. 53 David. 51 Harriet. 49 Mary. 47 William. 45 Ann. 43 Joseph. 41 Fanny. 39 Edward. 37 Samuel. 35 George. 33 James. 30 Living & status deceased.

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Registrar

The original of this photo is at the end of Part 1 – The Meskell Family.

The photo was always something of a puzzle because it is Martin Maloney on his wedding day and the woman is not Harriet Morgan. The positioning of the subjects does not suggest a couple. The age of each does however strongly suggest that it is Martin with his mother-in-law Mary Morgan (Meskell). Martin was 33 and Mary 39 in 1867. The photo at the bottom of the page is Harriet Morgan there is a strong resemblance between the two women.

Photo enhancement is now – in 2026 – offering all sorts of possibilities but many of the results look nothing like the original so with just minimal tweaks I have included 2 copies of the photo here.

Martin Maloney and his mother-in-law Mary Morgan (Meskell) in 1867 – Martin is 33 and Mary is 39



Harriet Morgan
Wife of Martin Maloney
Daughter of Joseph & Mary Morgan

The family of Joseph Morgan 1811/12-1881 and Mary Meskell 1828-1900

The birth records for the family are pretty good with 14 of the 15 recorded in the NSW Births, Death and Marriages' Registry. That registry includes records held by churches prior to a formal registration system.

Unfortunately they are not on chronological order.

The birth of John Morgan, the eldest, in 1844 is not in this list.

The district designations of ML and MA are explained as:

ML	CHURCH OF ENGLAND	ALNWICK; BUTTERWICK; CLARENCE TOWN; MIDDLEHOPE; RAYMOND TERRACE; SEAHAM
MA	CHURCH OF ENGLAND	AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY; DUNGOG; ELDON; STROUD; UFFINGTON

Births Search Results

	Name	Registration Number	Father's Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	District
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MORGAN SALLY	2401/1846 V18462401 31A	JOSEPH	MARY	ML
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MORGAN DAVID	2269/1847 V18472269 32A	JOSEPH	MARY	MA
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MORGAN HARRIET	3272/1849 V18493272 34A	JOSEPH	MARY	MA
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MORGAN MARY	2984/1851 V18512984 37A	JOSEPH	MARY	MA
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MORGAN WILLIAM	761/1853 V1853761 39A	JOSEPH	MARY	MA
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MORGAN GEORGE H	8999/1864	JOSEPH	MARY	GRAFTON
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MORGAN SAMUEL	8123/1862	JOSEPH	MARY	GRAFTON
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MORGAN EDWARD	11653/1860	JOSEPH	MARY	RAYMOND TERRACE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MORGAN JOSEPH	7535/1856	JOSEPH	MARY	RAYMOND TERRACE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MORGAN FANNY	11752/1858	JOSEPH	MARY	RAYMOND TERRACE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MORGAN CHARLES	10427/1870	JOSEPH	MARY	GRAFTON
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MORGAN DANIEL	9841/1868	JOSEPH	MARY	GRAFTON
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MORGAN (MALE)	9724/1867	JOSEPH	MARY	GRAFTON
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MORGAN GEORGE H	8999/1864	JOSEPH	MARY	GRAFTON

The family of Joseph Morgan 1812-1881 and Mary Meskell 1828-1900

Joseph Morgan and **Mary Meskell** both lived at Butterwick and were married at Narrowgut January 8th 1844, both of those exotically named places: Butterwick and Narrowgut are in the Hunter Valley near Maitland NSW. **Joseph was a ticket-of-leave convict 33 years old** and **Mary not yet 16 and pregnant**. This doesn't look like a good start, but 15 children later and from the few facts available it went very well.

Their first child, John, was born at Butterwick on August 19th 1844 and the last child, Charles, was born at Southampton, South Grafton on 27th August 1870. In 26 years Mary had 15 births.

One of their children, Harriet, is my* great-grandmother she married Martin Maloney in 1867 (see previous pages).* *Neville Maloney*

1. **John Morgan** 1844 - 1918
2. **Sarah (Sally) Ada Morgan** 1846 - 1911
3. **David Morgan** 1847 – 1921**
4. **Harriet Morgan 1849 – 1923**
5. **Mary Morgan** 1851 - 1929
6. **William Morgan** 1853 - 1924
7. **Joseph Morgan Jnr** 1856 - 1937
8. **Anne Morgan** 1857 - 1918
9. **Frances (Fanny) Margaret Morgan** 1858 - 1936
10. **Edward Owen Morgan** 1860 - 1938
11. **Samuel Morgan** 1862 – 1949**
12. **George Henry Morgan** 1864 - 1942
13. **Unnamed Morgan** 1867 – 1867**
14. **Daniel James Morgan** 1868 – 1933**
15. **Charles (Charlie) Morgan** 1870 – 1887**

** Five of these siblings did not have children or descendants.

The following sections are in order of their birth except for Harriet who I have placed last because in this generation of the family it is Harriet that I have researched and detailed as much of her story that I can find. The story of her children becomes the book *From Shamrocks to Gumleaves – The Maloney Story*.

The following pages are a brief biography of Harriet Morgan's siblings, her 14 brothers and sisters.

I have listed limited information on some of Harriet's brothers and sisters; these are my great-great uncles and aunts. Their descendants have in some cases been very helpful and provided photos and family information.

1. John Morgan 19 Aug 1844 - 04 Nov 1918

Known as **Jack**, he was the eldest child, the reason that Joseph and Mary married in early January 1844, John was born 19 Aug 1844 at Butterwick, Hunter River. (NSW BDM Reg No. 2504V28). He died 4 Nov 1918 in Grafton and is buried in the Anglican section Old Grafton Cemetery.

In 1860/61 when the whole Meskell, McKee and Morgan families moved to Grafton John would have been 16 or 17 and it must have been a real adventure for him. He would have known his uncle, Edward Meskell, who died in 1861 just after the families arrived in South Grafton. Edward was only 10 years older than John.

John married **Ellen Mary Jane Pigott**, 12 Aug 1873 in Grafton she was from Ireland. Ellen died just six years later in 1879. This must have quite chaotic for John.

They had four children:

1. Augustine (Gus) Morgan 1873-1960
2. Ellen Mary Jane Morgan 1874 1875
3. Mary Ann Morgan 1876 - 1933
4. Jane Morgan 1877 – 1960

John had three surviving children aged two to 6 years old.

Ellen's headstone also has another name inscribed of "JOHN THOMAS BAKER 1911 aged 7 years" – The Morgan/Baker family links I expect are a rather vicious tangle this one is fairly simple to explain. It is John's grandson. John's daughter Mary Ann Morgan 1876-1933 married Arthur Benjamin Baker in 1892 and John Thomas Baker is their son. The confusion comes in because John Morgan's sister Mary Morgan 1851-1929 married Walter George Baker in 1876 and he is the uncle of Arthur Baker who married John's daughter Mary Ann. John's youngest daughter Jane Morgan in 1898 married Edward Barker So the descendants of this line are both Baker and Barker! The Barker branch of the family is vast: Jane has 12 kids, she has triplets; George, Alfred and Arthur in 1912. (See Research Note E – The descendants of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell)



Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Tue 4 Aug 1874 /

ASSAULT
Ellen Holmes appeared before the Court, upon summons, issued at the instance, John Morgan, who alleged that defendant assaulted his wife Ellen Morgan; but the bench after hearing the evidence of Ellen Morgan dismissed the case.
There was a cross action, in which Ellen Holmes was the complainant, and Ellen Morgan the defendant, and the Bench, after hearing the evidence of the complainant, dismissed the case.

Just a year after John and Ellen married this little fight got as far as the court house. The case was dismissed. I wonder what it was all about.

John was tenancing land at Waterview prior to 1880

id Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 18 Sep 1880

To Lease.
A FARM of 25 Acres and 2 Rods of the Waterview Estate, lately tenanted to John Morgan, opposite to Carr's Island. Immediate possession given. Apply to E. M. RYAN, Waterview.

Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Tue 15 Feb 1881

A single meeting was also held in the estate of John Morgan, jun., of Waterview, farmer. He stated his insolvency was owing to the sickness and death of his wife, and losses sustained otherwise. No debts were proved, and the meeting terminated.

John is having financial difficulties this is in early 1881 and his wife died in Aug 1879 and he has 3 small children.

John seems to find a solution to his predicament when he marries again in June 1882 to **Janet Rankin Sneddon**, a Scottish girl. She was married previously because her maiden name was **Simpson**.

In 1882 John Morgan was 38 and Janet is 23 or 27 (I have seen birth dates of 1855 and 1858).

Registration Number	Groom's Family Name	Groom's Given Name(s)	Bride's Family Name(s)	Bride's Given Name(s)	District
<input type="checkbox"/> 4523/1882	MORGAN	JOHN	SIMPSON	JANET RANKEN SNEDDON	GRAFTON

The solution to his problems did not go well because in June 1888 John placed this notice in the *Grafton Examiner and The New England*

Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 16 Jun 1888 /

NOTICE—That **JANE SIMPSON, or MORGAN,** having left her home five years and six months, without reason ; if she does not return within three months from this date, I intend to **MARRY AGAIN.** **JOHN MORGAN.**
9th June, 1888.

In March 1887 John was in a fight. The fight seems to be a family matter, **Thomas Ivory** the accused who assaulted John is the partner of John's sister **Fanny Morgan**. In 1887 Fanny has three children with **George McGowan** (not a happy affair see section on Fanny the 9th child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell in a few pages) and she has four kids with Thomas Ivory, Fanny and Thomas do not marry until 1892. Thomas Ivory said that John has used a "improper epithets to his wife" that is John has called his sister some insulting term. Thomas Ivory was held "On remand" in a cell at the police station for a week before the case went to trial and he was fined 20s (£1) and half went to John Morgan. Thomas must have resented this event, a week in custody and fine of 20s was about 3 or 4 days wages about \$700 today (2025).

Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 26 Mar 1887 /

GRAFTON POLICE COURT.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23.—Before the P.M.
ASSAULT.
Thomas Ivory was charged with assaulting one *John Morgan* the day previous, at the corner of Prince and Pound streets.
Constable Slater deposed to arresting the accused that morning, at the International hotel, South Grafton. After giving him the usual caution, accused said that *Morgan* had used improper epithets to his wife, when he struck him on the forehead and cheek. *Morgan* then struck him on the cheek.
Remanded till Tuesday next for further evidence. It was stated that *Morgan* was obliged to go to the Hospital.

Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 2 Apr 1887 /

GRAFTON POLICE COURT.
TUESDAY, MARCH 29.—Before the P.M.
ASSAULT.
Thomas Ivory, on remand, was charged with assaulting one *John Morgan*.
Defendant admitted the assault, but stated that he received provocation. He was fined 20s or seven days imprisonment, half the fine to be paid to prosecutor.

The story on the left, I cannot be certain that this is the John Morgan in our family but the dates and location fit. It is a tragic tale giving a glimpse into life we don't often get in our history books.

Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 24 Jun 1882 /

MORGAN—SIMPSON.—On the 20th instant, at St. Matthew's Church, South Grafton, by the Rev. J. L. Bosworth, **JOHN MORGAN** to **JANET SIMPSON.**

Advertiser. Janet appears to have left him just six months after the wedding. The notice says she left "five years and six months ago" John placed this notice at least seven times in the paper over a period of several months.

Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Sat 10 Jan 1891 /

Result of Recent Shooting Case.

At the Court-house on Tuesday afternoon, an inquiry was held before Mr. W. Clarke, touching the death of Harriett Woodleigh, who shot herself with a saloon rifle on 30th December, and expired on Tuesday morning.

Senior-sergeant M'Cormack deposed that on that day a man named *John Morgan* gave information that he believed the woman (with whom he had been living) had made away with herself. Sent a constable with *Morgan* to the cemetery, who, on returning, reported that the woman was in the Hospital, and that he had found a saloon rifle and box of cartridges on a grave in the cemetery. Believed deceased to be a single woman.

Mrs. E. W. Graham and A. T. Kimpton stated the woman called at their respective places to buy small arms. At the former place she bought a saloon rifle, and at the latter some cartridges, asserting that she was going to Woolgoolga, and wished to kill snakes on the road.

T. Thompson and H. Holt saw deceased shortly after she had committed the act, and gave similar evidence as to her excited state and the appearance of the wound in the head.

A. Lipman produced letters respecting deceased, one of which referred to the purchase of ground, so that she might be interred alongside of her son, concerning whom she seemed much troubled.

The Matron of the Hospital stated deceased came to the Institution and said she had shot herself, giving her age as 38. She died in the Hospital on Tuesday morning.

Dr. Houston examined the woman after admission to the Hospital. He found a wound on the left side of the head 1 1/2 inches above the ear, about the size of a three-penny bit, blackened by the explosion of gunpowder. She said there was a bullet in her head, and asked for it to be extracted. At the post-mortem examination it was found that death was the result of injuries to the brain caused by the bullet. Had known deceased some time, and since the death of her child she seemed to be affected in her mind.

The finding was—"Died from effects of a wound self-inflicted."

Some time ago the woman's only child died in Grafton, and the expenses of the funeral were paid by the Benevolent Society, for which assistance she subsequently expressed gratitude, and promised to subscribe to the Society if ever in a position to do so. In October last she sent £1 to Mr. Lipman, asking him to purchase the piece of ground adjoining her boy's grave, expressing a desire to be buried there. The unfortunate woman's wishes in this respect were carried out.

The descendants of John Morgan 1st child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell

1. John (Jack) Morgan, b. 19 Aug 1844 in *Butterwick* Hunter River, NSW buried 5 Nov 1918 in Anglican section Old Grafton Cemetery, d. 4 Nov 1918 in Grafton.

He married (1) *Ellen Mary Jane Pigott*, 12 Aug 1873 in Grafton, b. 1851 in Ireland d. 27 Aug 1879

He married (2) *Janet Rankin Sneddon*, 20 Jun 1882 in Grafton, b. 7 Jul 1859 in Falkirk Stirling Scotland

John had 4 children from his first marriage

- A. Augustine (Gus) Morgan**, b. 14 Oct 1873 in "Retreat" Grafton, d. 23 Sep 1960 Wellington Point Qld He married *Elizabeth Rowland*, 1 Jul 1901 in Grafton, b. 1882 in Kangaroo Valley, NSW d. 20 Jun 1969 in Brisbane, Qld
 - 1. Augustus George Morgan**, b. 13 Jul 1902 in Grafton, d. 28 Jul 1979 in Mount Tambourine, Qld He married *Marsley Cheridous Phillips*, 26 Dec 1929 in Gympie, Qld b. 20 Sep 1908 in Gympie, Qld d. 12 Dec 1944 in Brisbane, Qld
 - 2. Ellen May Morgan**, b. 1904 in Murwillumbah, NSW d. 29 Apr 1988 in Gold Coast Qld She married *Raymond Horace Lawrance*, 29 Apr 1929 in Qld b. 29 Oct 1908 in Portsmouth, Hampshire. d. 27 Sep 1979 in Ocean Grove, Vic
 - a. Fay Lawrance**, b. 28 Dec 1929 in Gympie, Qld d. 27 Jan 2020 in Arizona, USA. She married (1) *Alfred Anthony Crivello*, b. 6 Mar 1925 in Baltimore, Maryland, United States, d. 28 Apr 1995. She married (2) *Lawrence Arnold Goodale*, 17 Jul 1979 in Clark, Nevada, USA, b. 22 Feb 1941 in Elko, Nevada, USA, d. 2013 in Tucson, Arizona, USA.
Five children: **Ellen 1951, Steven, Arthur, Robert & Kris Crivello.**
 - b. Raymond Leonard Lawrance**, b. 16 Oct 1928 in Brisbane, Qld d. Jan 2000 in Sydney. He married *Elaine Myrtle Gunnis*.
 - (A) **Michelle Elaine Lawrance**, b. 1965, d. 8 Aug 1984 in Brisbane, Qld
 - (B) **Kevin John Lawrance.**
 - 3. Alice Alma Morgan**, b. 1905 in Murwillumbah, NSW d. 2 Sep 1983 in Qld She married *Thomas Eugene Elliott*, 6 Sep 1924 in Qld b. 21 Oct 1898 in Gympie, Qld d. 17 Dec 1984 in Gympie, Qld
 - a. Edward Elliott.**
 - b. Ronald Elliott.**
 - 4. Cecil Clarence Morgan**, b. 1906 in Murwillumbah, d. 6 May 1979 in Qld. He married *Jean Calder Sinclair*, 1936 in NZ, b. 1910 in Scotland,., d. 19 Feb 1969 in Auckland, NZ.
 - a. Isabell Dawn Morgan**, b. 1939, d. 27 Dec 1975 in Nelson. She married *Trevor Alen Ivory*, b. 15 Jan 1934 in Blenheim, Marlborough, Marlborough, NZ. d. 23 Jun 2009 in Tasman, NZ.
 - b. & c** 2 other children – unknown details
 - d. Jeanette Yvonne Morgan.** She married *William Hirst*, b. 1934, d. 31 Jul 1969 in Auckland, NZ.
 - (A) **Melanie Hirst.**
 - (B) **Amanda Hirst.**
 - 5. John Kenny Morgan**, b. 24 Mar 1908 in Murwillumbah, NSW d. 7 Feb 1978 in Brisbane, Qld He married *Eileen Veronica Harper*, 3 Oct 1941
 - a. Neville George Morgan, b. before 1947.**
 - b. Ethel May Morgan.**
 - c. John Kenneth Morgan, b. before 1947.**
 - d. David Edward Morgan.**
 - e. Wayne Alan Morgan.**
 - f. Pauline Janette Morgan.**

6. **Tully Charles Morgan**, b. 28 Jul 1910 in Murwillumbah, d. 5 Jul 1996 in Gympie, Qld
He married *Lena Clara Mengel*, 2 Jan 1936 in Qld b. 1913 Gatton, d.2001 in Gympie, Qld
- a. **Mickey Morgan.**
- B. **Ellen Mary Jane Morgan**, b. Sep 1874 in Grafton, d. 25 Feb 1875 in Grafton, (6 months old)
- C. **Mary Ann Morgan**, b. 21 Mar 1876 in "Retreat" Grafton, d. 16 Sep 1933 in Grafton She married *Arthur Benjamin Baker*, 25 May 1892 in Grafton, 14 Aug 1870 in Meanderale Wollombi (son of Henry James Baker and Jane Collyer), d. 12 Jun 1960 in Grafton,
1. **Ellen Mary Jane Baker**, b. 13 Oct 1893 in Eatonsville, NSW d. 26 May 1975 in Grafton, d. 26 May 1975 in Grafton, She married *Arthur Edward Mitchell*, 26 Apr 1911 in Grafton, b. 7 Apr 1881 in Cassilis, NSW d. 18 Apr 1959 in Grafton,
- a. **John (Jack) Herbert Mitchell**, b. 11 Oct 1912 in Glen Innes, NSW d. 23 Nov 1992 in Grafton, He married *Alice Edith Vera Matilda Key*, 28 Feb 1934 in Glen Innes. She was born 1908 Sheep Station Creek Via Glen Innes, d. 12 Apr 1980 in Ipswich
- (A) **Marjorie Joan Mitchell**, b. 29 Mar 1935 in Grafton, d. 22 Sep 2000 in Warwick, Qld She married *Darrell William Wilson*, 18 Apr 1960 in Dunoon, NSW b. 3 Mar 1930 in Ellendale, Tas d. 9 Aug 1990 in Mount Tamborine, Qld
1, 2 & 3 They had 3 children
- (B) **John Arthur Henry Mitchell**, b. 31 Dec 1937 in Grafton, d. 24 Jul 1951 in Lismore, NSW
- (C) **Allan Mitchell**, b. 1941 in Grafton, d. 1941 in Grafton,
- (D) **Errol Roy Mitchell**, b. 26 Sep 1944 in Grafton, d. 1 Aug 2018 in Helensvale, Qld He married *Judith ?*.
(1-4) They had 4 children: **Shane, Lee, Kimberley & Kylie Mitchell.**
- b. **William (Bill) Edward Mitchell**, b. 18 Jul 1914 in Glen Innes, NSW y, d. 31 Mar 1996 in Grafton, He married *Elsa May Gavenlock*, 1950 in Grafton,
- (A) **Marilyn Mitchell**, b. 24 Aug 1951 in Grafton d. 22 May 2017 in South Grafton,
- (B) **Evelyn Mitchell.**
- c. **Arthur Ernest Mitchell**, b. 14 May 1917 in Glen Innes, NSW d. 8 Oct 1991 in Hastings NZ. He married (1) *Thora Margrethe Exeter*, 4 May 1940 in Napier, Hawke's Bay, NZ, b. 28 Feb 1917 in Napier, NZ, d. 20 Sep 1969 in Napier, NZ. He married (2) *Joan Day*, 24 Sep 1971 in Napier, Hawke's Bay, NZ,
- (A) **David Exeter Mitchell**, b. 28 Mar 1941 in Napier, NZ, , d. 10 Jun 2006 in NZ. He married *Adrienne Margaret May Bangs*, 19 Nov 1966 in Napier, NZ, b. 1939 d. 2002 in NZ.
- (1) **Lynda Mitchell.**
- (2) **Nadine Mitchell.**
- (3) **Mitchell.**
- d. **Albert (Bert) Vivian Mitchell**, b. 2 Oct 1919 in Glen Innes, d. 1973 in Grafton, He married *Jane Ford*, 21 Jul 1943 in Grafton 25 Jun 1916, d. 28 Nov 2002.
- (A) **Phyllis Mitchell, b. 1946.**
- (B) **Enid Mitchell.**
- e. **Henry "Harry" James Mitchell**, b. 6 Dec 1921 in Red Range Glen Innes, d. 29 Aug 1965 in South Yarra, Vic, He married *Dorothy Jean Griffiths*, 1950 in Vic, b. 28 Nov 1921 d.1992
- (A) **Gary James Mitchell**,b. in Vic d. 2 Sep 1967 in South Yarra, Vic
- (B) **Stephen John Mitchell**, b. 15 Apr 1953 in Vic d. 27 Nov 2007 in Vic
- (1) **Karen Mitchell.**
- (a) **Connor ?**
- (2) **David Mitchell.**

- f. **Ellen (Nell) Margaret Mitchell**, b. 13 Sep 1924 in Glen Innes, d. 24 Jan 2011 in Maclean, She married *Mervyn Lachlan Condon*, 10 May 1947 in Grafton, b.. 21 Jun 1923 in Wagga Wagga, NSW d. 30 Oct 2011 in Maclean
- (A) **Jean Maree Condon**. She married *Arthur Alfred Bultitude*, 1968 in Grafton,
- (1) ? **Bultitude**.
- (2) **Mark Bultitude**. He married **Michelle?**.
- (a) **Zekiya Jean Bultitude** b.5 Sep 2003 d.28 Aug 2022 Kimberleys WA
- (b) **Zachery Bultitude**.
- (c) **Azra Bultitude**.
- (B) ? **Condon**. She married *David James Scott*, b. 23 Dec 1952 in Klagenfurt,, d. 8 Jun 2009 in Charters Towers, Qld
- (1) **Mathew Richard Scott**, b. 24 Oct 1990 in Adelaide, d. 24 Oct 1990 in Adelaide, SA
- (C) &(D) 2 other Condon siblings.
- g. **Laurence (Laurie) Keith Mitchell**, b. 5 Mar 1928 in Glen Innes,d. 22 Jan 2009 in Grafton, He married *Rosemary Lee*, 1956 in Grafton, b. 31 Dec 1934 in Port Macquarie d. 2017 in Grafton
- (A – E) **Five children Rhonda Gay Mitchell, b. 24 Mar 1961, d. 23 Oct 1977, Barbara, Vickie, Gregory & Maree Mitchell.**
- h. **Edwin (Elwin) Francis Mitchell**, b. 17 Jul 1930 in Glen Innes, d. 15 Jun 1959 in Taree, NSW
2. **Arthur Ernest Charles Baker**, b. 23 Nov 1895 in Eatonsville, NSW buried in Belgium UK WW1, d. 12 Oct 1917 in Belgium UK WW1.
3. **John Thomas Baker**, b. 22 Sep 1904 in Bacon St. d. 22 Nov 1911 in Grafton,

D. **Jane Morgan**

Note: Jane is John Morgan's 4th child and this lists her 12 children. Also note that she marries George Barker because just above is the Baker family because her sister Mary Ann married Arthur Baker.

Jane was born 7 Dec 1877 in Waterview, Grafton, d. 14 Feb 1950 in Grafton, She married **Edward Thomas Barker**, 7 Dec 1898 in Grafton, 7 Dec 1898 in Grafton, b. 1874 d. 1950

1. **Stella May Barker**, b. 1899 in Grafton, d. 8 May 1988 in Grafton,
2. **Elsie "Gladys" Barker**, b. 19 May 1901 in Grafton, d. 10 Feb 1991 in Grafton, d. 10 Feb 1991 in Grafton, She married **Alfred David Griffiths**, 18 Jul 1928 b. 1897 in .1979
- a. **Myra Gladys Griffiths**, b. 4 Jan 1929 in Grafton, d. 3 Jun 2013 in Grafton, She married (1) **Ewen Angus McPhee**, 5 May 1951 in Cowper, b. 1925 d. 2011
- (A) **Dale Thomas McPhee**, b. 1954, d. 28 Nov 1959.
- (B) **Ian David McPhee**,b. He married **Kay Hawthorne**.
- (1) **Glenn McPhee**. He married **Libby Read**
- (a) **Lillian McPhee**, b.
- (b) **Scott McPhee**.
- (c) **Jarvis McPhee**.
- (2) **Rae McPhee**. She married **Scott Gilbert**.
- (a) **Ella Bethany Gilbert**, b.
- (b) **Jace Chandos Gilbert**, b.
- (c) **Maile Blythe Gilbert**, b.
- (C) **Carol McPhee**, b. 1961. She married ? Brady.
- (1) **Danielle Brady**, b. 1990.
- (2) **Rhiann Dale Brady**, b. 1992.

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- (D) **Elaine Judith McPhee**. She married Peter Rummery, 24 Nov 1979 in Grafton.
- (1) **Ki Rummery**, b. 1981.
 - (2) **Dale Rummery**, b. 1983.
 - (3) **Shannon Rummery**, b. 1985.
3. **Harold Edward Barker**, b. 1903 in Grafton, d. 20 Jul 1975 in Grafton.
4. **Ellen Mary Jane Barker**, b. 29 Jun 1905 in Grafton, d. 22 Jul 1978. She married **John Spicer**, 1932 in Grafton, b. 10 Jul 1905, d. 5 Aug 1978. d. 5 Aug 1978 in Grafton,
- a. **Shirley Isabel Spicer**, b. 1933 in South Grafton, d. 1942 in South Grafton,
 - b. **Eileen May Spicer**, b. 1 May 1935 in South Grafton, She married **Gordon John Clark**, 16 Feb 1957 in South Grafton, b. 1933 in Uralla, d.1982 in Gumergha. SA
 - (A) **Gary John Clark**,b. in Mereweather NSW. He married (1) ? Smith.
 - (1) **Ellen Oliver Clark**,b. in Grafton,
 - (2) **Izetta Monica Clark**, b. in Grafton,
 - (3) **Pearl Isobel Rose Clark**, b. in Townsville, Qld
 - (4) **Jack Clark**, b. in Grafton,
 - (B) **Anne-Maree Clark**,b. in Grafton, She married **Basil Darakis**.
 - (1) **Daniella Darakis**,b. in Sydney, NSW
 - (2) **Monica Darakis**,b. in Sydney, NSW
 - (3) **Troy Darakis**,b. in Sydney, NSW
 - (C) **Sue- Ellen Clark**,b. in Grafton, She married **Anthony Terrence Ching**,b.
 - (1) **Nicholas Ching**,b. in Grafton,
 - (2) **Tarsha-Lee Ching**,b. in Lismore, NSW
 - (D) **Darren Bruce Clark**,b. in Grafton,
 - c. **Ailsa Fay Spicer**, b. 1 Aug 1946 in Grafton, d. 2013 in Grafton, She married **Jeffrey James Moran**, 1971 in Grafton, b. 3 Jan 1942 d. 11 Aug 2011 in Grafton,
 - (A) **Timothy Moran**, b. He married **Victoria Esguerra**, 21 Nov 2011,
 - (1) **Arlo Moran**, b.
 - (B) **Michelle Moran**, b. She married **Scott Wilsmore**.
 - (1) **Clem Wilsmore**, b.
5. **Mary Ann Ridge Barker**, b. 17 Aug 1907 in Grafton, d. 2 Nov 1993 in Grafton, d. 2 Nov 1993 in Grafton, She married **Alfred William Tuckey**, 1948 in Grafton, b. 1889, d. 28 Jan 1962 in Grafton,
- a. **Trevor Ray Tuckey**, b. He married **Kay McMillan**, 1970 in Grafton,
 - (A) **Donna Tuckey**,b. She married **Christopher Mizzen**, b. 31/1/19??
 - (1) **Rhianna Mizzen**, b.
 - (2) **Matthew Mizzen**. He married **Stacey ?**, 5 Oct 2019.
 - (a) **Benjamin Mizzen**, b. in Brisbane.
 - (3) **Shannon Mizzen**. He married **Michaela ?**, 29 Apr 2021.
 - (B) **Amanda (Mandy) Tuckey**, b.
 - (C) **Michelle Tuckey**,b. She married **Joel Hamilton**,b.
 - (1) **Charlie Hamilton**, b.
 - (D) **Ricky Tuckey**.
 - (E) **Rennea Tuckey**. She married **Joshua Nagle**.
 - (1) ? Nagle, b.
6. **Roy Henry Barker**, b. 2 Jan 1909 in Grafton, d. 10 Oct 1986 in Grafton, d. 10 Oct 1986,

- Triplets {
7. **George Barker**, b. 1912 in Grafton, d. 22 May 1977.
 8. **Alfred Barker**, b. 1912 in Grafton, d. 29 Jun 1989.
 9. **Arthur Barker**, b. 1912 in Grafton, d. 8 Jan 1968 in Grafton, He married **Shirley Dawn Florence Boyle**, 19 Oct 1960 in Grafton, b. 21 Nov 1936, d. 24 Jan 2008 in Grafton,
 - a. **Rosemary Barker**, b. 1959.
 - b. **Jeffery James Barker**, b. 19 Oct 1960 in Grafton, d. 13 Oct 1986 in Grafton, d. 13 Oct 1986 in Grafton,
 - c. **Jennifer Barker**, b. 1962. She married **Ian Hamilton**.
 - (A) **Brett Hamilton**, b. 2 May 1983, d. 2 May 1983.
 - (B) **Amy Hamilton**.
 - d. **Christine Barker**, b. 1965. She married ? **Cameron**.
 - (A) **Mark Cameron**.
 - e. **David Barker**, b. 1963.
 - f. **Unnamed Barker**.
 - g. **Edward (Teddy) Barker**.
 - h. **Anne Barker**.
 10. **Gordon Ray Barker**, b. 1913 Grafton, d. 7 Jun 1993 in Grafton, d. 7 Jun 1993 in Grafton,
 11. **Edward Thomas Barker**, b. 1914 in Grafton, d. 1950 or 1971, He married **Phyllis Jane Rowles**, 1953 in Murwillumbah, NSW
 12. **Keith Athol Barker**, b. 5 Jul 1919 in Copmanhurst, buried in Singapore Memorial, d. 11 Feb 1942 in Missing in action, at sea WWII.

Key: A to D - Capital Letters; are the children of John Morgan & Ellen Pigott
 1 to 12 – Numbers; are the grandchildren of John Morgan & Ellen Pigott
 a to ...h – Lower Case Letters; are the great-grandchildren of John Morgan & Ellen Pigott
 (1) to ...(4) - Numbers in Brackets; are the GG-grandchildren of John Morgan & Ellen Pigott
 (a) to ..(c) – Lower Case letters in brackets; are the GGG-grandchildren of John Morgan & Ellen Pigott

In the list above we can see that 9. Arthur Barker is a grandson of John Morgan he is the 9th child of Jane (Johns daughter) and Arthur has a to h children; that is 8 children.

(1) <i>Elmay</i>	(1) 5 th November 1918	(1) Arthur B. Jones	Hunter River Cr. S. Wales	Grafton Cr. S. Wales	Augustine Mary A. Jane
(2) 2 nd November 1918	Church of England Cemetery Grafton	(2) Church of England		(2) 25 years	living
(3) Grafton	(3) Percy C. Sanders	(3) Chas. L. Goodwin R. Bale		(3) Helen Mary Jane Pickett	1 female deced.

John Morgan's death certificate in 1918
 Is still claiming his father Joseph is a Shoemaker!
 And John's 2nd wife **Janet Sneddon** is not mentioned!

1918. 14 th November	John Morgan		(1) Bronchitis	(1) Joseph Morgan	Attested by B. Sweetwell Hamilton
		male	(2) 2 months	(2) Shoemaker	Grafton
Grafton Hospital Grafton NSW	Labour	76 years	(3) J. J. Henry & R. C. Ed. Registrars	(3) Mary A. Jane	Grafton Hospital
			(4) 14 th November 1918	(4) Mary A. Jane	

This completes the section of **John Morgan** 1844-1918 the 1st child of **Joseph Morgan** 1812-1881 and **Mary Meskell** 1828-1900

2. Sarah (Sally) Ada Morgan 09 Apr 1846 - 08 Jun 1911

Sarah like her older brother John is associated with Butterwick she was baptised on the 17th May 1846 at Church of England Parishes of Butterwick & Middle Hope County of Durham. Her birth is registered at Alnwick, a place north of Butterwick that was most likely the name of a large farm, an estate, where her parents probably worked. She moved with her family to Grafton in 1860/61 and married very soon after in October 1863.

Sarah died in 1911, aged 65, of Chronic Bright's (Kidney) Disease and Asthma Bronchitis, the latter seems to have been a common condition in the extended Morgan family.

Sarah married **William Green** and by 1886 they had seven children but things fell apart, in 1905 Sarah was in court because William had deserted her and she was requesting maintenance for her support. Her youngest child, Ada, was 19 in 1905 so this maintenance was for Sarah.

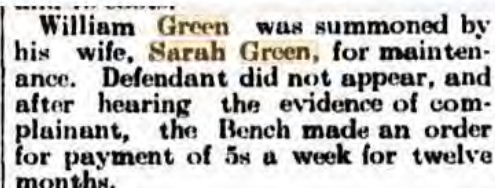
Sarah's seven children in turn provided at least 40 grandchildren. Her son William had 6 kids, her daughters;

Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Tue 11 Jun 1912



GREEN.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Sarah Green, who died at Grafton on June 8th, 1911.
One sad year has past, dear mother,
Thy memory we will always keep;
The blow was bitter, the sting severe,
To part with one we loved so dear.
Inserted by her son and daughter, Mrs. H. Smidt, South Grafton. Alf. Green, Grafton.

Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Sat 23 Sep 1905



William Green was summoned by his wife, Sarah Green, for maintenance. Defendant did not appear, and after hearing the evidence of complainant, the Bench made an order for payment of 5s a week for twelve months.

Mary Ann had 12 kids from 2 marriages, Emily had at least 11 kids maybe 13 and Ada had 6 kids, Alfred 2 kids and James 3.

The In Memory notice in 1912 was placed by Ada and Alf and other memorials over the years were placed by her other children.

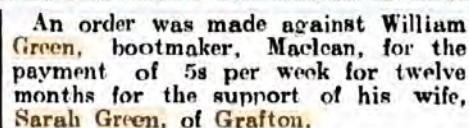
The list that follows is edited and reduced in later generations where details had limited names and some details are unknown.

The descendants of Sarah Morgan 2nd child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell

II. Sarah Ada Ann (Sally) Morgan, b. 9 Apr 1846 in Alnwick Hunter River, NSW, d. 8 Jun 1911 in Grafton, She married **William Davis Green**, 6 Oct 1863 in Grafton, b. 1839 in Bassingbourn, England. .d. 1918.

Some family histories have William's death listed as 5 Mar 1886 in Grafton. The problem with the 1886 date is that there were at least 3, maybe 4 or 5 William Greens living near Grafton in 1886; a shoemaker, a farmer, at Ulmarra and a lunatic. The latter appeared in 1885 and I suspect he is the one who died in 1886. William Davis Green is the only one with a wife Sarah. The newspaper article above also suggest William was alive in 1905 and better still the same story in the The Grafton Argus and Clarence River General Advertiser mentions William as a "bootmaker" living in "Maclean", Sarah was living in Grafton so they appear to have separated. Some histories say William was a shoemaker.

and Clarence River General Advertiser (1869 - 1874 - 1875 - 1882 - 1886 - 1892 - 1899 - 1902) / Thu 23 Sep 1885



An order was made against William Green, bootmaker, Maclean, for the payment of 5s per week for twelve months for the support of his wife, Sarah Green, of Grafton.

A. William David Green, b. 23 May 1865 in Grafton, d. 26 Nov 1928 in Tuena, NSW He married **Ada Magdalena Jordan** (a twin), in 1888 in Grafton d. 13 Sep 1930 in Grafton

1. **William Herbert Green**, b. 1891 in Grafton, He married **Martha Porter**, 20 Sep 1913 in Sydney, b. 5 Jan 1865 in Bathurst, NSW d. 7 Jul 1944 in St Leonards, NSW
2. **Thomas Elsdon Green**, b. 13 Sep 1893 in Grafton, d. 21 May 1895 in Grafton,
3. **Eva Lillian Green**, b. 12 Mar 1897 in Grafton, d. 1898 in Grafton,
4. **Mona Muriel Green**, b. 2 Sep 1900 in Grafton, d. 6 Jul 1969 in Annandale, She married **Herbert James**, 1922 in Grafton b. 22 Oct 1895 in Southgate via Grafton, d. 24 May 1948 in Newtown.
5. **Olive May Pearl Green**, b. 28 Jan 1904 in Grafton, d. 12 Dec 1966 in Camperdown, She married **Henry William "Harry" Etherington**, 1920 in Grafton, b. 1897 in UK, d. 1966 in Camperdown
 - a. **Norman Aubrey Michael Etherington**, b. 17 Sep 1920 in Grafton, d. 30 Jul 1998 in Marrickville. He married **Maisie Elizabeth Ryan**, 20 Mar 1943 in M'ville b. 1921 in M'ville d. 11 Feb 2003 in Marrickville, NSW
 - b. **Gloria Dawn Etherington**, b. 1925 in Grafton, d. 12 Apr 1983 in Westmead, She married **Frank Thomas Mills**, 1943 in Sydney. b. 29 Nov 1920 in Paddington, NSW d. 10 May 2002 in Blacktown.

- (A) **Paul Robert Mills**, d. 26 Feb 1954 in Camperdown, NSW
- (B) **Christine Mills**. She married ? Brown.
 - (1) Gillian Brown. + 2 other children
- c. **Betty May Etherington**, b. 21 Dec 1927 in Grafton d. 24 Dec 2010 in Tuncurry She married **Harold Eason**, 1947 in Sydney b. 1920 in Tenterfield, d. 1983 in Campbelltown
 - (A) Stephen Roy Eason, b. 1956 in NSW, d. 12 Sep 2004 in NSW
 - (B) (C) (D) 3 more children.
- d. **Winifred Mona "Winnie" Etherington**, b. 7 Mar 1930, d. 14 Aug 2014. She married **Frederick Arthur Durrington**, 1949 in Grafton , b. 20 Jul 1927 , d. 18 Aug 1993 in Grafton
 - (A) **Allan Durrington**.
 - (B) **John Durrington**.
- e. **William "Billie"Edward Etherington**. He married **Hilda Curry**, 1943 in Kurri Kurri, NSW
- 6. **Nita Mary Jane Green**, b. 19 Jul 1907 in Grafton, d. 16 Feb 1968 in Annandale, She married **Charles Alfred Ashton**, 1924 in Randwick, b. 1905 in Sydney, d. 10 Aug 1947 in Chatswood.
- B. **Alfred Ernest Albert Green**, b. 11 May 1868 in Grafton, d. 1948 in Grafton, He married **Amelia Jane Yates**, 1891 in Grafton, b. 3 Apr 1857 in Grafton, d. 1906 in Grafton.
 - 1. **Alfred Edward Green**, b. 26 May 1893 in Grafton, d. 8 May 1959 in Coffs Harbour He married **Mary Elizabeth Donoghue**, 30 Aug 1915 in Grafton, b. 1895 in Ulmarra, d. 28 Mar 1951 Grafton
 - a. **Alfred Edward Green**, b. 22 Jul 1917 in Grafton, d. 31 Jan 1951. He married **Elsie Mildred Swan**, 1941 in Drummoyne, NSW b. JAN 1916 in Dapto, NSW d. 18 Apr 1997 in Sydney.
 - (A) **David Bruce Green**, b. 13 Jan 1948 in Sydney, d. 9 Jan 2017 in Forster He married **Pamela Poole**, 21 Aug 1972 in Melbourne b. 1920 in Rochford, Essex,d.2010, England.
 - b. **John James Green**, b. 17 Apr 1919 in Grafton, , d. 10 May 1956 in Grafton NSW He married **Amelia Isabel _____**.
 - (A) **John William Green**, b. 19 Feb 1916, d. 26 Jul 2008.
 - (B) **Amelia Emily Green**.
 - c. **Violet May Green**, b. 16 Jul 1922.
 - 2. **John James Green**, b. 5 May 1896 in Grafton, d. 4 Sep 1970. He married **Jessie Agnes Donohue**, 1923 in Grafton, b. 1909 in Armidale, d. 1981 in NSW.
- C. **Mary Ann Green**, b. 1872 in Leichhardt, NSW d. 25 Nov 1957 in Casino, NSW She married (1) **Alfred Edward Henry Lawrence**, 1891 in Grafton, d. 1909 in Grafton, She married (2) **Robert William McNeill**, 17 Nov 1909 in Grafton, 1 Feb 1924 in Waterfall Sanatorium, Hurstville She married (3) **Alexander Bernard Willis**, 1925 in Murwillumbah, b. 1896 in Taree d. 15 Jun 1965 in Lismore.
 - 1. **Alfred William Edward Lawrence**, b. 1898 in Grafton, d. 1965 in Moss Vale, He married **Bridget Maude Bunt**, 1926 in Moss Vale, b. 1909 in Moss Vale, d. 9 Dec 1953 in Bowral.
 - a. **Nora May Lawrence**, b. 7 Mar 1928 in Moss Vale, NSW d. 18 Aug 1979 in NSW She married (1) **James William Vanderzon**, 4 Mar 1946 in Moss Vale, NSW b. 1925 in about, d. 2002 in Narrabeen, NSW She married (2) **William Mangold**.
 - (A) **Patricia Ann Vanderzon**, b. 1956 in Katoomba, NSW d. 1956 in Katoomba, NSW
 - (B) **James William Vanderzon**, b. 11 Jun 1959 in Darwin, NT, d. 3 Oct 2003.
 - (C) ? **Vanderzon**, b. 1950 in Bowral, NSW d. 1950 in Bowral, NSW
 - (D) **Kerry Ann Vanderzon**.
 - (E) **Carol Vanderzon**.
 - (F) **Lynette Vanderzon**.
 - (G) ? **Mangold**.
 - b. **Vera May Lawrence**, b. 1926. She married **Dallas Thomas Hailston**, 1944 in Moss Vale, NSW b. 3 Jul 1916 in Gunning, NSW d. 6 Aug 1997 in Goulburn, NSW
 - (A) 5 children (Hailston).
 - 2. **Thomas James Lawrence**, b. 1900 in Grafton, d. 1900 in Grafton,
 - 3. **Violet May Amelia Lawrence**, b. 1908 in Grafton, d. 1971 in Grafton, She married **Charles Henry Jansson**, 1929 in Grafton, b. 1899, d. 1969 in Grafton,
 - a. **Lionel James Jansson**, b. 27 Jun 1930, 17 Jan 1981.
 - b. **Norman Charles Jansson**, b. 1 Jun 1931,d. 20 Mar 2022. He married **Valerie Fay ?**,

- (A) **Wendy Jansson.**
- (B) **Russell Jansson.**
- c. **Kelvin Alfred Jansson**, b. 1933, d. 16 Dec 1991.
- 4. **Mary Anne Lawrence**, b. 1891 in Grafton, She married **John Louis Knight**, 1911 in Grafton, b. 26 May 1888 in Ulmarra, NSW d. 1955 in Berrima,
 - a. **John Lewis Knight**, b. 6 May 1912 in Grafton, d. 27 Dec 1996 in Minchinbury, He married **Elsie Lillian Bates**, b. 5 Jun 1913 in Petersham, d. 10 Apr 2004 in Minchinbury,
 - (A) John Lewis Knight, d. 1938 in Annadale, NSW
 - (B) (C) 2 more children.
 - b. **William Charles Knight**, b. 31 Jan 1915 in Grafton, d. 17 May 1977 in Mossvale NSW, He married **Lilian Pearl Fennamore**, b. 1924 in Mossvale d. 21 Jan 1952 in Bowral,
 - (A) They had 6 children (Knight).
 - c. **Olga May Knight**, b. 5 Sep 1920 in Grafton d. 17 Jun 2008 in Southern Highlands, NSW. She married **Stanley Roy Bunt**, 1938 in Bowral, NSW b. 1918 in Bowral, d. 1997
 - (A) **Barbara Bunt**, b. 2 Apr 1937. She married **Robert Thorp**.
 - (1) 3 children (Thorp).
 - (B) **Shirley Bunt.**
- 5. **William Clarence Joseph Lawrence**, b. 1902 in Grafton, d. 4 Sep 1978 in Grafton He married (1) **Annie Ileen Olive**, 1921 in Grafton, He married (2) **Christina Beck**, 3 Mar 1936, d. 1991 Lismore
 - a. **Marjorie J Lawrence**, b. 1929 in Sydney, NSW
- 6. **Emily Dorothy Ann (Mary) Lawrence**, b. 1895 in Grafton, d. 18 May 1977 in Lidcombe, She married (1) **Alfred Clarence Tomlinson**, 1912 in Grafton, d. 4 Jun 1958 in Brisbane, Qld She married (2) **Neville Walter Mason**, d. 19 Apr 1977 in Woonona, NSW
 - a. **Alfred Clarence Tomlinson**, b. 27 Sep 1912 in Grafton, d. 4 Nov 1997.
 - b. **Vera May Tomlinson**, b. 9 Feb 1915 in Grafton, d. 28 Mar 1997 in Campbelltown She married **James Thomas Martin Hill**, 1937 in Grafton d. 6 Mar 1987 in Canley Heights, NSW
 - (A) **Gary John Hill**, b. 1955 in Fairfield, NSW d. 2008 in Ballina, He married Niland.
 - (B) **Doris Ester May Hill**, d. in Springvale, Vic She married **Barry Raymond Massey**.
 - (1) **Shane Massey**. & 2 more children
 - (C) (D) (E) 3 more children of Vera & James Hill.
 - c. **Hazel Merle Tomlinson**, b. 1919 in Grafton. She married **Malcolm Ewen Gillies**, 1941 in Maclean, b. 1913 in Maclean, d. 1 Apr 1977 in Qld
 - d. **Neville Walter Mason**, b. 17 Apr 1926 in Arncliffe, d. 8 Sep 1973 in Nowra, He married **Eileen Norah Glenday**, b. 19 Nov 1925 in Taree, NSW d. 5 Mar 1976 in Nowra.
 - (A) **James (Jamie) Mason**, b. 1961 in Sydney, NSW d. in WA
- 7. **George Thomas James Lawrence**, b. 17 Oct 1905 in Grafton, d. 28 Aug 1963 in Lismore. He married **Margaret Eileen Green**, 1936 in Lismore, b. 1917 in Murrurundi, d. Apr 1974 in Lismore
 - a. **John Lawrence**, b. 1936, d. 1936.
 - b. **Arthur Ralph Lawrence**, b. in Lismore, d. in Newcastle He married Patricia **Rose Reardon**, d. 6 Dec 2005 in Newcastle NSW
 - (A) ? Lawrence.
 - (1) **Amy Davidson.**

Explanation Note

George Lawrence above is the 7th child of **Mary Ann Green & Alfred Lawrence**. Alfred died in 1909 & Mary has 6 children (one died very young in 1900) aged 3 to 11. Within a few months in Nov 1909 she marries again to **Robert McNeill** and has another 6 children. **Margaret McNeill**, below, is the first of them. She is listed as the 8th child of **Mary Green**.

Where in the family? Some reference for my branch of the family, the Maloney Family. **Mary Anne Green** is the daughter of **Sarah Morgan** and Sarah is the sister of **Harriet Morgan** who married **Martin Maloney**, all of Harriet and Martin's children including my grandfather, **John Maloney** are 1st cousins of **Mary Ann Green**. They are the 1st cousins of ALL of the names in the lists in this section from John Morgan to George Henry Morgan (the children of Joseph Morgan & Mary Meskell) who have a Capital Letter before their name **A. B. C. D. E** The names like **George Thomas James Lawrence** above who have a number with the format **1. 2. 3. 4.....** are the 2nd cousins of my father's generation. That is the grandchildren of Harriet & Martin Maloney. (Neville Maloney)

8. **Margaret Jane McNeill** , b. 14 Sep 1910 in Grafton, d. 17 Mar 1987 in Padstow, She married **Arthur Sydney Bates**, 1944 in Auburn, NSW b. 20 Oct 1908 in Leichhardt, d. 1980.
- Robert William Bates**, b. 18 Mar in Villawood, NSW d. 26 Sep 2016 in Bankstown, NSW
 - Arthur Beresford Bates**, d. 2015 in Brisbane, Qld
 - Beryl Bates**. She married ? **Gadaleta**
 - Ashley Gadaleta**.
- d.& e. 2 other children of Margaret & Arthur.
9. **Robert William Henry McNeill**, b. 22 Mar 1913 in Grafton, d. 7 Jun 1962 in Casino, He married **Jessie Hill**, 1937 in Byron Bay b. 9 Feb 1913 in Beaudesert, Qld d. 23 Aug 1977 in Sydney
- Lilyan Ruth McNeill**, b. 21 Dec 1932 in Mullumbimby, d. 30 Jun 1999 in Camden. She married **Lance Blewitt**, 11 Dec 1948 in Mullumbimby, b. 1930 in Mullum d. 2006 in Casino.
 - Leslie Blewitt. She married Masterson.
 - Blewitt.
 - June Lorraine (Amber) McNeill**, b. 7 Jun 1941 in Mullumbimby, d. 2016 in Hobart, Tas She married **Clifford James Stanley**, b. 26 Jun 1939 in Wangaratta, Vic d. 1986 in Inverell,
 - Wynton Clifford Stanley**, b. 1 Oct 1963 in Maleny, Qld d. 20 Dec 1988 Southport, Qld
 - Tara Ayr Stanley**, b. 8 Oct 1966 in Maleny, Qld d. 12 Dec 1966 in Maleny, Qld She married ? **Bayliss**.
 - C Bayliss.
 - Morgan Ayr Stanley**, b. 23 Mar 1968 in Maleny, Qld d. 7 May 2007 in Brisbane, Qld She married ? **Bayliss**.
 - Glenn Bayliss**.
 - Miles Stanley**
 - ? **McNeill**. She married **Eric James Fahey**
10. **Gladys Edna May McNeill**, b. 10 Aug 1915 in Grafton, d. 10 Aug 1989 in Camden, She married **Peter Angelo John Chetcuti**, 1936 in Lismore, b. 1907 in Valetta, Malta, d. 4 Jan 1993 in Camden
- Peter James Chetcuti**, b. 6 Jan 1935 in Kempsey, d. 7 Apr 2014 in Liverpool He married **Gloria Kathleen Farrell**, 1960 in Picton, b. 1938 in Picton, d. 13 Jan 1977 in Liverpool
 - Narelle Gloria Chetcuti**, b. Oct 1960. She married **Phillip Barry Lean**, in Picton, NSW
 - Kane Lean**, b. OCT 1978 in Bowral, NSW
 - Bianca Gloria Lean**,b. in Bowral, NSW She married ? **Paine**.
(a),(b) &(c) 3 children (Paine).
 - Ryan Garth Lean**,b. in Bowral, NSW He married ? **Magnussen**.
(a),(b)&(c)(Lean).
 - Michelle Maree Chetcuti**, b. 30 Sep 1964, d. 2 Jan 1998 in WA She married **Steven John Dawson**, b. 1968, d. 1998 in Perth Western.
 - Janelle Dawson**,b.
 - Rachelle Kathleen Dawson**,b.
 - Kylie Whitely**,b.
 - Dwayne Dawson**.
 - Henry* Clarence Chetcuti**, b. Jul 1936 in Casino, d. 14 Jul 1936 in Casino, NSW
 - Henry* Charles Chetcuti**, b. 10 Jun 1937 in Murwillumbah, d. 4 Apr 2021 Albany WA He married **Gloria Ann Bainbridge**, 17 May 1969, b. 14 May 1940, d. 18 Jun 2022.
 - Julie Chetcuti**,b., d. in unknown. She married Cooper.
 - George James Chetcuti**, b. 25 Feb 1939 in Barney's Point, d. 14 Nov 2000 in Penrith, He married **Narelle Christine Byrant**, 1964 in Campbelltown, b. 1946, d. 23 Apr 2018 in Penrith,
 - Donna Chetcuti**, b. 1965. She married **Joe Attard**, 10 Aug 1989, d. 10 Jan 2013.
 - Natalie Marie Attard**. She married **Zachary Horner**.
 - Jaxon Horner**.
 - Ann Chetcuti**,b. She married ? **Schoulten**.
 - & (2) 2 children (Schoulten).
 - Debra Ann Chetcuti**,b. She married **Frank Schoulten**, 1999 in Penrith.
 - &(2) 2 children (Schoulten).



June McNeill

* Both b. & c. are named **Henry Chetcuti**. The first (b.) born in 1936 only lived days or a few months. The second (c.) was the next child. Their mother, Gladys McNeill has 10 children.

- (D) **Robert Chetcuti**, b.
 - (E) **Sharon Chetcuti**. She married ? *Thomas*.
 - e. **Michael John Chetcuti**, b. 4 Aug 1940 in Byron Bay, d. 1 May 2021 in Bundaberg, Qld He married *Diane Manton Copping Lees*, b.
 - (A) **Michelle Chetcuti**, b. in North Sydney, She married **Jason Lester Rowland**, b. 13 Apr 1971 in Bundaberg, Qld
 - (1) **Rhianan Shirley Rowland**, b. in Bundaberg, Qld
 - (a) **Aaliyah Michelle Rowland**, b.
 - (b) **Oliver Guy Smyth**, b.
 - (c) **Michael Jason Smyth**, b.
 - (2) **Rachel Gladys Rowland**, b. in Bundaberg, Qld
 - (3) **Jason Scott Rowland**, b. in Bundaberg, Qld
 - (4) **Alice Vera Rowland**, b. in Bundaberg, Qld
 - f. **David William Chetcuti**, b., d. 6 Jun 2015.
 - g. **Kathleen Mary May Chetcuti**, b. in Liverpool, She married **Allan Dennis Winkler**, 1 Nov 1964 in Picton,
 - (A) **Michael Allan Winkler**, b. in Campbelltown, NSW .
 - (B) **Malcom Dennis Winkler**, b. in Camden, NSW He married ?.
 - (1) **Nathan Winkler**, b. 1987 in Goulburn, NSW d. 1990 in Gosford,
 - (2) **Kalia Winkler**, b. 17 May 1994 in Gosford, NSW d. in Gosford,
 - (C) **Janice Marie Winkler**, b. in Campbelltown, NSW She married **John Albert**.
 - (1) **John Victor Albert**, b. in Penrith, NSW He married ?.
 - (2) ? **Albert**, b. in Penrith, NSW
 - (D) Winkler.
 - (E) Winkler.
 - h. **Margaret Chetcuti**, b. in Penrith, She married (1) **Peter Julian Clayton**, 24 Sep 1971 in Camden, b. She married (2) **Anthony Colin Edwards**, 24 Oct 1987 in Penrith, b.
 - (A) **Raymond John Clayton**, b. in Camden, NSW
 - (B) **Rebecca Lee Clayton**, b. in Camden, She married **Thomas John Crawford**, 14 Apr 1995.
 - (1) **Daian Linda Rose Crawford**, b.
 - (2) **Kelsey Ann Crawford**, b.
 - i. **Gloria Chetcuti**, b. She married (1) **Henry Chandler**. She married (2) ?
 - (A) **Daryl Chandler**.
 - (B) **Kim Chandler**. He married *Vanessa* ?.
 - (1) **Hayley Chandler**. She married **Owen Reid**, Jan 2017.
 - j. **Terrence Allen Chetcuti**, b. 25 Feb 1953, d. 25 Jan 2015 in Tahmoor, NSW
- 11. **Lawrence Joseph McNeill**, b. 1902 in Grafton, d. 1950 in Tenterfield, NSW
 - 12. **Mona Elizabeth McNeill**, d. 21 Oct 1930 in Byron Bay, NSW
 - 13. **McNeill**.
- D. **James Charles Stephen Green**, b. 1878 in Grafton, d. 7 Jun 1945 in Grafton, He married **Alice Jane Eaton**, 1905 in Grafton, b. 26 Dec 1879 in Grafton, d. 27 Jan 1954 in Grafton,
 - 1. **Ada May Eaton Green**, b. 26 Apr 1903 in Grafton, d. 12 Mar 1996 in Grafton, She married **Cecil George Battye**, 1930 in Grafton, b. 23 Jan 1907 in Grafton, 15 Mar 1975 in Grafton.
 - a. **Edith May Battye**, b. ABT 1928, d. 29 Aug 1969 in Lakemba, Sydney She married **Ivan John Lee**, 1950 in Grafton, b. 24 Mar 1923 in Southgate, NSW d. 10 Feb 1965 in Grafton.
 - 2. **Albert Ernest Eaton**, b. 23 Jul 1900 in Grafton, d. 29 Mar 1939 in Iluka, New ,South Wales
 - 3. **Violet May Green**, b. 26 Feb 1918 in Grafton, buried in Clarence Lawn Cemetery, South Grafton. NSW d. 1986 in Grafton NSW

- E. **Joseph Samuel Green**, b. 1881 in Glebe, NSW d. 20 Apr 1943 in Grafton
- F. **Emily Sarah Jane Green**, b. 21 Aug 1883 in Grafton, d. 17 Jun 1965 in Grafton, She married **George Payne**, 17 Oct 1902 Grafton
1. **Clement Edward J. Payne**, b. Jul 1903 in Grafton, d. 1903.
 2. **George Clarence Payne**, b. 16 Feb 1905 in Grafton, d. 13 May 1982 in Grafton, He married **Hilda McElmel**, in 1927
 - a. **Allan Clarence Payne**, b. 7 Jan 1929 in Grafton, d. 20 May 2020 in Bowral, NSW He married (1) **Dawn Morelle Prebble**, 1951 in Grafton , b. 29 Jan 1934, d. 15 Sep 2013. He married (2) **Marie Elizabeth Fox**, 1968 in Grafton NSW
 - b. **Dorothy May Payne**, b. 23 Jan 1934 in Grafton, She married **Robert Herrington**, 29 Jan 1955 in Grafton, b. 10 Feb 1932 in Kensington, NSW d. 7 Apr 2003 in Perth WA
 - (A) **Peter Bryan Herrington**, b. 1957 in Grafton,
 - (B) **Carolyn Jay Herrington**, b. 1959 in Manly, NSW
 3. **Violet May Payne**, b. 15 Dec 1906 in Grafton, d. 1911 in Grafton,
 4. **Ruby Violet May Payne**, b. 11 May 1914 in Grafton, d. 13 Dec 1914 in Grafton,
 5. **Evelyn Elsie Payne**, b. 25 May 1915 in Grafton, d. 1 Jun 2001 in Brisbane, Qld She married **Robert William Carr**, 1936 in Grafton, b. 3 Jan 1914 in Maclean,
 - a. **Norman Carr**. He married (1) ? **Hain**.
 - (A) **Amy Carr**, b. 1978. She married (1) **Jason Paul Protheroe**, d. 17 Apr 2012 in Brisbane, Qld She married (2) ??.
 - (1) **Caleb Carr**
 6. **Kenneth Keith Payne**, b. 18 Jul 1922 in Grafton, d. 8 Aug 1945 in Wewak, East Sepik, Papua New Guinea.
 7. **Olga Beatrice Payne**, b. 1924 in Grafton, d. 22 Feb 2000. She married **Cyril Joseph Olive**, 1951
 8. **Ivy Myrtle Payne**, b. 26 May 1912 in Grafton, d.???. She married **Ron Elliot**.
 9. **Arthur Edward James Payne**, b. 1 Feb 1921 in Grafton, d. 2 Jul 1996 in Grafton, He married **Daphne Frances Johnson**, 1942 in Grafton, ,
 - a. **Joan Frances Payne**, b. in Grafton, d. 6 Aug 2009 She married ? **Miller**.
 - b. **Kenneth Keith Payne**, b. 1950 ? He married ? **Tibbett**
 - (A) **Millissa Payne**. She married ? **White**.
 - (1)(2)&(3) 3 children (White).
 - c. **John Joseph Payne**. He married **Iris Gail Johnson**, 1971 in Grafton,
 - d. **Charles Payne**.
 - e. **Peter Payne**.
 10. **Alma Doris Payne**, b. 21 Nov 1909 in Grafton d. 18 Nov 1997 in Grafton, She married **Allan Rayne Palmer**, 1938 in Grafton
 - a. **Colin Rayne Palmer**, b. 1941. He married Helen **Valmai Whiteley**, 1959 in Grafton,
 - (A) **Kim Maree Palmer**.
 - b. **Neville Palmer**, b. 1942. He married **Roslyn Mary Pollard**, 1963 in Grafton.
 - (A) **Rebecca Palmer**, b. She married **David Oseland**, 26 Oct 1991.
 - (1) **Cassidy Rae Oseland**, b.
 - (2) **Riley Oseland**, b. 1998.
 - c. **Graham Palmer**, b. 1948.
 - d. **Malcolm Palmer**.

e.f.g.&h. another 4 Palmer children..
 11. **Raymond Ramsay Payne**, b. 1926, d. 21 Nov 2019 in Grafton, He married **Clarice Margaret Blanch**, 1947 in Grafton, b. 1929, d. 15 Oct 2022 in Grafton,
 - a. **Vincent Ramsay Payne**. He married **Loretta Iris Edmunds**, 1969 in Grafton NSW
 - b. **Susie Payne**.
 - c. **Jim Payne**.
 - d. **Faye Payne**.
 - e. **Iven Payne**. He married **Rhonda** ?.
 - (A) **Melissa Catherine Payne**, b. 16 Jun 1988, d. 20 Apr 1998.

DEATH.
The death occurred in the Grafton District Hospital on Wednesday of Mr. Joseph Green, of Grafton, aged 63 years. Deceased had lived here all his life. He is survived by two brothers, Jim and Alf (Grafton), and three sisters, Mrs. Paine (Grafton), Mrs. Willis (Casino) and Mrs. A. Smith (Tweed).

- (B) Jessica Payne.
- (C) Matthew Payne.

f. Helen Payne.

G. Ada Rebecca Susan Green, b. 15 Jul 1886 in Ultimo Sydney , d. 13 Aug 1973 in Armidale, NSW She married *Henry Robert Smidt*, 4 Feb 1905 in Grafton

1. Henry Clarence Smidt, b. 2 Dec 1904 in Grafton, d. 16 Apr 1977 in South Grafton, He married *Florence (Florrie) Philp*, 1928 in Maclean, b. 23 Nov 1905 in Maclean, d. 1989 in Grafton,

a. Henry "Ivan" Smidt, b. 7 May 1934 in Grafton d. 28 Apr 2017 in Grafton, He married (1) *Elizabeth Anne Young*, 12 May 1956 in Marrickville, He married (2) *Carol ?*.

(A) Mark Smidt, b. 16 Nov 19--.

(1) Melissa Smidt, b. 30/Apr ----. She married ? *Stout*.

(2) Adam Smidt, b. 30 Sep ----. He married *Rebecca ?*, 18 Nov 2017,

(a)(b)(c) 3 children (Smidt).

(B) Kerry Smidt.

(C) Toni Smidt.

b. Dorothy (Fay) Smidt, b. 8 Dec 1928 in Grafton d. 5 Feb 2007 in Grafton, She married *Eric William Gleeson*, 19 May 1951

(A) Tracie Louanne Gleeson. She married *Allan Kenneth Woods*, b.

(1) Benjamin Woods, b. 5 Sep 198? He married *Anne-Maree Brown*, 12 Nov 2014

(a) Abigail Woods.

(b) Logan Woods.

(c) Jacob Woods.

(2) Emma Maree Woods, b. She married *Mark Curtis Fuller*, Oct 2013.

(a) Lucy Kate Fuller, b.

(b) Olivia Fuller, b. in Grafton,

(c) Gracie Rose Fuller, b.

(3) Luke Woods. He married *Danielle Singleton*, 5 Dec 2011 in Ulmarra ,NSW

(a) Mackenna Woods, b.

(b) Lawson Woods, b.

(4) Kate Woods. She married *Daniel Cootes*, Oct 2014.

(a) Callie Mae Cootes, b. in Approx.

(b) William Cootes.

c. Frederick (Rex) Smidt, b. 27 Feb 1930 in South Grafton, d. 22 Mar 2003 in Sydney, NSW He married *Laurine Irene Janet Appleby*, 1954 in Grafton

(A) Gregory Rex Smidt, b. in Grafton, He married *Ann Korn*, b. 1961.

(1) Smidt. She married *Cree*.

(2) Smidt.

(B) Peter John Smidt, b. in Grafton,

(C) Kim Smidt, b. in Grafton, She married ? *Campbell*.

(1)(2) 2 children.

(D) Tania Smidt, b. in Grafton, She married *Wallis Lam*, 2006 in Coffs Harbour

(E) Stephen Edward Smidt, b. in Grafton,

2. Charles Joseph Smidt, b. 2 Nov 1907 in Grafton, d. 6 Nov 1907 in Grafton, (*Another child called Charles James Smidt is born in 1918*)

3. Violet May Smidt, b. 11 Apr 1911 in South Grafton, d. 21 Jul 1955 in Newcastle, She married *Albert Young*, b. 1911 in Maclean,

a. Nancy Margaret Young, b. 5 May 1944 in Gloucester, NSW d. 4 Aug 1995 in Maclean, She married *Trevor Edward Apps*, 1963 in Maclean,

(A) Annette Apps, b. 1967 in Grafton, She married ? *Curciarello*.

(1) Ethan Curciarello.

(B) Deborah Apps, b. 1972. She married *Donn-Patterson*.

(1) Kaitlin Donn-Patterson, b. 1994.

(C) Margaret Apps. She married ? *Smith*.

G. This is Ada Green
the 7th child of Sarah
(Sally) Morgan.

- (1) **Nathan Smith.**
- b. **Maxwell Henry Young**, b. 16 Jan 1942, d. 15 Feb 2011.
 - c. **Ronald Young**, b. 1939, d. 2003. Partner **Darryl Leonard Wratten**,
4. **Ada May Smidt**, b. 7 Jan 1915 in Grafton, d. 19 Apr 1969 in Windsor, NSW She married **Albert (Jack) Hercules Marsh**, 6 Apr 1932 in Maclean,
- a. **Collin John Marsh**, b. 30 Sep 1933, d. 15 Jun 1997 in Windsor, NSW He married **Valerie Dawn Wade**, b. 1936, d. 26 Jul 1988 in Windsor, NSW
(A)(B)(C) 3 children (Marsh).
 - b. **Gordon Keith "Buddy" Marsh**, b. 13 Nov 1936 in Grafton, d. 15 Sep 1999 in Windsor, He married **Norma Gascoigne**, 23 Aug 1958 in Richmond
5. **Charles James Smidt**, b. 8 Aug 1918 in Grafton, d. 1989 in Sydney He married **Dorothy Ada Rose**, 5 May 1942 in Maclean, she d. 23 Mar 2020 in Campbelltown, NSW
- a. **Phillip Charles Smidt**, b. 30 Jul 1944 in Maclean NSW d. 16 Sep 2009 in Belmore, He married **Judith Ann Wallbank**, 1966 in Burwood, NSW d. 23 Feb 2022.
(A) **Joshua William Smidt**, d. 23 May 1983 in Sydney, NSW
(B)(C)(D)(E) 4 more children (Smidt).
 - b. **Robert Douglas Smidt**, b. 26 Nov 1946 in Maclean, d. 5 Aug 2004 in Campbelltown, NSW
(A) **Narissa Peta Smidt**, b. 4 Aug 1976 in Campsie, NSW raia, d. 19 Jan 2015.
(B)(C) 2 more children (Smidt).
 - c. **Yvonne Smidt**. She married ? **Ayres**.
(A) **Jordan Ayres**.
6. **Brian James Smidt**, b. 6 Jun 1928 in Chinderah, NSW, d. 27 Jun 1928 in Murwillumbah, NSW.

Key: A to D - Capital Letters; are the children of Sarah Morgan & William Green
 1 to 12 – Numbers; are the grandchildren of Sarah Morgan & William Green
 a to ...q – Lower Case Letters; are the great-grandchildren of Sarah Morgan & William Green
 (1) to ...(9) - Numbers in Brackets; are the GG-grandchildren of Sarah Morgan & William Green
 (a) to .(z) – Lower case letters in brackets; the GGG-grandchildren of John Sarah Morgan & William Green

*From list above we can see that 4. **Ada May Smidt** who is a granddaughter of **Sarah (Ada) Morgan** she is the 4th child of **Ada Rebecca Susan Green** 1886 (Sarah's daughter) and **Ada May Smidt** 1915 has a to b children; that is 2 children. (The name Ada rolled down though the generations).*

*This completes the section of **Sarah (Sally) Ada Morgan** 1844-1918 the 2nd child of
Joseph Morgan 1812-1881 and **Mary Meskell** 1828-1900*

3. David Morgan 1847 - 18 Sept 1921

David was born in 1847 when he family still lived in the Hunter Valley, he did not marry and has no descendants. He died on the 16th September 1921 in Grafton. He lived most of his life in the Gerrymberryn/Seelands/Eatonsville area just west of Grafton. He lived there when the family moved to the Grafton region in 1860/61 and was there in 1880 when his name is on the Electors Roll. The problem we have is that there is two David Morgans listed. "Eatonswill" (Eatonsville) was the town and Eaton seems to have been used to signify the farming areas.

1880 / Page 3 / GRAFTON ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

Morgan Edward, Eaton
 Morgan Joseph, Eaton
 Morgan Joseph, Eatonswill
 Morgan John, Southampton
 Morgan David, Eatonswill
 Morgan David, Eaton

The problem that the two names creates is that I can't be sure that the amusing story from the *Clarence and Richmond Examiner and New England Advertiser* in 1888 maybe our David or maybe not.



The photo on the left is David Morgan in 1911 at Woolgoolga. It is taken from the photo below on the right. David would have been 64. His sister Harriet is on the far right of the photo.

Details about the camping at Woolgoolga photo and a larger copy are in the section on Harriet Morgan who is located in this section of the book but after her other siblings, because, it is her story that I detail as I follow my branch of the Morgan family (NM)

ertiser (Grafton, NSW: 1859 - 1889) / Sat 7 Apr 1888

William Craig deposed that on Saturday last he went to the Club hotel for a swag he left there, wrapped up in an oilcloth, ten days previously. He missed the oilcloth and a strap. The latter he saw round accused's waist. Accused claimed the strap and also the oilcloth. Value the whole at 2s.

Accused said he was lodging at the hotel, and took the articles by mistake.

He was further charged with stealing a £1 note, the property of David Morgan.

Constable Egley deposed that from information received he charged accused with stealing a £1 note, the property of David Morgan, in the bar of the Club hotel, on Saturday last. He replied that he did not steal it, but that he got it from the landlord of the hotel.

David Morgan, a labourer, residing at the Coldstream, deposed, that he was at the Club hotel at 3 p.m. on Saturday last. Accused was in his company, but is a stranger to him. Tendered Martin, the landlord, a £1 note in payment of 6s he owed him. Accused made a grasp at the note and snatched it out of his hand. Martin directed him to return the money to witness, but this he did not do.

Thomas Martin, licensee of the Club hotel, stated that at about 10 a.m. on Saturday Morgan was handing him a £1 note for some money he owed him, when accused snatched it out of his hand. A few minutes after told accused to give the money back to Morgan or he would get into trouble, and that he would have to inform the police. Later in the day asked accused if he had returned the money and he said he did not, but that he had lost the note.

James Walker, licensee of the Steam Ferry hotel, South Grafton, saw accused in his hotel between 11 and 12 o'clock, and had several drinks. In payment of these he gave some silver and a £1 note. The latter was changed for him.

Accused pleaded guilty, and elected to be dealt with summarily. For the first offence he was sentenced to be imprisoned in Grafton gaol for seven days, and for stealing the money to 14 days, to be kept to hard labor. The articles were ordered to be delivered to Craig, and 19s found on accused ordered to be given to Morgan.



4. Harriet Morgan 27 March 1849 - 01 December 1923

Harriet is the 4th child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell.

The story of Harriet Maloney (Morgan) is located after her youngest brother, Charlie, the 15th and last child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell.

Harriet is my **Great Grandmother**, and it suits the order of my branch of the family if I conclude the book with her more detailed story. Neville Maloney

Harriet's story follows after her youngest brother, the 15th child of Joseph and Mary, in another 40 or so pages.



5. Mary Morgan 29 Apr 1851 - 29 Aug 1929

Mary, the 5th child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell was born in 1851 and her birth was registered at Nelsons Plains and if we use the registered location of each child's birth we can guess about the movements of the family around the Hunter Valley. Nelsons Plains is located a little north west of Raymond Terrace. Mary was still a child 10 years old when the family moved to the Grafton region in 1860/61 She married in 1881 to **Walter George Baker** – George was one of 12 children -. The baker family story is similar to the Joseph Morgan family. It all starts with a convict. The Bakers moved initially to Wollombi just south of the Hunter region and in a family move to Gerymberryn via Bundarra – out west near Inverell – a vast Baker clan settled around Grafton with families of sometimes 10 to 14 kids the 11 siblings of George swamp the Morgan family with their numbers. As mentioned previously in Mary's brother, John's section the Baker family link to the Morgan several times over two or three generations. **Joseph Morgan**, Mary's younger brother also marries a Baker, Emily Susannah Baker, the niece of Walter Baker, the daughter of his older brother Henry Baker

It gets more complex because Mary's brother **Joseph Morgan** his grandson **Claude Wilfred Ellem** marries Heather Irene Baker in 1947 and she is the great granddaughter of Henry Raycroft Baker, the brother of **George** who is married here to Mary Morgan here in 1881.

The Meskell family in a previous generation also married into the Baker clan, I am not sure if that is the same Baker family. Edward Owen Morgan's descendants also marry Bakers but not sure about the family links.

Mary and Walter like so many others in the late 1800s and like many in their families sometimes found themselves in difficulties. In 1887 George who was a fencer found himself with rather extensive debt of £446, this is a lot of money. It's about 4 years of wages for a fencer in 1887.

Mary was known to be a mid-wife and this job may have supplemented their income, although they were often paid in; butter, eggs, firewood.....

And it happened again 1903. Not sure of the details this time, the notice does not list the amounts.

Curiously Mary died in Coraki, 29th August 1929 and then Walter died in Glen Innes, 1st October 1929.

The Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW : 1883 - 1930) / Tue 6 Dec 1887 /

Walter George Baker, of Eatonsville, near Grafton, fencer. Liabilities, £446; assets, £20. Mr. E. M. Stephen, official assignee.

Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney, NSW : 1901 - 2001) / Tue 15 Sep 1903 /

[Notice of Application for a Certificate of Conformity.]
In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. (29,776)
IN INSOLVENCY AND IN BANKRUPTCY.
Re the Insolvent Estate of **Walter George Baker**, of Eatonsville, near Grafton, farmer.
To the Official Assignee and Creditors.
TAKE NOTICE that I, **Walter George Baker**, intend to apply to the Court, Citizens' Chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on Thursday, the 8th day of October, 1903, at 11 a.m., or as soon afterwards as the course of business will admit, that a Certificate of Conformity be granted to me, under and according to the provisions of the Insolvency Act—Dated this 7th day of September, 1903.
859 G. G.

Northern Star (Lismore, NSW : 1876 - 1954) / Wed 7 Aug 1929

OBITUARY
MRS. MARY BAKER
The death of Mrs. Mary Baker occurred at her daughter's (Mrs. J. Fuller) residence, Coraki, on Sunday. The late Mrs. Baker, who was a very old and highly respected resident of the district, was born on the Hunter River 75 years ago, and came to the Northern Rivers when a child with her parents. For the past five years she had been an invalid and resided with her daughter at Coraki. The following members of the family survive, a son, Mr. Joseph Baker (Coutt's Crossing, Clarence River); daughters, Mrs. Fuller (Sandy Flat, Tenterfield) and Mrs. J. Fuller (Coraki). The remains were interred in the Baptist portion of the Coraki cemetery on Monday, Pastor Tompkins officiating. Mr. J. McMullen had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Mary was living with her daughter, Mary, for five years. Mary married Arthur John Fuller and is referred to as "Mrs J Fuller" and "Mrs Fuller (sandy Flat, Tenterfield)" is her daughter Charlotte who married David Walter Fuller. Yes they were brothers). Mary's son, Joseph is mentioned. Amelia Mary's the youngest child had died in 1919. Amelia was only 33 but had 10 kids, three had died as babies.

Mary's husband is not mentioned so I assume they had separated. Walter died in Glen Innes 8 weeks later and no mention is made of his family.

Glen Innes Examiner (NSW : 1908 - 1954) / Thu 3 Oct 1929

The death occurred at his residence in Church Street on Tuesday last of Mr. Walter George Baker, at the age of 74 years. Interment was made in the Church of England portion of the local cemetery at noon to-day, Rev. A. W. Coates officiating. Messrs. R. T. Lightfoot and Co. had charge of the funeral arrangements.

The descendants of Mary Morgan 5th child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell

V. Mary Morgan, b. 29 Apr 1851 in Hunter River, NSW , d. 29 Aug 1929 in Coraki She married **Walter George Baker**, 12 Sep 1876 in Grafton, b. 27 Jul 1855 in Wollombi, NSW (son of John Thomas Baker and Jane Louisa Ware), d. 1 Oct 1929 in Glen Innes, NSW

A. Charlotte Louisa Baker, b. 1877 in Grafton, d. 1964 in Kyogle, She married **David Walter Fuller**, 1896 in Grafton, b. 1869 in Grafton, (son of Robert Westnot Fuller and Ann Sarah Pitt), d. 23 Dec 1933 in Tenterfield,

1. Claris (Clarice) Amelia Fuller, b. 27 Nov 1897 in Grafton, d. 26 Apr 1989 in Nunawading, Vic She married **William Arthur Hewson**, 9 Jul 1920 in Tenterfield, b. 20 Jun 1886 in Scotton, England d. 25 Oct 1972 in Kyogle

a. William Raymond Hewson, b. 24 Mar 1922 in Kyogle, d. 8 Oct 1994 in NSW He married **Jean Florence Malcolm**, 1952, b. 28 Mar 1928, d. 27 May 2008 in NSW

(A) Robert Alan Hewson.

(B) Ashley Hewson.

(C) Marilyn Hewson.

b. Alan Hewson, b. 11 Dec 1927 in Kyogle, d. 3 Jul 1996 in Liverpool NSW

c. Helen Hewson, buried in Lilydale Cemetery.

2. Walter 'Clifford' Fuller, b. 11 Aug 1898 in Grafton, d. 14 Dec 1951 in Qld He married **Alice Ruby Butler**, 29 May 1926 in QLD

a. John Fuller, b. 1928, d. 25 Mar 1928 in Qld

b. Unnamed Fuller, b. 1929, buried 1929 in Tenterfield, NSW d. 20 Jan 1929.

3. Violet Lavina Fuller, b. 1901 in Grafton, d. 22 Jan 1956 in Allora, Qld She married **Edward "Ernest" Kiernan**, 1920 in Tenterfield, b. 1891 in Tenterfield, d. 31 Dec 1966 in Tenterfield, NSW

a. Joan Kiernan.

4. Clarence Francis Fuller, b. 16 Dec 1902 in Bellingen, d. 17 Sep 1988 in Kempsey, He married **(1) Edith May Smith**, 22 Dec 1945 in Annandale, He married **(2) Lucy Mary Elizabeth Hollis**,

a.b.c. Clarence had 3 kids with **Edith Smith** one was **John Fuller, b. 1947.**

d. Benjamin John Fuller, b. 31 Oct 1922 in Temora, d. 5 Aug 1956 in Camperdown He married **Alice Mavis Edmundson**, 7 Oct 1949 in Sydney.

(A) Lucy Fuller.

(B) Janine Fuller.

(C) Gilda Fuller.

e. Magdalene Lucy "Bett" Fuller, b. 22 Jan 1928 in Newtown ,d. 10 Sep 2010 in Randwick.

f. Patricia Elizabeth Fuller, b. 16 Jan 1930, d. 31 Jan 2007 in Ballina, She married **Raymond Leonard Coleman**, b. 24 Mar 1929 in Ballina, d. 12 Jul 2012 in Ballina, NSW

(A) Lynne Coleman.

g. Shirley Fuller.

5. Cecil Bertie Fuller, b. 1903 in Lismore, d. 17 Jan 1975 in Allora, Qld

6. Herbert Robert Fuller, b. 1904 in Bellingen, d. 12 Oct 1962 in Parramatta, NSW

7. Howard W Fuller, b. 1909 in Grafton, d. 1910 in Grafton,

8. John Fuller, b. 1910 in Grafton, d. 1910 in Grafton,

9. Olga Fuller, b. 1911 in Grafton, d. 1911 in Grafton,

*David & Arthur
Fuller are
brothers*

Mother:
Lucy Hollis

B. Mary Ann Baker, b. 1879 in Grafton, d. 23 Dec 1962 in Casino, She married **Arthur John Fuller**, in 1899 in Grafton, , b. 1 Jan 1866 in Grafton, (son of Robert Westnot Fuller and Ann Sarah Pitt d. 1945 in Casino,

1. Madge Fuller, b. 1899 in Grafton, d. 1900 in Grafton, b. 1899 in Grafton, d. 1900 in Grafton,

2. Clive Wilfred Fuller, b. 1901 in Grafton, d. 16 Dec 1980 in NSW, He married **(1) Ruby May Kelly**, 1933 in Grafton, b. 19 Dec 1911 in Nana Glen, d. 6 May 1999. He married **(2) Dulcie Rita May Dewberry**, 1943 in Lismore, b. 1915, d. 2012.

a. Winston Earl Fuller, b. 2 Jun 1941 in Coraki NSW d. 15 Feb 2001 in Tweed Heads, NSW

b. to i. 8 other children with Ruby Kelly – The 2 children below (j. & k.) with Dulcie Dewberry

j. Joy Elaine Fuller, b. 25 Mar 1950 in Macksville, d. 2 Feb 1983 in Nowra

k. Jan Fuller.

3. **Elizabeth Beaumont Fuller**, b. 9 Sep 1902 in Redfern, d. 14 Jan 1988 in Kiama, NSW She married **Arthur H Hunt**, 30 Apr 1927 in Petersham, Sydney b. 11 Jan 1902 in St Leonards
a. b. Elizabeth & Arthur had 2 children
 4. **Arthur John Fuller**, b. 1904 in Petersham, d. 14 Mar 1969 in Penrith, He married **Faith Marietta Willis**, 10 Jan 1931 in Ashfield, b. 11 Feb 1903 in Wellington, d. 22 Jun 1985 in Penrith,
a. ? Fuller.
 5. **Ena Muriel Fuller**, b. 21 Apr 1908 in Grafton, d. 8 Jan 2000 in Lismore, She married **George Frederick Smith**, 1954 in Casino, b. 1895 in Ballina, d. 28 Aug 1983 in Coraki,
 6. **Florence May Fuller**, b. 24 Dec 1909 in Petersham, d. 6 Jan 1988. She married **Colin Victor Chandler**, 1935 in Petersham, NSW b. 15 Sep 1909, d. 11 Dec 1999.
a. **Elizabeth Chandler**.
b. **Roslyn Chandler**.
 7. **Earle Westnott Fuller**, b. 1915 in Coraki d. 4 Jan 1983 in Qld He married Jessie **Olive Busch**, 1941 in Byron Bay,. 13 Mar 1913 in Maclean d. 14 Aug 2008
a. **David Fuller**, b. 11 Sep 1942 in NSW, d. 25 Jul 2016 in QLD
(A) **Yvette Fuller**.
b. **Lynette Gay Fuller**, b. 12 Nov 1944, d. 9 Nov 2016 in Cleveland, Qld She married **Edward George Sproules**, b. 27 Aug 1938 in Brisbane, Qld d. 16 Mar 1978 in Brisbane Qld ,
(A) **Elaine Sproules**, b. 1970. She married ? **Williamson**.
c. **Kenneth Clive Fuller**, b. 27 Nov 1954 in Brisbane, Qld d. 9 Sep 1994 in Brisbane
 8. **George Beaumont Fuller**, b. 7 Jan 1916 in Rockdale, NSW d. 13 Apr 2005 in Albury, NSW He married **Thelma Joyce Ings**, 19 Jun 1943 in Concord,
a. **Patricia Fuller**.
b. **Gregory Fuller**.
- C. **Joseph Ernest Baker**, b. 1882 in Grafton, d. 23 Oct 1950 in Grafton, He married **Rose Hilda Abbott**, 1906 in Lismore, b. 1888 in Lismore, d. 23 Jan 1946 in Grafton,
1. **Ivy May Baker**, b. 27 Aug 1907 in Lismore, d. 1 May 2000 in Grafton, She married **Arthur Clarence Pitkin**, 1935 in Grafton,
a. **Stanely Arthur Pitkin**, b. 1945 in about. He married **Anne Lorraine McNaught**, 28 Aug 1971 in Grafton
(A) **Elizabeth Pitkin**. She married ? **Huxley**.
(1) **Josephine Huxley**.
(B) **Sarah Pitkin**. She married ? **Berg**.
(1)&(2) 2 children.
b. **Lorna Ivy Pitkin**, b. 1942 in about. She married **Brian Wallace Lewis**, 1968 in Burwood
c. **Alan Thomas Pitkin**, b. 1940 . He married **Beryl Jean Gifford**, 1969 in Grafton,
(A) **Todd Pitkin**. He married Susa, 22 Jun 2002.
(1) **Hannah Pitkin**.
(2) **Ava Pitkin**.
(3) ? **Pitkin**.
(B) **Jason Pitkin**. He married Vicki ?, 14 Jan 1995.
(1)(2)(3) 3 children
(C) **Vanessa Pitkin**. She married ? **Sayer**.
d. **Valerie Margaret Pitkin**, b. 1947. She married **William Anthony Jolly**, 1970 in Grafton,
e. **Lucy Jean Pitkin**, b. 1950 . She married **Eric Cecil Hodges**, 1967 in Grafton,
f. **Colleen Joyce Pitkin**, b. 1952 She married **Douglas Alvin Withers**, 1971 in Bingara, NSW
g. **Unnamed Pitkin**, b. 1939, , d. 1939.

D. Amelia "Jane" Clarice Baker, b. 31 Dec 1883 in Eatonsville via Grafton, d. 15 Oct 1919 in Coraki, She married **Charles Benjamin King**, 1903 in Lismore, b. 1884 in Lismore, NSW d. 1947 in Casino, NSW

Mrs. Charles King, of Upper Bungawalbin, passed away in the Campbell Hospital on Wednesday afternoon from an internal complaint, aged 33 years. Deceased, who formerly resided in Coraki, had a family of 10 children, eight of whom survive. Much sympathy is felt for the husband and little ones in their bereavement. **Mrs. Fuller**, of Bridge-street, is a sister of the deceased. The funeral took place yesterday, Rev. R. V. Rigby reading the service, and Mr. J. McMullen attending to the arrangements.

1. **Benjamin Charles King**, b. 26 Mar 1905 in Lismore, d. 8 Jun 1982 in Evans Head, He married **Doris Edna Lockhart**, 1932 in Casino, b. 1913, d. 5 Oct 1984 in Evans Head
 - a. **Gail King.**
 - b. **Graham King.**
 - c. **Cheryl King.**
 - d. **Kath King.**
 - e. **Harry King.**
2. **Henry King**, b. 1906 in Lismore, 1906 in Lismore, NSW
3. **Irene M.M King**, b. 1907 in Lismore, d. 1909 in Lismore
4. **Jessie Clarice King**, b. 1908 in Lismore, d. 17 Aug 1980. She married **John Piccoli**.
 - a. **Marjorie Piccoli**, b. 1 Oct 1930, d. 7 Oct 1987. She married **Neville Ross Hanlon**, 17 Nov 1951 in Casino, NSW b. 1928 in Byron Bay, NSW
They 3 children
5. **Ronald John King**, b. 10 Mar 1910, d. 22 Sep 1989. He married **Violet May Scheibel**, 1943
 - a. **Brian Francis King**, b. 25 Feb 1954, d. 22 Dec 1985.
Ronald and Violet had 5 more children
6. **Florence Charlotte King**, b. 25 May 1911 in Bexhill, d. 11 May 1981 in Canberra, She married **Russell Charles Bailey**, b. 2 Apr 1906 in Ulmarra, NSW
 - a. **Ida Alva Bailey**, b. 6 Aug 1931 in Coraki, d. 3 Dec 2005 in Canberra She married **Garnett Murray Dickman**,
2 children
 - b. **Valerie Ann Bailey** b.24 Sep 1933 Coraki d. 15 Apr 2014 Chatswood, She married ? **Nixon**.
3 children
 - c. **Wilfred Russell Bailey**, b. 27 Jan 1937 in Casino, d. 21 Sep 2008 in Milton, married ?
2 children
 - d. **Margaret Amelia Bailey**, b. 16 Feb 1939 in Coraki, d. 26 Jun 2011. She married **Owen Hunter Towers**, 16 Oct 1957 in Williamstown, NSW
4 children
 - e. **Winston Charles Bailey**, b. 25 May 1945 in Coraki, d. 1 Dec 2005 in Queanbeyan,
f,g,h, Florence and Russell possibly has 3 more children not listed here
7. **Ivan A King**, b. 1912 in Lismore, NSW d. 1912 in Lismore, NSW
8. **Madge Elizabeth King**, b. 22 Nov 1913 in Casino, 22 May 1987 in Coraki, She married **George Baker Rosolen**, 1930 in Casino,
 - a. **Esmond "Bosca" Rosolen**, b. 28 Jul 1936 in Coraki, d. 16 Jun 1997 in Lismore, He married **Maureen Joyce Wilkinson**, 1961 in Longreach, Qld b. 1941 in Longreach, d. 2002 Lismore
 - *b. **Peggy Rosolen**, b. 11 Dec 1930, d. 18 Feb 1983 in Evans Head, She married **Eric Chambers**.
9. **Raymont Cecil King**, b. 25 Mar 1916 in Coraki, d. 8 May 1983. He married **Nellie Ruth Poole**, 26 Apr 1947 in Lismore b. 9 Jan 1922 in Bellingen, d. 19 Nov 2005 in Bellingen,
10. **Clare May King**, b. 1917 in Casino, d. 1 Aug 2004 in Yamba, NSW She married **William Arthur Grainger**, 17 Apr 1939 in Lismore.

This last entry, *Clare May King*, is the granddaughter of Mary Morgan; Mary is the sister of Harriet Morgan.

Interesting relationships: Clare is my 1st cousin twice removed – because she is Harriet's son, John Maloney, my grandfather's 1st cousin and I am two (twice) generations from him. Whereas Clare's sister, Madge, her daughter *Peggy is my 3rd cousin, we are the same generation in relation to our common ancestors. (Neville Maloney)

*This completes the section of **Mary Morgan 1851-1929** the 5th child of
Joseph Morgan 1812-1881 and Mary Meskell 1828 -1900*

6. William Morgan 02 Feb 1853 - 06 Aug 1924

Like his siblings, born before 1861, William was born in the Hunter Valley, his baptism is transcribed as "Middlehope" but no such place exists in the region between Dungog and Raymond Terrace and Nelsons Plains so it seems likely a transcription error. The Middleton family had properties in the area and that is most likely. Middle Creek was a possible location and again could easily be mistaken from longhand script.

William married *Elizabeth Emily Durrington** in 1881 and they had one child, Thomas Joseph Morgan, born on 15 September 1883, he died in 1884. Records below from NSW BDM website list the birth and death of William and Elizabeth's son Thomas Joseph Morgan.

?	MORGAN THOMAS J	18304/1883	WILLIAM	ELIZABETH E	GRAFTON
?	MORGAN THOMAS J	9294/1884	WILLIAM	ELIZABETH E	GRAFTON

Elizabeth* has no more children and five years later in 1889 at just 38 years old she dies.

*Elizabeth's maiden name Durrington is the spelling I have used, the name is also seen as Dorrington & Darrington

/ Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Tue 31 Oct 1899 /

DEATH.
MORGAN.—At the residence of Mrs. Smith, "Retavilla," South Grafton, on October 27th, 1889, ELIZABETH EMILY MORGAN, fifth daughter of Mrs. Durrington, of Gerymberry, aged 35.

We have a problem here: The death notice only refers to Elizabeth's mother! William is not included. Did Elizabeth have difficulties after the birth and death of her son in 1883/84.? Have they separated? "Retaville" was possibly a guesthouse; it was some years later in the 1920s, renting out rooms. So she

may have moved into South Grafton. We just don't know.

A year after she died in October 1900 a memorial notice is placed by her; mother, brothers and sisters, but not William, her husband!

Elizabeth is a Durrington and like the Baker family that Mary Morgan married into the Durringtons migrated north from Wollombi and they are also from convict ancestry and a large family, Elizabeth is one of 13 children. The Durrington name also appears in the Morgan family history when a Jane Durrington, who I think is the wife of Arthur Durrington a brother of Elizabeth, signs an illuminated framed letter to William's sister Harriet Maloney (Morgan) in 1910.

William married again in 1918 to Rose Millwood Ayres. In 1918 William was 65 and Rose is 24 years old. Rose was not born when William's first wife died in 1899. William and Rose had a child Alma May Morgan in 1914, four years before they married.

/ Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Sat 27 Oct 1900

To Mrs. WILLIAM MORGAN, died 27/10/99.
 One year ago to-day, thou, fondly loved as wife-child and sister dear,
 Wert with us, here on earth. We stood around thy bed, and
 Watched thy dimming eyes, and listened to thy fluttering breath,
 Which told us death was near. With saddened hearts, we saw
 Thee pass from mortal life to immortality. Our hearts were sore;
 And yet we gave thee up unto our Heavenly Father,
 In the blessed hope that thou hadst joined the happy, happy host,
 Who gather round the throne of God and sing the joyful song,
 "Forever with the Lord." There, dear one, hope whispers
 To our saddened hearts, "We'll meet again to part no more."
 Inserted by her loving mother, brothers and sister.

William was the operator of the Whiteman Punt across the Clarence River near Seelands. (See map next pages). Judy Gordon a Morgan descendant of William's brother Edward had a note that "William was a ferryman" and that proved to be true. There are enough records to suggest it was our William Morgan who tendered for the job to run the "Punt" as a ferry was called in the 1800's. There were quite a few punts crossing the upper reaches of the Clarence River above Grafton were it divides in to smaller branches. Whiteman is still the name of a district west of Grafton, directly across the river from Seelands and both the names appear to stem from family names of early farmers. Today Punt Rd is a clear indication of where the Whiteman Punt operated.

The punt was established in 1894 and although I could find tenders for only a few years it does seem that William was the ferryman at least from 1903 and probably before that and he was still tendering in 1918 when he was 65 years old. That is significant because it was a fairly strenuous job. The ferry was propelled across the river by manual power and the ferryman also maintained the punt and the approaches. The punt usually operated everyday during daylight hours.

William Morgan the Ferryman.

Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Sat 17 Feb 1894

New Punt for Lower Eatonswill.

PLANS and specifications are on view at the Court-house for the construction of a punt to cross the river near the Whiteman. The punt is to be of timber 35ft. long over the transoms, fitted with flaps 7ft. long, to be 12ft. 3½in. wide outside the covering boards, and to have a depth in the centre of 2ft. 9½in., roadway 11ft. 1in. in the clear between the kerbs, and the footway to be 2ft. wide in the clear. Motion is to be imparted by means of a wire rope passing between guides over grooved wheel 4ft. 7½in. in diameter. The timber employed to be approved hardwood for knees, and tallowwood throughout the remainder of the work, and to be of the best description procurable. A condition provides that it is distinctly understood that the whole of the ironwork is to be rolled, cast, and manufactured in the colony. Gates are to be provided at either end for facilitating the conveyance of stock.

Below: The first tender of William (the first I could find in Trove). The tender was the amount the Ferryman received to run the ferry (punt) per year. This was subsidy on top of the fees that passengers paid when they used the ferry.

Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Sat 20 Jun 1903 /

The following are the lowest tenders for the undermentioned ferries—Nymboida, Robert Mulley, £24 per annum subsidy; Whiteman, William Morgan, £20 per annum subsidy.

In 1918 William is still tendering and he has three other competitors he wins the contest and is now paid £72 per annum. In 1918 he turns 65.

Daily Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1915 - 1954) / Fri 8 Nov 1918 / Page 1

TENDERS.

Tenders for the conduct of ferries were recommended for acceptance as follows: Nymboida ferry, two tenders (one informal), John H. Reimer, £76; Southampton ferry (five tenders), W. J. West, £115; Eatonsville ferry (two tenders), T. H. Goodwin, £72; Whiteman punt (four tenders), William Morgan, £72.

The Richmond River Herald and Northern Districts Advertiser (NSW : 1886 - 1942) / Fri 20 Mar 1908 / Page 4 /

A man named W. Morgan, in charge of the Whiteman Creek punt, has been brought to the Grafton Hospital, suffering from ptomaine poisoning and injuries to the scalp. The unfortunate man had eaten some tinned fish, and the violent pains that followed partly stupefied him. In this state he wandered from home and fell into a quarry, sustaining injuries to his scalp.

The tender for construction of the Whiteman Ferry in 1894 – this is an interesting read, it describes the specific dimensions, timber type and the mechanism of its operation.

Below: the Ferries on the Clarence River. Whiteman Ferry is the first on the list and fees are in the last paragraph.

Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Tue 27 Oct 1896

DISTRICT FERRIES.

Whiteman punt, across river one mile above Whiteman Crk.
 Eatonswill punt, across river just below the Falls.
 Southampton punt, across Clarence five miles above Grafton.
 A road from the top of the Junction Hill leads to this ferry.
 Nymboida punt, across Nymboida River, on Armidale road.
 Ulmarra punt crosses half a mile below Ulmarra township.
 Brushgrove punt crosses upper end of South Arm.
 South Arm punt crosses lower end of South Arm, near Maclean.
 Upper Coldstream punt crosses Coldstream at Tucobis.
 Lower Coldstream punt crosses Coldstream at junction with South Arm.
 Bluff Point punt crosses river at Lower Lawrence.
 Maclean punt crosses river at Maclean.
 Harwood punt (steam) crosses main river at Harwood.
 North Arm punt crosses North Arm below Chatsworth.
 Warregah Island punt crosses to island of that name.
 Goodwood punt crosses from Chatsworth to Goodwood Island near Mr G. Morrison's.
 Oyster Channel punt crosses Lake Channel near Yamba.
 Boat ferries across river at Yulgilbar, Solferino road; across Little river at Dalmorton; across Orara at Levenstrath; across Orara at Sharpe's, Nana Glen.
 All the above, except Double-street, are Government ferries, on which the fares are—Foot passengers, except school children, 1d, weekly tickets 4d, monthly tickets 1s 3d; horses 3d, weekly tickets 9d, monthly 3s; vehicles 6d, weekly tickets 1s 6d, monthly 6s; cattle 2d. One charge to include passing and repassing once within two days.

In 1907 William seems confident of keeping the ferry job.

(NSW : 1874 - 1875; 1879 - 1882; 1888; 1892; 1899 - 1922) / Thu 4 Jul 1907 /

From William Morgan, stating that he was prepared to work the Whiteman punt at the same rate as that paid by the Government. Offer accepted.

Other events in William's life include:

In 1886 he seems to have obtained a miraculous cure for a cataract

and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 6 Nov 1886

TO DOCTOR CARRODEEN, Indian Eye and Pile Doctor.

After being 15 years troubled with a cataract on the eye, and under several doctors without obtaining any benefit, I went under Doctor Carrodeen, and in 14 days he made a complete cure.
 WILLIAM MORGAN, Southampton.
 November 4, 1886.

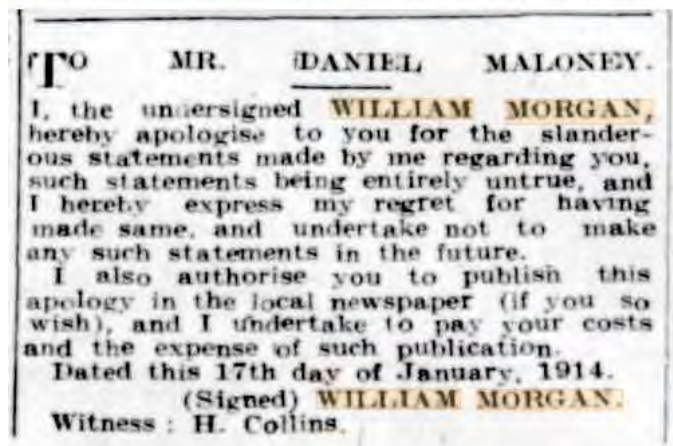
In 1908 William had a very bad day. Both sick and injured. – *Ptomaine poisoning* is an obsolete term for food poisoning –



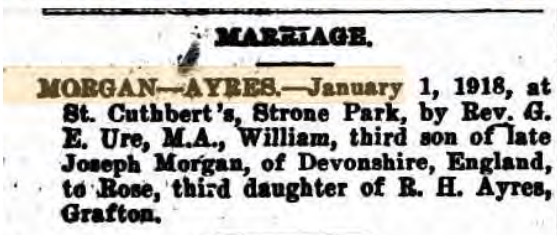
The **Whiteman Creek Punt** crossed the Clarence River between Seelands and The Whiteman near where Whiteman Creek joins the Clarence River. William's residence was probably the house closest to the ferry.

Sometimes the newspapers turn up a story that tells enough to make you wish you knew the rest. This involves a great-great uncle and a great uncle. In January 1914 William Morgan has in some way offended and said something very offensive about the son of his sister, Harriet Maloney (Morgan), one Daniel Maloney.

Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Sat 24 Jan 1914



Daily Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1915 - 1954) / Tue 12 Feb 1918 / Page 4 /



William Morgan marries Rose Ayres 1918

The descendants of William Morgan 6th child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell

VI. William Morgan, born. 2 Feb 1853 in Nelson Plains Hunter River, NSW, he died 6 Aug 1924 at Whiteman Creek, Grafton, he was buried in the Anglican section Old Grafton Cemetery.

He married (1) **Elizabeth Emily Durrington** in 1881 in Grafton, she was born 3 Aug 1861 in Wollombi, NSW (daughter of Thomas Durrington and Mary Ann Huxley) she died 27 Oct 1899 in Grafton. William married (2) **Rose Millwood Ayres** 1 Jan 1918 in Grafton, she was born. 5 Jul 1894 in Cottesbrook, Sandy Flat Tenterfield, NSW (daughter of Henry Wood Air and Christina Anne White), d. 16 Nov 1956* in Brisbane, Qld (The spelling of Rose's surname Ayres is sometimes recorded as Air as is her father. The spelling of his name in some official document was "Air". Literacy was patchy and spelling errors in names abound Ayres was a common name the Air variation seems an odd mistake.) NM

*Rose married again; she died as Rose Millwood Hayward

William and Elizabeth's child

A. Thomas Joseph Morgan, b. 15 Sep 1883 in Grafton, NSW d. 1884 in Grafton.

William and Rose's child

B. Alma May Morgan, b. 24 Apr 1914, d. 24 Jan 1977. Alma married **John "Jack" Kingsley Byron**, 1 Jan 1934. He was b. 10 Feb 1908 in Armidale, NSW d. 1 Jun 1959 in Brisbane, Qld

This completes the section of **William Morgan 1853-1924 the 6th child of Joseph Morgan 1812-1881 and Mary Meskell 1828 -1900**

7. Joseph Jnr Morgan 06 Oct 1856 - 27 Jan 1937

Born in the Hunter River region he moved to the Clarence in 1860/61 with his family as a five year old kid.

and Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Tue 9 Apr 1867

At just 11 years old he was a land owner. This was a common practice of parents applying for selection in their children's names to get around the number of allotments and debt issues if you could make the payments when due. If this case you can see that the 40 acres was forfeited. Usually these "Free" selections required a £1 per acre payment half at time of selection – often not paid – and improvements like fencing at the rate of £1 per acres over 3 years then you made a final payment to get the land title.

FREE SELECTION.
THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH.
JOSEPH MORGAN, JUN., of Eaton, Clarence River, 40 acres, county of Clarence, parish of Eaton, portion No. 27 lot 8; sale at Grafton, 23rd November, 1864, as selected by Joseph Morgan, 22nd of November, 1860, and directed to be forfeited.
JOSEPH MORGAN, JUN., of Eaton, Clarence River, 40 acres, county of Clarence, parish of Eaton, unsurveyed land, and adjoining his conditional purchase of that date.

The land selection bug may have caught Joseph from that early age; in 1883 he selects and pays the deposit for a land selection of 40 acres. This is a conditional purchase (c.p.) based on the rules mentioned above for land selection. The £10 paid is not an insignificant sum so Joseph must have been a saver.

aminer and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 28 Jul 1883

Joseph Morgan, junr., Copmanhurst, 40 acres, county of Clarence, parish of Eaton, starting at the S.W. corner of his c.p. of 40 acres, thence running W., thence N., thence E. to said c.p., on J. Brown's run. Deposit paid, £10.

aminer and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 27 Apr 1889

Eatonswill—D. Baker 0 and 1, W. Dorrington 5 and 8, J. Morgan 19 and 4, H. Batty 4 and 5, W. Holmes 0 and 1, M. Maloney 1 and 1, Joseph Morgan 0 and (n.o.) 3, W. Baker 1 and 2, A. Baker 0 and 4, W. Murns (n.o.) 4 and (n.o.) 1, H. Baker nil. Sundries 8.
Copmanhurst—1st innings 42
2nd innings 29—71
Eatonswill—1st innings 39
2nd innings—8 wkts. for 33—72

In 1889 Joseph is playing cricket. The entire team seems like everyone is related; Morgans, Dorrington, Bakers and Michael Maloney. The other J Morgan is Joseph's brother James (Daniel) and the Bakers most likely Arthur and Henry brothers of Joseph's wife Emily Baker.

Joseph is married to *Emily Susannah Baker* in 1886 and by 1895 they have five children. The first, Ernest, in 1887 only survives 2 months.

In 1902 Joseph moved to **Woolgoolga** to live. His sister, **Anne** and her husband **Henry Waldon** also moved to and live in Woolgoolga a little later..

Emily (Joseph's estranged wife) however has a child, Rita, with Thomas Henry Wingfield in May 1903. She has five more children with Thomas. Emily and Thomas move from Lismore, Casino to Murwillumbah and Byron Bay their fifth child, Albert, is born in 1912. They seem to finally settle in Casino. The four surviving children of Joseph and Emily were from five to twelve years old in 1900 when they separated. The children seem to have stayed with their mother. Two of the girls were married in Casino and the other Lismore. Herbert, their son though married in Bellingen in 1917 maybe he moved to live with his father at some time.

Joseph is described as a labourer on the 1934 electoral roll.

1093 Morgan, Joseph, Woolgoolga, labourer, M

?	MORGAN AMY B	14607/1890	JOSEPH	EMILY S	GRAFTON
?	MORGAN ALICE M A	22519/1888	JOSEPH	EMILY S	GRAFTON
?	MORGAN ERNEST E	21947/1887	JOSEPH	EMILY S	GRAFTON
?	MORGAN ANNIE E	23876/1895	JOSEPH	EMILY S	MACLEAN
?	MORGAN HERBERT J	15145/1893	JOSEPH	EMILY S	GRAFTON

The NSW BDM records only list the five children above as for Joseph Morgan and Emily Baker. This is not in agreement with the children listed in the death notice for Joseph in 1937. The reports in death notices are notoriously incorrect so I have struck with the five children from the marriage.

Joseph's death notice provides us with some of the details I have already mentioned; like his move to Woolgoolga in about 1902. The notice is an excellent historical document. Joseph was in hospital for some time and not well for about a year. He must have moved back to his family, probably his brothers because the detail about them is quite specific, even the street where George lived, Villiers. The information about him being born "on the Hunter River" and living at Eatonsville is nice confirmation of the history we know from other sources.

OBITUARY

MR. JOSEPH MORGAN.

The death occurred in the Grafton District Hospital at midday yesterday, of Mr. Joseph Morgan, aged 79, an old resident of Woolgoolga. Deceased had been in ill-health for about 12 months, and had been in hospital for some time.

Born on the Hunter River, he lived at Eatonsville for a number of years before going to Woolgoolga about 35 years ago. He married Miss Emily Baker, of Eatonsville, who survives him, together with two daughters and one son (Herbert, of Coff's Harbor). Two sons and one daughter predeceased him. Other relatives are three brothers, Edward, Samuel and James, all of Eatonsville, and George, of Villiers street, Grafton.

The funeral will move from Sanders' funeral chapel, at 3 o'clock to-day, for the Grafton cemetery.

The fact that his wife is named as "Miss Emily Baker.... who survives him" indicates that there was no divorce. The two daughters, Alice and Amy who survive him, we know of them and his son, Herbert, - who I surmised had moved to Coffs Harbour because his father was living in the area are listed.

"Two sons and one daughter predeceased him." I think that is only one son, Ernest, and his daughter Annie who died on Grafton just three months earlier in October 1936.

His brothers; Edward, Sam, James and George are named.

Mr. Joseph Morgan

Mr. Joseph Morgan, who was a resident of Woolgoolga for 35 years and is the father of Mr. H. Morgan, of Coffs Harbour, died in Grafton District Hospital on Wednesday last, aged 79 years.

He was born on the Hunter River, and before coming to Woolgoolga resided for some time at Eatonsville, where he married Miss Emily Baker. His health has been bad for the past 12 months, and he has been in hospital for some time.

Besides the son (Mr. H. Morgan), the widow and two daughters survive. Three brothers reside at Eatonsville and one at Grafton.

A notice was also placed in the *Coffs Harbour Advocate*, a slightly abbreviated copy of the one *Daily Examiner Grafton*.

Joseph died on 27th January 1937

Meskill family link ahead: Joseph's granddaughter, Maisie Low, marries Ernest John Meskill in 1934. Ernest is the grandson of John Meskill Jnr. and he is the brother of Mary Meskill, Joseph's mother.

The descendants of Joseph Morgan 7th child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskill

VII. Joseph Morgan, was born. 6 Oct 1856 in Hunter River, NSW. He died 27 Jan 1937 in Grafton., He married *Emily Susannah Baker*, 31 Aug 1886 in South Grafton, b. 27 Aug 1868 in Wollombi, NSW (*daughter of Henry James Baker and Jane Collyer*), Emily died 5 Apr 1939 in Casino, NSW

- A. **Ernest Edward Morgan**, b. 5 Jul 1887 in Grafton, d. 4 Sep 1887 in Southampton, Grafton.
- B. **Alice Maude Amelia Morgan**, b. 6 Sep 1888 in Grafton, d. 1973 in Brisbane, b. 6 Sep 1888 in Grafton, She married *Denis Fleming Lane*, 1906, b. 26 Nov 1875 in Galbally, Limerick, Ireland, d. 27 Dec 1947 in Sandgate, Qld

1. **Maurice Daniel "Dan" Fleming Lane**, b. 27 Dec 1907 in Murwillumbah, d. 9 May 1971 in Warwick, Qld He married *Alice "Ivy" Erickson*, b. 20 Apr 1908 in Gympie Qld d. 23 Aug 2004 in Uki, NSW

- a. **Delphine Monica Layne**, b. 3 Sep 1930 in Gympie, Qld d. Oct 2009 in Brisbane, Qld She married *Colin James Weatherhog*, b. 2 Apr 1924 in Ipswich, Qld d. 1990 in Brisbane.
- b. **Barbara Alice Layne**, b. 26 Aug 1938 in Brisbane, Qld d. 16 Dec 2009 in Brisbane. She married *Norman Bowler*.

(A) **David Bowler**.

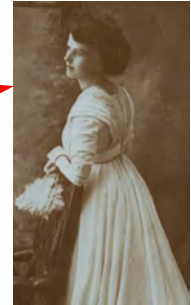
- c. **Noala Joan Layne**, b. 28 Nov 1935 in Brisbane, Qld d. JAN 2018 in Uki, NSW She married *John 'Rae' Todd*, b. 6 Jun 1926, d. 5 Jul 2002 in Uki,

(A) **John Rae Todd**, b. 3 Mar 1954 in Brisbane, Qld d. 2 Jul 2001 in Uki, NSW



Born Maurice Fleming Lane, he loathed the name Fleming so decided to go by the name of Daniel Maurice Lane. He also chose to change the surname spelling to Layne, as did his mother.

- d. **Valerie Dawn Lane**, b. 6 Dec 1932 in Brisbane, Qld d. JAN 2010 in She married **Richard Albert Kite**, b. 6 Sep 1925 in Kent, England, d. 11 Jan 1990 in Rockhampton, Qld
 (A) **Cher Kite**. She married ? **Binsted**.
 (B) **Robert Kite**.
- e. ? Layne. (Another child of Maurice and Alice but do not know name)
2. **Reginald Harvey Layne**, b. 3 Feb 1910 in Murwillumbah d. 14 May 1976 in Chinchilla, Qld He married **Gladys May Cameron**, b. 21 May 1914 in Chinchilla, d. 20 Aug 1996 in Chinchilla, Qld
3. **Norah Eileen Layne**, b. 1912 in Murwillumbah, d. 23 Mar 2014 in Clontarf, Qld She married **Norman William Angus Waters**, 11 Jun 1938 in Qld b. 19 Jul 1906 in Charters Towers, Qld d. 10 Jan 1953 in Yepoon, Qld
4. **Leonard William Layne**, b. 1 Nov 1914 in QLD , d. 10 Sep 1967 in Brisbane, Qld He married **Laura Winifred Ulrick**, b. 9 Aug 1915 in Bellingen, d. 29 May 1980 in Hope Island, Qld
5. **Ellen Mary Layne**, b. 3 Sep 1917 in Cooroy, Qld d. 9 Nov 2001 in Coolum Beach, Qld She married **Raymond Arthur Ian Dance**, b. 31 Jan 1917 in Weymouth, England, d. 1961 in Brisbane
- a. **Christopher Charles Dance**, b. 1944 in Qld d. 1950 in Lae, Papua New Guinea.
 (A) **Renee Dance**.
- b. **Raymond John Dance** b. 15 May 1947 d. 24 Mar 1984 in Qld He married **Elizabeth Ann** ?
- C. **Amy Beatrice Morgan**, b. 11 Jul 1890 in Grafton, d. 21 Aug 1964 in Wynnum Qld She **married (1) Laban Arthur Ellem**, 16 Sep 1908 in Casino, b. 19 Oct 1860 in Yattagan Creek, Laguna, NSW (son of **Richard Ellem** and **Susannah Dixon**), d. 9 Sep 1946 in Brisbane. Her partner (2) **Frederick Amos**.
1. **Cyril Vincent Ellem**, b. 10 Dec 1915 in Casino, NSW d. 20 Dec 1915 in Casino
2. **John Guthridge Morgan Ellem**, b. 16 Jan 1906 in Murwillumbah, d. 21 Sep 1963 in Holland Park, Qld He married (1) **Ivy Gladys Haling**, 10 May 1933 in Casino, b. 1900 in Singleton, d. 1985. He married (2) **Thelma May Humberstone**, 1947 in Qld b. 1919 in Darra, Qld d. 1983 in Brisbane. He married (3) **Florentine Otilie Gleich**, 15 Mar 1946 in Brisbane b. 1893 in Schwientochlowitz, Schlesien, Germany, d. 21 Jul 1971 in Brisbane, Qld
- a. **Shirley Margaret Ellem**, b. 25 Mar 1942.
- b. **Colleen Ann Ellem**, b. ??1960. She married **John William Noyes**.



Northern Star (Lismore, NSW : 1876 - 1954), Tuesday 14 June 1932,



MASTER AND SERVANT EMPLOYER SUED

GRAFTON, Monday.
 An interesting case under the Master and Servants Act was heard at Grafton court to-day.

Amy Beatrice Ellem sued Walter E. Morgan for £5 for wages for five weeks' service, during which time she had full charge of household duties in the absence of the wife.

For the defence it was claimed that Ellem was not a domestic, but a house-keeper, and that in her case the Act did not apply.

Counsel for Ellem urged that because the mistress of the house was not present to give directions to Ellem it was absurd to argue that she was not a domestic servant.

REASONABLE WAGE

After the magistrate (Mr. C. G. Carr-Boyd) had held that he had power, even in the absence of an agreement, to decide a reasonable wage for Ellem's services, counsel for the defence recalled a witness who stated that Ellem performed the work six miles from Copmanhurst and 14 miles from Grafton.

The magistrate immediately announced that he had no jurisdiction, as the Act provides that proceedings shall be heard at the nearest court of Petty Sessions, which, in this case, was Copmanhurst, not Grafton.



Amy Beatrice Morgan in early 1960s
 Left: In 1932 Amy sued her 1st cousin, Walter Morgan the son of Edward!

3. **Claude Wilfred Ellem**, b. 20 Aug 1911 in Grafton, d. 14 Aug 1965 in Wentworthville, Sydney. He married (1) **Olive Myrtle Marsh**, 1932 in Grafton, b. 1914 in Grafton, d. 1953 in Brisbane. He married (2) **Heather Irene Baker**, 1947 in Auburn, NSW b. 1929 (daughter of Raycraft James Baker and Una Myrtle Thompson), d. 1998. He married (3) **Merle Mary Littlemore**, 1956 in Parramatta, Merle died 1988 in Toongabbie, NSW

Mother:
Olive Marsh

- a. **Claude Arthur Lewis Ellem**, b. 1935.
- b. **Shirley Heather Ellem**, b. 17 Nov 1932, 22 Nov 2018. She married **Athol Ferguson**
 - (A) **John Raymond Ferguson**, b. 13 Aug 1959, d. 30 Oct 2015. He married (1) **Debbie May ?**, b. 16 Feb 1963, d. 10 Jul 2010. He also married a 2nd time.
 - (1) **John Ferguson**.
 - (2) **Jeffery Ferguson**.
 - (3) **Michael Ferguson**.
 - (B) **Athol Ferguson**.
 - (C) **Rayonnie Ferguson**.
 - (D) **Susan Ferguson**.
 - (E) **Francis Ferguson**.



Claude Wilfred Ellem

Below: Divorce granted to his 1st wife

c. & d. 2 children – the mother is Claude's 2nd wife Heather Baker.

Mother:
Merle Littlemore

- e. **Terrence Ellem**.
 - f. **Val Ellem**.
 - g. **Reginald Ellem**.
 - h. **Lynda Ellem**.
4. **Amos Clarence Ellem**, b. 3 Oct 1909 in Grafton, d. 18 Sep 2003 in Launceston, Tas He married (1) **Catherine Annie Marsh**, 1931 in Grafton, b. 30 Dec 1901 in Grafton, NSW d. 9 Nov 1995 in Lismore. He married (2) **Edith Blanche Furbur**, 4 Dec 1940 in Colchester, England.
5. **Desmond Gordon Ellem**, b. 16 Sep 1913 in Grafton, , d. 31 Jul 1987 in Sydney. He married (1) **Myrtle May Bishop**, 14 Oct 1944 in Brisbane. He married (2) **Rosetta May Franklin**, b. 22 May 1923 in Katoomba, d. 25 Jul 2007 in Gosford. He married (3) **Billie Helena Theodon**, d. 2013.
- a. **Geoffrey Charles Ellem**, b. 26 Apr 1949 d. 5 Aug 2001 in Morayfield, Qld His mother (1)
 - (A) **Michael James Ellem**, b. JAN 1974, d. 17 Aug 1981.
 - b. & c. Des has 2 children with his 3rd wife Billie Theodon.
6. **Linton Keith Ellem**, b. 1925 in Casino, 1985 in Holland Park, Qld
7. **Betty Joyce Ellem**. She married **William Kidd**.

CRUELTY PROVED

Copmanhurst Divorce

DECREE NISI GRANTED

CUSTODY OF CHILDREN TO PETITIONER.

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SYDNEY, Thursday.

In the Supreme Court yesterday, before Judge Boyce, Judge in Divorce, Olive Myrtle Ellem, of Copmanhurst, petitioned for divorce from Claude Wilfred Ellem, of Copmanhurst, butcher, on the grounds that during one year previous to the presentation of her petition on June 24, 1938, her husband had repeatedly assaulted and cruelly beaten her.

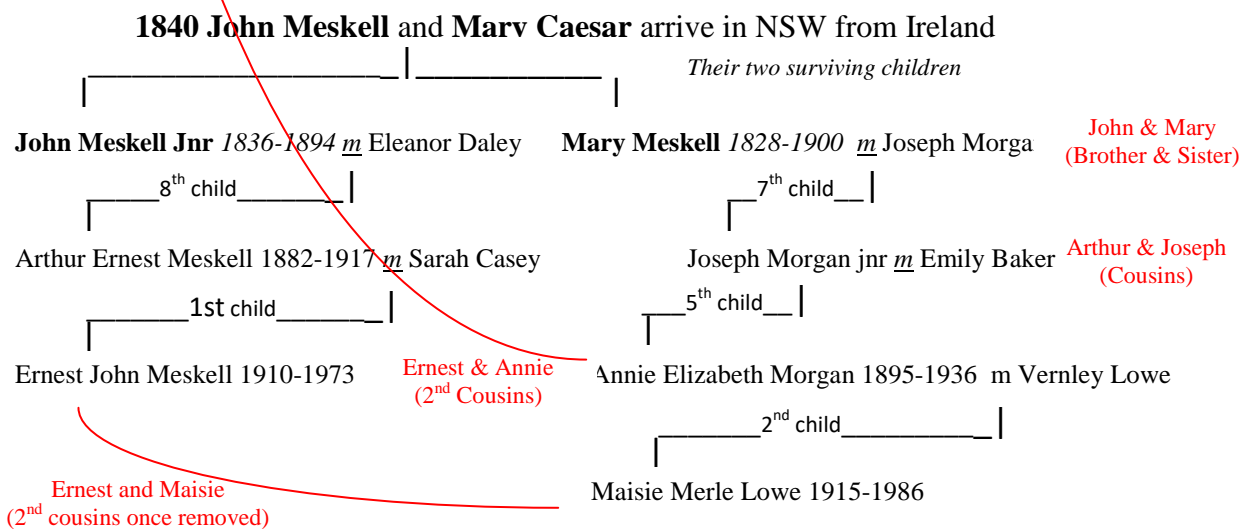
Mr. J. M. Bruxner (instructed by Messrs. Collins and Pollack, solicitors, of Grafton, through their Sydney agents, Messrs. Smithers, Warren and Lyons) appeared for the petitioner.

The issues of fact in the matter were before Judge Clancy at the recent sittings of the District Court at Grafton, who heard the evidence and found the issues in favor of the petitioner.

The Supreme Court granted the petitioner a decree nisi returnable in six months. The court also granted the petitioner the custody of the two children of the marriage, and ordered the husband to pay the costs of the proceedings.

- D. Herbert Joseph Morgan**, b. 12 Jul 1893 in Grafton, d. 22 Apr 1962 in Kyogle. He married **Agnes Laura Franklin**, 1917 in Bellingen, b. 20 Jul 1899 in Taree. d. 23 Feb 1942 in Coffs Harbour.
1. **Doreen Belle Morgan**, b. 3 Jul 1919 in Bellingen, d. 15 Feb 1993. She married **Cyril Hickson**, 1941 in Coffs Harbour. b. 4 Jul 1913, d. 5 Oct 1984.
 2. **Noel Claude "Bunny" Morgan**, b. 27 Mar 1918 in Bellingen, d. 1 Jun 1991 in Morristet, NSW He married (1) **Iris Anne Maxwell**, 1941 in Coffs Harbour, b. 1919 in Lismore, d. 1945. He married (2) **Joan ?**.
 - a. **John Colin Morgan**, b. 1942, d. 4 Jun 1956 in Namoi River, Narrabri West NSW
 - b. **Cheryl Anne Morgan**, b. 1951 in NSW, d. 12 Oct 1976 in NSW
- E. Annie Elizabeth Morgan**, b. 21 Aug 1895 in Maclean, d. 19 Oct 1936 in Grafton, d. 1936 in Grafton, She married **Vernley Lowe**, 1913 in Lismore, b. 5 Sep 1892 in Palmers Island, d. 14 Jun 1942 in QLD ,
1. **Mona Doris Lowe**, b. 21 Oct 1914 in Grafton, d. 21 Aug 2013 in Casino, She married **George Edward Child**, 1933 in Grafton, b. 28 Oct 1910 in Grafton, d. 14 Jun 2001 in Casino.
 - a. **George Reginald Bradford Child**, b. 25 Jan 1934 in Grafton, d. 21 Jul 2006 in Camden, NSW He married **Sylvia Irene Grossrieder**, 28 Sep 1957 in Liverpool NSW
 - b. **Graham Douglas Child**, b. 21 Jul 1941 in Bungendore, NSW d. 4 Apr 2002 in Dapto, NSW
 2. **Maisie Merle Lowe***, b. 1915 in Ulmarra, d. 15 Feb 1986 in Sawtell, NSW She **married (1) Ernest John Meskell***, 1934 in Grafton, b. 29 Jan 1910 in Lawrence, NSW (*son of Arthur Ernest Meskell and Sarah Jane Casey*), d. 13 Jul 1973 in Grafton, She married (2) **Marshall James Morrow**.
 - a. **Ernest Vernley Meskell**, b. 1935, d. 4 Feb 1982 in Grafton, He married **Barbara Glen Chalmers**, 1958 in Campsie, NSW, b. 6 Apr 1938
 - (A) **Kevin John Meskell**, b. 14 May 1959 in Qld d. BEF 1993.
 - (B) **Michael Wayne Meskell**, b. 25 Jun 1965 in d. 8 Jul 1965 in Wagga Wagga, NSW
 - (C) **Christopher Meskell**, b. 17 Jan 1967 in d. 5 May 2021.
 - (D) **Sharon Leigh Meskell**.
 - b. **Lyn Morrow**.

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How are **Maisie Lowe** and **Ernest Meskell** related?



This completes the section of Joseph Jnr Morgan 1856-1937 the 7th child of
Joseph Morgan 1812-1881 and Mary Meskell 1828 -1900

8. Anne Morgan 1857 - 24 Feb 1918

Anne married **Henry Waldon** in July 1878; the Waldons were neighbours of the Morgan family at Gerrymberryn and next door neighbour of his sister Harriet at Solitude. A Charlotte Waldon signed a framed letter given to Harriet in 1910 when she left the Grafton region.

There is not much information about Anne so the following is based on just a few newspaper articles. I have her named as "Anne" because that is on her Probate notice in 1919. Her marriage certificate is handwritten and reads "Annie" and then her NDW BDM reads "Ann".

Name	Registration Number	Father's Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	District
WALDON ANN	5830/1918		MARY E	BELLINGEN

July 31st 1878
 Henry Waldon Bachelor
 to
 Annie Morgan Spinster
 Married in the Church of St. Peter's, Grafton.
 According to the rites of the English Church.

This Marriage was solemnized between us
 Henry Waldon
 Annie Morgan
 In the presence of us
 Henry Waldon
 Edward Bestall
 By (or before) me, John Albert Smith, Officiating Minister or Registrar.

These are the three documents that relate to Anne and present a potentially confusing story. Unlike her siblings I can't find her birth registered somewhere in the Hunter Valley. Her brother Joseph in 1856 and her sister, Fanny in 1858 are registered in the district of Raymond Terrace. The same lack of birth record also applies to her eldest brother John in 1844, so it's not unique and it is also not unusual. I suspect the reason was the weather. In 1857 there were three floods in the Hunter River catchment and it was a chaotic year for transport and farming in general, they simply may have been unable to get to the court house. Having said that I have no idea why she was not added the next year when Fanny was registered.

Anne had three children; Walter in 1879, Ethel in 1881 and Alice in 1883 all within five years of her marriage. She was 26 when she had Alice.

Anne and Henry may have moved to Woolgoolga in 1903/4 just after her brother, Joseph, who separated from his wife, moved there.

The early years of their marriage must have been difficult. Henry is identified as a labourer. The following series of newspaper clipping tell story of almost 20 years of debt and struggle.

The first sign of serious problems is in 1885 Henry owes £118 2s and he assets of £3 10s. This is a considerable sum about two year's wages for a farm labourer in 1885. Anne and Henry have been married for seven years and have three children by 1885. Henry's debts reach the Insolvency Court in August 1885. Very difficult times.

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954) / Tue 4 Aug 1885 / Page 4 / INSOLVENCY COURT

Henry Waldon, of Southampton, near South Grafton, labourer. Liabilities, £118 2s. Assets, £3 10s. Mr. Macnab, official assignee.

79 - 1882; 1888; 1892; 1899 - 1922) / Wed 19 Jun 1918

GENERAL NOTICES.
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
PROBATE JURISDICTION.
 In the Estate of ANNE WALDON, late of Woolgoolga, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased, intestate.
 APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the Estate of the above-named deceased may be granted to Walter Edward Waldon, of Woolgoolga, the only Son of the said deceased, and all notices may be served at Woolgoolga Post Office.
WALTER EDWARD WALDON.

Wales Government Gazette (Sydney, NSW: 1832 - 1900) / Fri 7 Aug 1885

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. (10,317)
IN INSOLVENCY.
 In the Insolvent Estate of Henry Waldon, of Southampton, near Grafton, labourer.
FIRST AND ONLY MEETING.
WHEREAS the estate of the abovenamed insolvent was, on the 3rd day of August, 1885, placed under sequestration by order under my hand: I hereby appoint a First Meeting of the creditors of the said insolvent, to be holden before the District Commissioner in Insolvency, at the Court-house, Grafton, on Wednesday, the 9th day of September, 1885, to commence at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon afterwards as the course of business will permit, for the proof of debts against the said estate, and for the collection, administration, and distribution of the same; that the insolvent may account for his insolvency; for directing the Official Assignee whether the insolvent will be allowed to retain for his own use his household furniture, wearing apparel, beds, bedding, and tools of trade, or any part thereof respectively; And as it now appears that the goods and effects of the insolvent available for the payment of his debts are less in value than £100, notice is hereby given, that unless it be shown at said First Meeting that these goods and effects exceed the value of £100, the said Commissioner will summarily proceed to rank the debts which shall then be proved, and will direct the proceeds of the estate to be forthwith distributed by the Official Assignee accordingly.—Dated at Sydney, the 4th day of August, A.D. 1885.
 GEORGE HIBBERT DEFFELL,
 Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates.
 ARTHUR HENRY,
 Registrar in Insolvency.
 Official Assignee—FRANCIS MACNAB.
 5294 8s. 6d.

In 1891 the Gerrymberryn community held a benefit dance for Henry. This would have been due to losses Henry sustained in a severe flood in 1890. These functions were a feature of rural settlements in the 1800s and early 1900s, the community helping each other out in times of hardship.

GERRYMBERRYN PUBLIC HALL.
Complimentary Benefit Concert
AT GERRYMBERRYN
 (tendered to Mr. **HENRY WALDON**)
THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING, 17th November.
DANCE after the Concert.
Tickets—To admit to Concert and Dance, 1s 6d.
Children's tickets for Concert, 6d.

In 1901 Henry was in Grafton Hospital and a note from the April meeting mentions the following from Henry Waldon.

An ex-patient named Henry Waldon wrote expressing his appreciation of the treatment accorded him while an inmate of the institution, and his admiration of the management.

And then it happens again. This time we find out a little about what is going on. It's 1899 and Henry claims his debts are a result of the 1890 flood. Almost ten years of accumulating another large debt, £106 16s 6d, with assets again the same £3 10s Henry also had a "prolonged illness".

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. (18,762)
IN BANKRUPTCY.
 Re Henry Waldon, of Gerrymberryn, near South Grafton, labourer.
 NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of creditors in the above matter will be held at the Court-house, Grafton, before the District Registrar in Bankruptcy, on the 13th day of December, 1899, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat, his proof must be lodged with the Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy, Moore-street, Sydney, not later than the 6th day of December, 1899.
F. H. SALUSBURY,
 Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy.
 Official Assignee—LANCLOT THREKELD LLOYD.
 1078 G.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.—On Wednesday, before the District Registrar, a single meeting was held in the estate of **Henry Waldon**, of Gerrymberryn, labourer. The bankrupt stated he was insolvent 13 years ago, and his present failure was caused through losses in the 1890 flood and to prolonged illness. The only creditor proved was **S. Bennett £3 10s**. The liabilities were given as **£106 16s 6d**, assets **£3 10s**. The meeting was declared concluded.

After the years of debt a change and new opportunities were possible in Woolgoolga. New land was opened for farming, banana and sugar cane was taking off, it was a "hotspot" in the early 1900s and demand for labour was high. A new church is built in 1900; roads were being constructed and new shops opening.

Anne seems to be living a quiet life in Woolgoolga and later Coffs Harbour.

We pick the family up in 1912 when their son, Walter marries Grace Young.

The article is in *The Grafton Argus and Clarence River General Advertiser* on 7th June 1912. Henry is mentioned as the father of Walter Edward Waldon. Initially I wondered where Anne was but after reading a few wedding notices the convention of the day was often to list only the father of the bride and groom unless they were deceased and then the mother was mentioned.

A Woolgoolga Wedding.
 At Woolgoolga on Tuesday morning last, Walter Edward Waldon, only son of Mr. Henry Waldon, was married to Miss Grace Young, fourth daughter of Mr. George Young, of the same place. The bride was tastefully attired in white silk, trimmed with insertion, and wore the usual wreath and flowing veil. She was attended by her sister, Miss Elsie Young, as bridesmaid, who wore a white frock, trimmed with lace and insertion. Mr. Donald Sullivan filled the role as best man. After the ceremony and the partaking of the wedding breakfast, the happy couple left for Grafton, thence by train for the Tweed, where the honeymoon will be spent. Their future home will be at Woolgoolga.

Anne and Henry moved to Woolgoolga sometime after 1904.

Her daughters, Ethel and Alice were both married in Grafton in 1903. The NSW BDM lists the registration of their marriages as 6030/1903 and 6032/1903 so they may have had a double wedding. The family; Anne, Henry their son Walter, their daughter Ethel and her husband moved to Woolgoolga sometime after the weddings in 1903. Maybe it was on the advice and encouragement of Anne's brother, Joseph, who moved there in 1902. Her daughter Alice and her husband, went to Murrumburrah, in southern NSW for a few years but returned to Woolgoolga/Grafton area.

William Dreise, South Grafton; John Formby, Woolgoolga; Edward Thomas Hart, Nana Glen; Harold Bruce Hart, Nana Glen; Thomas Allan Hart, Nana Glen; Charles Arthur Hayward, Woolgoolga; Martha Lowry, Coffs Harbor;

Both husbands of Ethel and Alice, Charles Arthur Hayward and John Formby respectively applied for land grants in 1915 and they are described as living in Woolgoolga. They apply at other times as well.

The family seems settled in the Coffs Harbour region. In 1989 Ruby Cavanaugh, the daughter of Edward, Anne's brother, told me that there were Morgan descendants living in Woolgoolga.

In 1916 a lad of just 12 years writes a letter to a magazine *The Australian Worker* and that letter tells us so much.

This is a gem of a find. John H Formby is the son Alice Waldon, he is Anne's grandson. Anne may have read this letter in the magazine that her son-in-law subscribed to. Woolgoolga in 1916 is described and we know that the in this generation the family is literate.

John Henry Formby is my father, John "Jack" Maloney's 2nd cousin they are of the same generation: one the grandson of Anne the other the grandson of Harriet Morgan, John born in 1904 and Jack in 1918.

Anne dies on 24th February 1918 in Woolgoolga. She is 61 years old

John H. Formby, Woolgoolga: I am very fond of reading the Children's Letters in THE WORKER, and I would like some boy about my age to write to me. I am 12 years of age, and I go to school. I am in the sixth class. My father has been taking THE WORKER for many years. Woolgoolga is a small town on the North Coast, and ships come here and take timber away. Timber is the principal industry here. There are three sawmills in the town, and three a few miles out in the bush.

I N THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of **ANNE WALDON**, late of Woolgoolga, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the above-named deceased may be granted to **WALTER EDWARD WALDON**, of Woolgoolga, the only Son of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at Woolgoolga Post-office. **WALTER EDWARD WALDON**.

The death notice of Henry Waldon adds to his life's story and confirms the details about his children. He appears to have spent the years after Anne died living the hinterland region of Coffs Harbour in Coramba. He is listed in the 1930 and 1936 census as living in Glenreagh, both in the same region.

A probate notice is filed by her son, Walter, who is the administrator of her estate. Anne died without a will "intestate" and usually her husband would administer her estate but maybe with memories of his debts and bankruptcies in the 1890s he left the management of Anne's assets to his son.

The death occurred at the Grafton District Hospital last night, after an illness extending over a month, of Mr. **Henry Waldon**, of Woolgoolga, in his 80th year. He was born in Somersetshire, England, in September, 1856, and came with his parents to Australia, when he was 11 months old. The family lived for some time on the Hunter River, and then came to the Clarence River to settle at Seelands. Subsequently the deceased, who was engaged in the timber industry, resided at Coramba, Coffs Harbour and Woolgoolga, where he had been living for the past 20 years. He is survived by one son, Mr. E. Waldon, of Woolgoolga, and two daughters, Mesdames H. Formby, of Brisbane, and Arthur Haywood, of Sydney. The funeral will leave the hospital at 11 o'clock this morning, for the Grafton cemetery.

The descendants of Anne Morgan 8th child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell

VIII. Anne Morgan, was born in 1857 in Hunter River, NSW, she died 24 Feb 1918 in Woolgoolga, NSW She married **Henry Waldon**, 31 Jul 1878 in Grafton, he was born Sep 1856 in Chard, Somerset, England (son of George Walden and Jesicah Laver), Henry is buried in Grafton's Old Cemetery, d. 11 Mar 1936.

- A. Walter Edward Waldon**, b. 1879 in Grafton, buried in Old Grafton Cemetery, d. 1 Oct 1948 in Grafton. He married **Grace Young**, 4 Jun 1912 in Bellingen, b. 15 Aug 1892 in Glen Innes, NSW. d. 20 Sep 1979 in Coffs Harbour, NSW
- B. Ethel Louisa Waldon**, b. 10 Jan 1881 in Grafton, d. 29 Oct 1967 in St Leonards, NSW. She married **Charles Arthur Hayward**, 1903 in Grafton, b. 1878 in Shepparton, Vic d. 8 Jun 1959 in Chatswood.
 - 1. Alma May Hayward**, b. 11 Jul 1904 in Grafton, buried 1990 in Macquarie Park Cemetery, d. 16 Apr 1990 in Sydney. Her partner **Ernest James Robertson**
 - a. Eileen Alice Hayward**, b. 29 Mar 1920 in Bellingen, She married **Bernard James Marshall**, 1945 in Chatswood, NSW, b. 4 Nov 1920, d. 25 Jan 1976.

- (A) **Russell Arthur Marshall**, b. 23 Sep 1950 (Twin), d. 23 Sep 1950.
 (B) **Dennis James Marshall**, b. 23 Sep 1950 (Twin), d. 6 Jun 1971.
 (C)&(D) Eileen had 2 other children (Marshall).
2. **Charles Edward Hayward**, b. 20 May 1910 in Grafton, d. 26 Nov 2000 in Sydney. He married **Violet Elizabeth Rose Lewer**, 1939 in Sydney, b. 12 Jan 1914, d. May 1989.
 - a. Charles had 1 child and 2 grandchildren limited details. .
 3. **Ronald Henry Hayward**, b. 1908 in Grafton, d. 13 May 1984 in Ramsgate, NSW He married **Kathleen Gladys Nagle**, 13 Aug 1936 in Kogarah, b. 1908 in Rockley, NSW d. 22 Mar 1999
 - a. **Ronald Daniel John Hayward**, b. 21 Mar 1939 in Sydney, d. 14 Jul 1998 in Sydney. He married **Kyoko Anegawa**, 1964 in Sydney.
 - b. **Dawn Rae Ellen Hayward**, b. 1 Oct 1936 in NSW d. 5 Dec 2012 in Sydney. She married **Hugh Ronald Neill**, 1957 in Rockdale, b. 1935 in Rockdale, NSW d. 15 Jun 2002
 - (A) **David Neill**, b. 1962.
 - c. **John Hayward**.
 - d. **Peter Hayward**.
 - e. **Thomas Hayward**.
 - f. **Fay Hayward**.
 4. **Doris Lillian Hayward**, b. 27 Mar 1919 in Woolgoolga, d. 19 Oct 2015 in Sydney. She married **Douglas "Leslie" Taylor**, 1941 in Chatswood, b. 4 Nov 1924 in North Sydney, d. 10 Jun 1982
 - a. **Ronald Leslie Taylor**, b. 10 Jul 1942 in Sydney d. 12 Nov 1968 in Sydney
 - b. **Carol Marie Taylor**, b. 1939. She married **Graham George Gow**, b. 22 Oct 1939 in Crows Nest, NSW d. 5 Dec 2004 in Mt Druitt, NSW
 - (A) **Robert Graham Gow**, b. 11 Aug 1965 in St Leonards, d. 16 Aug 2022 in Westmead.
 (1)&(2)Robert had 2 children (Gow).
 - (B) **Sue Gow**
 - c. **Graham Taylor**, b. in Sydney d. 31 Jul 1993 in Melbourne, Vic
- C. **Alice Caroline Waldon**, b. 1883 in Grafton, NSW buried 24 May 1956 in Nundah Cemetery, Hedley Avenue, Northgate Location 1-2-27, d. 23 May 1956 in Qld She married John Formby, 1903 in Grafton, NSW b. 1874 in Tarradale, Vic d. 10 Sep 1946 in Qld

John is the writer of the letter to *The Australian Worker* magazine in 1912 (See previous page)

1. **John Henry Formby**, he was born in 1904 in Murrumburrah, NSW d. 7 Aug 1989 in Brisbane, He married **Marion Frances Bourne**, 8 Mar 1947 in Brisbane, b. 17 Jun 1913, d. 13 Jul 2004.
2. **Kathleen Agnes Formby**, b. 1907 in Murrumburrah, d. 9 May 1980 in Redcliffe, Qld She married **Ernest Charles Ayre**, 14 Dec 1927 in Qld Ernest was born 1903 in Murwillumbah, d. 26 Mar 1969 in Maryborough, Qld
3. **Gordon Edward Formby**, b. 15 Apr 1913 in Grafton, d. , d. 18 Mar 1978 in Brisbane. He married (1) **Marjorie Goschnick**, 2 Mar 1946 in Qld. she was born. 14 Sep 1926 in Qld d. 25 Jul 2001 in Qld. He married (2) **Gladys Irene Martin**, 4 May 1958 in Brisbane, she was born 28 Apr 1910 in Qld d. 25 May 1982 in Brisbane.
 - a. **Gregory Raymond Formby**. He married **Lavine Rose McGuire**.
 (A)(B)&(C) Greg has 3 children (Formby)
4. **Thelma Annie Formby**, b. 1914 in Grafton, buried 1933 in Nundah, Qld, , d. 14 Aug 1933 in Brisbane, Qld
5. **Eric Thomas Formby**, b. 31 Jul 1911 in Grafton, d. 22 Feb 1984 in Brisbane, Qld
 - a.&b. Eric has 2 children (Formby).

*This completes the section of Anne Morgan 1857-1918 the 8th child of
 Joseph Morgan 1812-1881 and Mary Meskell 1828 -1900*

9. Fanny Frances Margaret Morgan 1 Oct 1858 – 17 June 1936

Another one of the Morgan siblings born in the Hunter Valley, Fanny is Joseph and Mary's 9th child. Her mother has 9 children, John the oldest is 14. The family may have moved in 1856/57 because major flooding caused farming chaos especially in areas around Alnwick where they were farming at some stage. Fanny's birth was registered in Maitland suggesting that they had moved a few kilometres west making Maitland their nearer than Raymond Terrace.

Is her first name **Fanny** or **Frances**? Her birth is registered as Fanny, in court in 1879 her name is, Fanny. On her marriage certificates she is Frances and her death notice reads Frances.

MORGAN FANNY	11752/1858	JOSEPH	MARY	RAYMOND TERRACE
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Fanny is just three when the family moves to the Grafton/Clarence region in 1860/61. Another six children are born after Fanny and five of them survive. We can only surmise about her early life as she was looked after by older sisters and then in turn became the carer of her younger brothers.

We pick her story up in July 1879, Fanny is 22 and in court, she is suing George McGowan for child maintenance.

Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 12 Jul 1879 /

Fanny Morgan v. George McGowan, for the maintenance of an illegitimate child, the defendant was ordered to pay 2s 6d per week for twelve months. Costs of court 3s 6d.

He doesn't pay and George in court in January 1880.

Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 17 Jan 1880 /

GRAFTON POLICE COURT.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.
BEFORE the Police Magistrate and Mr. J. F. Wilcox, J. P.
G. McGowan appeared charged by Fanny Morgan with deserting his illegitimate child. A previous order of 5s per week for maintenance was renewed for a further period of 12 months, defendant to find sureties for payment.

Confusion ahead. Again we have names and limited record details. What can be put together from NSW BDM and the court claim by Fanny for maintenance? It seems that she had three children by 1880; Georgina 1877, Alice 1879 and Ethel 1880. Both Alice and Ethel die in 1880. Possibly Ethel did not get registered as a birth because she died within days or a few weeks.

Fanny makes her claim for maintenance against George McGowan for a "child" singular. While we assume George was the father of the three children, it is not certain. He is most likely the father of Georgina; given her name. There is no record of her death like that of her sisters. The birth detail of Fanny's three children does not list a father. Neither do the death records.

Georgina was born 1st January 1877 and I cannot find any marriage or death record for her in NSW or Qld.

Below: The birth record of Alice, 1879 and Georgina, 1879.

Name	Registration Number	Father's Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	District
? MORGAN ALICE MAUD M	14144/1879		FANNY	GRAFTON
? MORGAN GEORGINA	12260/1877		FANNY	GRAFTON

Below: The NSW BDM death record of Ethel Morgan and Alice Morgan in 1880. Alice died 10th April 1880. The only parent listed is Fanny Morgan.

Name	Registration Number	Father's Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	District
? MORGAN ETHEL	6929/1880		FANNY	GRAFTON
? MORGAN ALICE M M	6933/1880		FANNY	GRAFTON

George McGowan marries Emily Crabb in Maclean in April 1880 and leaves our story.

In March 1881 Fanny Morgan has her first child, Leslie Ivory, with *Thomas Ivory*. Leslie is the first of nine children. All of these children's births are registered with the surname, Ivory and the father is Thomas.

Fanny and Thomas did not marry until 1892. In the previous year they had twins on 6th September 1891, both of them, Fredrick and William died on the same day as their birth. The trauma of that may have been the catalyst for their marriage. In any case their 8th child, Margaret, was born nine months later in June 1892.

In March 1887 **Thomas Ivory** is charged with assaulting **John Morgan**. John is Fanny's older brother. Thomas said the fight resulted from John using an *"improper epithets to his wife"* that is John has called his sister some insulting term. Thomas Ivory was held "On remand" in a cell at the police station for a week before the case went to trial and he was fined 20s (£1) and half went to John Morgan. Thomas must have resented this event; a week in custody and fine of 20s was about 3 or 4 days wages.

There is some family issue, John does not think well of his sister.

Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 26 Mar 1887 /

GRAFTON POLICE COURT.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23.—Before the P.M.
ASSAULT.
Thomas Ivory was charged with assaulting one *John Morgan* the day previous, at the corner of Prince and Pound streets.
Constable Slater deposed to arresting the accused that morning, at the International hotel, South Grafton. After giving him the usual caution, accused said that *Morgan* had used improper epithets to his wife, when he struck him on the forehead and cheek. *Morgan* then struck him on the cheek.
Remanded till Tuesday next for further evidence. It was stated that *Morgan* was obliged to go to the Hospital.

Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 2 Apr 1887

GRAFTON POLICE COURT.
TUESDAY, MARCH 29.—Before the P.M.
ASSAULT.
Thomas Ivory, on remand, was charged with assaulting one *John Morgan*.
Defendant admitted the assault, but stated that he received provocation. He was fined 20s or seven days imprisonment, half the fine to be paid to prosecutor.

Thomas and Fanny live at Eatonsville and later Maclean. Like so many of her siblings during the 1880's and 1890's **Fanny's family is in debt.** It is Thomas upon who this falls and the insolvency notices and stories about his debts read just like many we have seen so far. Below articles from 1887 & 1890.

Clarence and Richmond Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 2 Apr 1887 / Page 2 /

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6.
Before Mr. A. L. M'Dougall, P.M., District Commissioner.
In the estate of *Thomas Ivory*, of Eatonswill Falls, labourer, a single meeting was held. Insolvent wished to amend his schedule by putting the value of his furniture down at £5 instead of £9. He attributed his insolvency to sickness in his family, want of employment, and losses sustained through a contract he had taken to clear some land. Dr. Hood, of Maclean, and Edmund Ross, of Ballina, obtained judgments against him in the District Courts at Maclean and Lismore, which he was unable to satisfy. The greater part of the property attached by the Sheriff's officer is the property of William Campbell, who owns the farm on which he was then living. No debts were proved, and the meeting terminated. Mr. Norrie appeared for insolvent.

New South Wales Government Gazette (Sydney, NSW : 1832 - 1900) / Tue 29 Jul 1890 [Issue No

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. (2,629)
IN BANKRUPTCY.
Re *Thomas Ivory*, of Maclean, labourer.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of creditors in the above matter will be held at the Court-house, Maclean, before the District Registrar in Bankruptcy, on the 27th day of August, 1890, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat, his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy, Chancery-square, Sydney, not later than the 18th day of August, 1890.
ARTHUR HENRY,
Registrar in Bankruptcy.
Official Assignee—AUGUSTUS MORRIS.
6780 6s.

Thomas was a hardworking, fit labourer, he also ran into trouble in 1895, drunk and disorderly.

Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Sat 23 Mar 1895

Maclean Police Court.
ON Wednesday, before Mr. S. Macnaughtan, J.P.
Thomas Ivory, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was fined 5s, and for using indecent language 10s. Fines paid.

Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Tue 19 Oct 1897

procure to give the land a rest.
Mr. *Thomas Ivory*, aged 38, a resident of Maclean for 10 years, died on Friday from influenza. Mr. *Ivory* was a native of Grafton, and resided on the river during the whole of his life. He leaves a widow, three sons and four daughters, the latter being yet of tender years. His remains were interred in the R.C. cemetery on Sunday.

In 1897 Thomas Ivory is dead just 38 years old

Fanny Morgan at some time probably around 1881 when she has her first child with Thomas Ivory started using Frances as her first name, she uses it as her name when registering her children's births. Maybe it is Thomas who calls her that name. In any case when they finally marry in 1892 she is **Frances Margaret Morgan**.

Right: Fanny is named Frances Margaret Morgan in 1892 when she marries Thomas Ivory.

NEW SOUTH WALES
BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT 1995
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

REGISTRATION NUMBER
4760/1892

Date and place of marriage	Names and surnames of parties	Conjugal status	Birthplace
3 rd December 1892 Macleay	Thomas Ivory Frances Margaret Morgan	Bachelor Spinster	James Street, Pitt Rivers

Married to the Maiden
According to the rites of the Church of Rome

Below: Fanny is named Frances Margaret Morgan again in 1910 when she marries George Vincent Bishop. (On the left side of this 1910 marriage certificate her name is written as "Hancer" at

least it appears like that and it is sometimes transcribed as that to add confusion about who is getting married. The correct name is on the right side and her parents names are also listed so we definitely have the right person).

6216 352	1910. 12 November	George Vincent Bishop Hancer Margaret Ivory	66 Pitt Rivers
Married at		The Consent of _____ being the _____ of the Bridegroom, was given in writing to the Marriage	
		The Consent of _____ being the _____ of the Bride, was given in writing to the Marriage.	
According to the rites of the			

Bachelor	44 years	John Vincent Bishop	Postmaster
Widow	48	Mary Jane Keen	
		George Vincent Bishop	
		Mary Keen	

This Marriage was solemnized between us
George Vincent Bishop
Frances Margaret Ivory

In the presence of us
Charles Owens
Ernest A. Owens

By me G. B. Joyce Officiating Minister.

In 1910 Fanny marries George Vincent Bishop, she is 52 and he is 43. They do not have any children.

Although Fanny marries again but after Thomas death in 1897 she places *In Memoriam* notices declaring him her "dearly beloved husband". Fanny with all of her surviving seven children move to Sydney before the notice below in October 1904 and by 1916 when her youngest child, Ruby, gets married they have all married, including Fanny in 1910.

Evening News (Sydney, NSW: 1869 - 1931) / Thu 16 Oct 1902 / Page 4 / Family Notice

Fanny dies on 17th June 1936 as Mrs Bishop; her sons are named and her daughters are listed by their married names of Owens, Young, Batterbury and Sullivan.

IN MEMORIAM.

IVORY.—In loving remembrance of my dearly-beloved husband, **Thomas Ivory**, who died at **Macleay, Clarence River**, on October 11, 1897. Inserted by his affectionate wife, **F. M. Ivory**.

IVORY.—In loving remembrance of our dearly-beloved father, **Thomas Ivory**, who died at **Macleay, Clarence River**, on October 11, 1897. Inserted by his affectionate children.

'Phones. L2777 (2 lines).

BISHOP.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. and Mrs. **E. OWENS**, Mr. **THOMAS IVORY**, Mr. and Mrs. **C. IVORY**, Mr. and Mrs. **A. YOUNG**, Mr. and Mrs. **E. BATTERBURY**, Mrs. **R. SULLIVAN**, also Mr. and Mrs. **L. IVORY** (deceased), and their **FAMILIES** are invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved **MOTHER** and **GRANDMOTHER**, **Frances Margaret**; to leave our Private Chapel, 59 Parramatta-road, Annandale, **THIS AFTERNOON**, at 3 o'clock, for Crematorium, Woronora.

LABOR MOTOR FUNERALS, LIMITED,
59 Parramatta-road, Annandale. 'Phone, L3011.



Fanny Morgan
about 1930.
She would have been 72.

The descendants of Fanny Morgan 9th child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell

IX. Fanny Frances Margaret Morgan, she was born 1 Oct 1858 in Hunter River, NSW. She died 17 Jun 1936 in Hurstville, NSW. Fanny had 3 children with (1) **George McGowan**, they did not marry, he was b. 19 Oct 1854 in Grafton, d. 28 Apr 1904 in Grafton, She married (2) **Thomas Ivory**, 1892 in Maclean, b. 8 Aug 1859 in Grafton, (son of Michael Ivory and Ann Wilkinson Seale), d. 15 Oct 1897 in Maclean, She married (3) **George Vincent Bishop**, 12 Nov 1910 in Sydney, b. 7 Apr 1867 in St George, d. 12 Aug 1922 in Gosford.

- Father: **George McGowan**
- A. **Georgina Morgan**, b. 1 Jan 1877 in Grafton.... (No know descendants)
 - B. **Alice Maud May Morgan**, b. 1879 in Grafton, d. 10 Apr 1880. (Died 1 year old)
 - C. **Ethel Morgan**, b. 1880 & d. 1880 in Grafton (She only lived a day or a few weeks)

The following nine children D to L are the family of Fanny and Thomas Ivory

- D. **Leslie Joseph Ivory**, b. 17 Mar 1881 in Grafton, buried in Sydney d. 23 Feb 1920 in Petersham, NSW He married **Jessie Farmer**, 10 Feb 1904 in Sydney, b. 2 Nov 1882 in West Bromwich, Staffordshire, England, d. 7 May 1919 in Newtown,

Singleton Argus (NSW: 1880 - 1954) / Sat 13 Mar 1920 / Page 1



Jessie Farmer died in 1919 and Leslie Ivory was killed in 1920 the four children: Viola, Ethel, Eileen & Lilian went to live with Fanny Morgan and George Bishop.

A RAILWAY FATALITY.

"Running to Time."

At an inquest in Sydney on Wednesday on the body of **Leslie Joseph Ivory**, 38, a railway fettle, who was run down by a train and killed near Stanmore station on February 23, a railway fireman said: "They don't care what pace we go so long as we run on time."

The witness stated that trains were allowed 14 minutes for the seven-mile run between Strathfield and Sydney, and were not given any special instructions as to slowing down round dangerous curves.

In returning a verdict of accidental death, the Coroner said he could not believe that the Railway Department was as careless of human life as the witness supposed. He suggested, however, that employees should be warned to walk clear of the line.

1. **Viola Frances Ivory**, b. 18 Dec 1904 in Auckland, NZ, d. 27 Dec 1983 in Leichhardt, She married **Joseph Edward Linton**, 3 Sep 1927 in Annandale, NSW b. 2 Apr 1902 in Hobart, Tas d. 28 Aug 1974 in Leichhardt,



See Research Note D



- a. **John Brian Cassidy-Linton**. (Adopted) See Research Note D. He died 2023 aged 93 in Foster
- 2. **Ethel Maud Ivory**, b. 19 Apr 1907 in Randwick, d. 9 Feb 1996 in Sydney She married **Ernest Albert Banning**, 23 May 1928 in Annandale, b. 17 Sep 1907 in Sydney .d. 25 Apr 1961 in Sydney
 - a. **Leslie Walter Banning**, b. 2 Sep 1928 in Sydney d. 18 Sep 2006 in Canberra, He married **June Mary Townsend**, b. 10 Jun 1933 in Lake Cargelligo, NSW d. 8 Oct 2010 in Canberra., (A)(B)&(C) They had 3 children (Banning).
 - b. **Marie Joan Banning**, b. 6 Oct 1933 in Sydney. d. 27 Sep 2016 in Bowral. She married **Dennis Henry Tasman Flegg**. He was born 31 Jan 1933. D. 29 Jul 2021 in Mittagong
 - (A) **Karen Maree Flegg**.
 - (B) **Darryl Henry Flegg**.
 - (C) **Bradley David Flegg**.
- 3. **Eileen Olive Ivory**, b. 8 Jul 1909 in Sydney. 19 Jun 1963 in Petersham, She married **James Walter Knott**, 19 Jun 1933 in Holbrook, NSW b. Jun 1907 in Lincolnshire, UK d,11 Apr 1966 in Newtown
 - a. **Noleen Margaret Knott**, b. 1936 in Balmain, NSW d. 8 Jul 1954 in Newtown, NSW She married **Bryan Aubrey McGurgan**, 1953 in Petersham, NSW b. 12 Aug 1932 in Shepparton, Vic d. 11 May 2000 in Canberra.
- 4. **Lilian May Ivory**, b. 12 Nov 1914 in Annandale., 23 Apr 1982 in Merrylands, She married **William Robert Osburn**, 6 Feb 1932 in Newtown, b. 8 Apr 1909 Hobart, d. 14 Nov 1981
- E. **Ellenor Olive Mary Ivory**, b. 10 Sep 1882 in Maclean, d. 18 Jun 1962 in Sydney She married (1) **George Henry Carmichael**, b. 1883 in Glebe, d. 1938 in Glebe, She married (2) **Alfred Ernest Owens**, 2 May 1905 in Sydney, NSW b. 12 Jun 1879 in Windsor, Hawkesbury, NSW d. 6 May 1957 in Newtown
 1. **Paul Carmichael**, b. 1903 in Sydney, d. 1981 in Sydney, He married **Florence Mary Knock**, 1946 in Sydney, b. 22 Dec 1910 in Glebe, d. 1999 in Sydney
 - a. **Nicole Carmichael**.

Denise O'Brien info

c. **Roslyn Maria Carmichael.** She married ? *Drinkwater*.

Father:
Alfred
Owens

2. **Edison Francis Owens**, b. 18 Nov 1905 in Glebe, d. 14 Sep 1976 in Annadale, NSW He married *Rita Catherine Edwards*, 26 Mar 1927 b. 11 Oct 1909 in Redfern, d. 9 Feb 2000 in NSW.
 - a. **Betty Catherine Owens**, b. 6 Nov 1928, d. 27 May 1998 in Croydon, NSW
3. **Ernest Leonard Owens**, b. 17 May 1907 in Waterloo, Sydney, NSW d. 7 Feb 1981 in Sydney. He married *Jessie Jeanette Mackay*, 1931 in Annadale, b. 1910 in Sydney, NSW d. 2 Mar 1988 NSW.
 - a. **Paul Owens.**
 - b. **John Owens.**
4. **Victor Gordon Owens**, b. 15 Apr 1909 in Redfern, d. 18 Apr 1975 in Redcliffe, Qld He married *Doris Irene Packer*, 20 Feb 1936 in Annandale, NSW b. 17 Apr 1907 in Petersham, d. 19 Jun 1995 in Smithfield,
5. **Phyllis "Minnie" Muriel Owens**, b. 10 Oct 1911 in Waterloo, d. 26 Dec 1988 in Sydney. She married (1) *Alfred Ray Campbell*, 21 Dec 1929 in Annandale, b. 3 Apr 1907 d. 19 Oct 1985. She married (2) *Ronald Gardner*, 10 Oct 1941 in Lismore, b. 24 Apr 1901, d. 30 Dec 1987. She married (3) *Robert Ralston*, 1958 in Sydney b. 1912, d. 9 Aug 1982 in Sydney
6. **Sydney Harold Edward Owens**, b. 9 Feb 1918 in Petersham, NSW He married *Marjorie Bessie Lamont*, 16 Jan 1942 in Annandale, NSW b. 1921.
 - a. ? Owens.
 - (A) **Kara Chan.**

In the 1930's Ellenor "adopted" informally 2 children who were the children of the cousin of George Carmichael with whom she had her first child way back in 1903 one of them was named Joyce.

- F. **Thomas Michael Ivory**, b. 9 Oct 1884 in Maclean, d. 6 Oct 1988. He married *Elizabeth Sarah Jane Everson*, 7 Dec 1907 in Sydney, b. 11 Jun 1891 in NSW d. in Adelaide, SA
 1. **Thomas Victor Sealey Ivory**, b. 1909 in Redfern d. 18 Aug 1984 in Brisbane, Qld He married *Dorothy May Casey*, b. 22 Nov 1905 in South Woodburn, NSW d. 14 Nov 1997 in Brisbane, Qld
 - a. **John Raymond Ivory**, b. 24 Dec 1930 in Grafton, NSW d. 24 Dec 1930 in Grafton, NSW
 - b. ? Ivory.
- G. **Charles Samuel Ivory**, b. 1887 in Maclean, d. 22 Apr 1947 in Newtown, He married *Amy Violet Plin*, 7 Oct 1907 in Sydney she was born 1884.
 1. *Kathleen May Ivory*, b. 1910, d. 11 Mar 1984. She married *Arthur Albion*.
- H. **Dora Lilian Ivory**, b. 1889 in Maclean, d. 1 Nov 1975 in Leichhardt, She married *Alfred P Young*, 1909 in Sydney b. 31 Aug 1875 in NSW d. 1 Nov 1971 in Sydney
 1. **Helen May Young**, b. 1915 in Sydney d. 26 Mar 1990 in Leichardt, She married *John Dudley*, 6 May 1933 in Annandale, b. 1911 in Lucknow, Orange, d. 8 Feb 1983 in Woy Woy,
 - a. *Julie Dudley.*
 2. **Alfred Young**, b. 14 Mar 1907 in Glebe, d. 1985 in Central Coast, NSW He married *Mabel Susan Hargrave*, b. 1909 in Sydney d. 17 Apr 1935 in Drummoyne.
- I. **Frederick W Ivory**, b. 6 Sep 1891 in Maclean, d. 6 Sep 1891 in Maclean,
- J. **William James Ivory**, b. 6 Sep 1891, d. 6 Sep 1891.
- K. **Margaret Annie Ivory**, b. 19 Jun 1892 in Maclean, d. 30 May 1974 in Camperdown, She married *Edward Joseph Batterbury*, 7 Jun 1913 in Newtown, b. 1891 in , Hampshire, UK d. 1951 in Brisbane.
 1. **Phillip Francis Batterbury**, b. 8 Feb 1916 in Sydney , d. 18 Aug 1950 in Concord, He married *Grace Mary Jansen*, 20 Dec 1939 in Sydney, b. 1911.
 2. **Edward Leslie Batterbury**, b. 10 May 1920 in Leichhardt, d. 29 May 1953 in Denman, NSW He married *Ivy Emma Mary Drexel*, b. 15 Mar 1920 in Emerald, Qld d. 1990 in NSW.
 - a. **Edward Leslie Batterbury**, b. 31 Aug 1940 in Sydney d. 15 Aug 1980 in Sydney.
 3. **Doreen Hazel Batterbury**, b. 22 Feb 1925 in Sydney d. 29 Nov 1980 in Shoalhaven, She married *William "Bill" Arthur Rylands*, b. 12 Aug 1922 in Botany d. 1980 in Berry
 - a. *Dennis Arthur Rylands*, b. 1947, d. 11 Sep 1961.
- L. **Ruby Emily Ivory**, b. 8 Feb 1895 in Maclean, d. 1955 in Rockdale, She married **William Thomas Sullivan**, 5 Aug 1916 in Sydney b. 31 Aug 1888 in Gippsland, Vic d. 1963 in Rockdale, NSW

This completes the section of *Fanny Frances Morgan 1858-1936 the 9th child of Joseph Morgan 1812-1881 and Mary Meskell 1828 -1900*

10. Edward Owen Morgan 29 Sept 1860 – 19 Oct 1938

Edward was the last of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell's children born in the Hunter Valley at a place called **Irrawang** on the eastern side of the Williams River. Further east of the current Pacific Highway. This is NOT the same location of the town of Irrawang today but rather an estate that gained some fame in the 1800's for its pottery, glassmaking and vineyard. By 1860 the estate had ceased its businesses but the farming continued and that is where Edward's parents must have been working. The Irrawang Estate is now covered by the Grahamstown Dam.

NSW BIRTH REGISTRATION TRANSCRIPTION		REF NO -1860/11653
PARTIAL TRANSCRIPTION		
NAME	-EDWARD MORGAN	
SEX OF CHILD	-	
DATE OF BIRTH	-29/9/1860	
PLACE	-IRRAWANG, DISTRICT OF RAYMOND TERRACE NSW	
FATHER	-JOSEPH MORGAN	
OCCUPATION	-FARMER	
BIRTHPLACE	-	
AGE	-50	
DATE OF MARRIAGE	-	
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	-	
MOTHER	-MARY MISKELL	
BIRTHPLACE	-	
AGE	-36	

We have the right Edward Morgan, his father is Joseph and he is 50 and his mother is Mary Miskell.(sic) Yes the spelling has an "i" as its second letter. I expect it was the Irish accent even though Mary was only 12 when she arrived in NSW in 1840 her and her parents language was a probably a challenge for the scribes to translate to the written word. Edward's mum Mary Meskell is 36 when her 10th child is born.

Irrawang leads to an interesting person, James King, who made King James Pottery and glassware as well as grapes and winemaking. King was a Scotsman who came to NSW in 1828 and created a massive estate with far reaching plans, even a National School at Irrawang. He died on a trip to London in Late February 1858, he was 60 years old. In 1859/60 his wife auctioned off all of his equipment and property. I wonder if Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell (and their nine kids) weren't employed by Mrs King to assist with her sale of the property?

Edward is the 10th child with four older brothers, the eldest, John, is 16 and there are five older sisters. Edward's world is about to be shaken up. Within months of his birth the family, the whole extended family: grandparents, great aunts and uncles and cousins, they all board a steamer and head north to the mighty Clarence River.

Richmond Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 16 Jun 1888

Free Selections.

THE following portions were selected on Thursday, at the Grafton Land Office :—
Edward Morgan, Whiteman Creek, 40 acres, county Clarence, parish of Eaton, being measured portion 108; forfeited c.p. of Samuel Barnier. Deposit paid, £8. A non-residential application.

Edward decides to give farming a go and in 1888 he pays a deposit of £8 to secure 40 acres that has been forfeited by the original selector, Sam Barnier. This land is at Whiteman Creek. We have come across Whiteman Creek before. A few siblings back, Edward's older brother, William, takes on the operation of the Whiteman Road Ferry but that is in the future another 6 years away in 1894

By late 1899 Edward is in trouble and the community gathers around.

Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Sat 11 Nov 1899

BENEFIT SOCIAL

A Benefit Social, in aid of Mr. E. MORGAN and Family, will be held at the residence of Mr. G. S. Munns, Eatonswill, on WEDNESDAY NEXT, 15th inst. Gents 2s 6d; Ladies FREE.
E. MISKELL and W. BAKER, Hon. Secs.

Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Tue 7 Nov 1899

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD MORGAN and Family desire to THANK Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Baker and family, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Elder, Miss E. Little, and all other kind neighbours who assisted at the Benefit Social on his behalf, which was a great success.

The extended Morgan family, Edward's siblings and parents lived in the Mylneford, Eatonsville region and in 1902 the Eatonsville Progress Association organise a relief fund for "Mr E Morgan, a resident, who through long continued illness, had fallen on evil days," Mr Dibden thanked those who "contributed to the fund for the relief of a suffering fellow creature."

Edward married Jane Elizabeth Amos in South Grafton in June 1891. They had 8 children

I don't have a lot of information about Edward. He appears to have had jobs very similar to his brothers at various times working in the timber industry, a farmer and a gravel carter and from the 1902 fund raiser article he must have had a prolonged illness in 1901/02. At that time they had seven children; one had died and one, Ruby, yet to be born. Edward was 41 in 1901 so his prime years were potentially troubled.

RELIEF COMMITTEE.—This committee, organised to assist Mr. E. Morgan, a resident, who through long continued illness, had fallen on evil days, met and had its final meeting. The hon. sec. Mr. T. Dibden, announced that a systematic canvass of the district had been made, with the result that £16 had been raised, and as all expenses had been borne by Messrs. Dibden and Willis, the whole sum raised had been devoted to the purpose for which it was intended. The following are the amounts received:—Per Mr. J. Martin, £5 2s 6d; Mr. Niland, £2 7s 6d; L. Ford, £2 2s 6d; Miss J. Munns, £1 17s; Mr. Jagers, £1 18s 6d; Mr. Shea (Kangaroo Creek), 17s 6d; A. Martin, £1 2s; J. Retallick, 12s 6d; total, £16. Mr. Dibden is deeply gratified at the result, and takes this opportunity of thanking all who so generously contributed to the fund for the relief of a suffering fellow creature.

EATONSVILLE.
The annual meeting of the Mechanics' Institute was held on Wednesday night. Present: Messrs. F. and W. Higham, J. Massey, jun., W. Lane, W. P. and A. Holmes, J. Morrissey, S. Massey, and A. Schuhmacher. Officers for the following year are F. Higham, president; J. Morrissey, vice-president; W. Lane, secretary; J. Massey, treasurer; committee, W. A. and P. Holmes and A. Schuhmacher.
Mr. S. Morgan and Mr. E. Morgan and family left Eatonsville on Tuesday last, when a large crowd of friends gathered to wish them godspeed. The Morgans, who were old residents of Eatonsville, and well known throughout the district, will be greatly missed. Their many friends wish them every success in their new home in Queensland.

From *The Clarence and Richmond Examiner* in July 1914 it says "Mr S Morgan and Mr E Morgan and family left Eatonsville on Tuesday last.....The Morgans who were old residents of Eatonsville.... wish them every success in their new home in Queensland."

This move to Qld is confirmed by a recording of by his nephew, Waldo and his niece, Ruby who remember knowing that Sam lived in Qld. Also Edwards daughter, Florence, gets married to Charles Goodwin, in Main Arm, just north of Nambour in December 1915 and her first child Ronald Goodwin is born in Nambour in October 1916.

They do not stay on Queensland very long by October 1918 Florence has her second child, Eva, in Grafton.

Although Edward's sixth child, Maud, marries in Gympie in 1922, she was only 15 when they left Eatonsville in 1914. This may have been a romance years in the making.

Edward returns to Grafton from Queensland probably 1918 and most of his family stay in the region

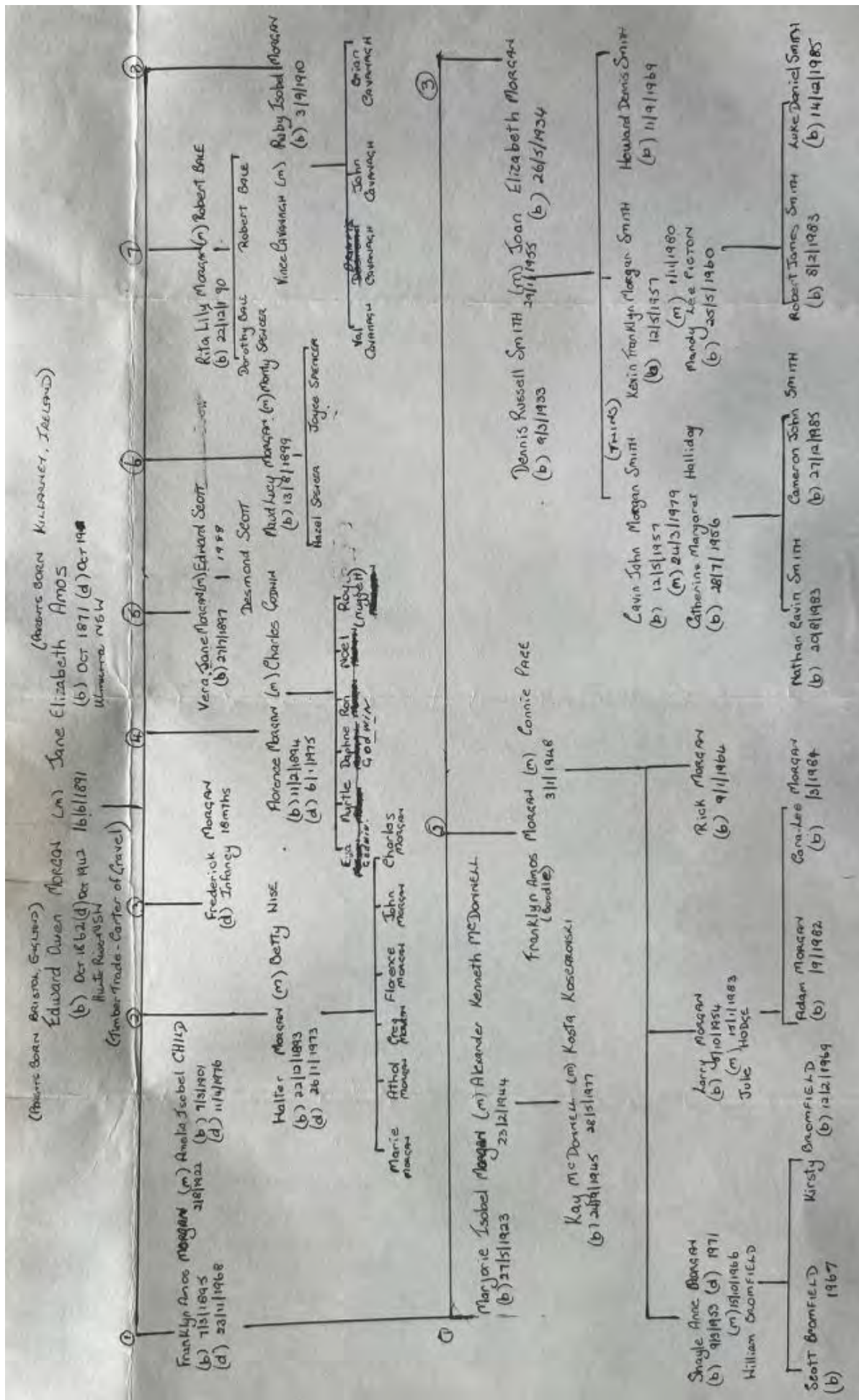
Edward died 19th October 1938

The members and friends of the late **EDWARD MORGAN**, of Copmanhurst, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, to move from Christ Church Cathedral, THIS DAY at 3 p.m., for the Grafton Cemetery. J. H. MacDONALD, Funeral Director. Through street, South Grafton. Phone, South Grafton 67.

M.U.L.O.O.F.
The members of the above Lodge are invited to attend the funeral of the late **BRO. EDWARD MORGAN**, to move from Christ Church Cathedral, at 3 p.m. THIS DAY, for the Grafton cemetery. W. BAILEY, Secretary.



Next page a family tree drawn by a member of Franklyn Amos Morgan – a son of Edwards -.



Edward Morgan and his Family

This is one of very few photos of this generation of the Morgan Family. Photographed about 1914, Ruby, front centre, was born in September 1910

Back Row: Walter Edward (1893), Maud Lucy (1898), Franklyn Amos (1895) & Florence May (1894)

Front Row: Jane Amos (Wife), Vera Jane (1897), Ruby Isabel (1910), Edward Morgan & Grets (Rita) Lily (1901)



The descendants of Edward Morgan 10th child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell

X. Edward Owen Morgan, he was born on 29 September 1860 in Irrawang, near Raymond Terrace, NSW. He is buried in the Anglican section Old Grafton Cemetery. Edward died 19 Oct 1938 in Grafton. He married *Jane Elizabeth Amos* on 16 Jun 1891 in South Grafton, (daughter of John William Amos and Jane Eaton), Jane was born 24 Oct 1871 in Swan Creek, Clarence River. She died 6 Oct 1950 in Grafton,

Daily Examiner (Grafton, NSW - 1915 - 1954) / Thu 12 Oct 1950

Clarence Woman Had Twenty Great-Grandchildren

Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Morgan, who died at the Grafton Base Hospital on October 6, is survived by 20 great-grandchildren, 25 grandchildren, five daughters and two sons.

She was the widow of the late Edward Morgan, of Mynelford.

Mrs. Morgan, who resided in the Clarence River district all her life, was born at Swan Creek 79 years ago.

She was the daughter of the late John Amos.

- A. Walter Edward Morgan**, b. 22 Dec 1893 in Eatonsville, d. 26 Jan 1973 in Burwood. He married *Elizabeth Beatrice Wise*, 3 May 1922 in Grafton, b. 12 Jan 1892, d. 29 Jul 1968 in Grafton,
- 1. Marie Isabel Morgan**, b. 19 Jul 1923 in Grafton, d. 18 Jun 1987 in Grafton. She married *Norman Richard Henwood*, 1945 in Grafton b. 16 Jul 1920 in Grafton, d. 5 Dec 2005 in Grafton, b. 16 Apr 1920.
 - a. Pamela Henwood**, b. in Grafton, She married *Kenneth Hayes*, b. in Grafton,
 - b. Noline Heather Henwood**, b. 1947. She married *Dennis Edward Lentfer*, 1966 in Grafton,
 - (A) Katrina Lentfer**, b.
 - (1) Imogen Lentfer-Jones.**
 - (B) Aaron Lentfer.** He married *Lee-Anne ?*.
 - (1) Connor Lentfer.**
 - (2) Charlie Lentfer.**
 - c. Grahame John Henwood**, b. 1948. He married *Pamela Louise Ellis*, 1968 in Grafton,
 - d. Paul Henwood**, b. 1950. He married *Linda*.
 - e. Helen Jean Henwood**, b. She married *James Charles Packwood*.
 - (A) Kassandra Packwood**, b. She married *Cam Watling*.
 - (1) Samuel Watling**, b.
 - (2) James Watling.**
 - (B) Michele Packwood**, b. 1984.
 - f. Neville Dennis Henwood**, b. 1955. He married *Rosemary*.
 - g. Kathryn Janelle Henwood**, b. She married *Gerry McMullen*.
 - (A) McMullen.**
 - h. Dawn Maree Henwood**, b. 1960. She married *Steve Thomas*.
 - (A) Marnie Henwood.** She married *Travis Paul*.
 - (1)(2)&(3) Marnie and Travis had 3 children (Paul).**
 - i. Joy Henwood**, b. 1962. She married *Steven Worth*.
 - (A) Mitchell Worth.**
 - (B) Matthew Worth.**
 - 2. Athol (Mick) Edward Morgan**, b. 15 Oct 1925 in, d. 20 Aug 2011 in Winegrove, NSW He married *Betty Loreina Joan Child*, 1954 in Grafton, b. 5 Feb 1933 in Grafton.
 - a. Lance Edward Morgan**, b. in Grafton, d. 28 Jun 1992 in Grafton,
 - b. Vicki May Morgan**, b. in Grafton, NSW She married *Richard Meyer*.
 - (A) Blake Richard Meyer**, b. in Grafton. He married *Jamilla Churchill*, 2015
 - (1) Jack Meyer**, b.
 - (2) Max Meyer**, b.
 - (3) Nayte Meyer.**
 - (B) Candice Vicki Meyer**, b. in Grafton, She married *William James Norris*.
 - (1) Isla May Norris**, b. in Grafton,
 - 3. Walter Amos (Greg) Morgan**, b. 24 Jul 1927, d. 25 Apr 2015 in Grafton, He married *Dulcie May Wilcox*, 1957 in Grafton, b. 5 Apr 1937, d. 16 Dec 2015 in Grafton.

- a. **Narelle May Morgan**, b. in Grafton, She married **Frank Rasborsek**, b. Apr 1954 in Stanmore, NSW .
 - (A) **Matthew Paul Rasborsek**, b. He married **Melissa**.
 - (1) **Keira Rasborsek**.
 - (2) **Aidan Rasborsek**.
 - (B) **Bradley Rasborsek**, b. in Grafton, He married **Rachel Humphreys**, 4 Dec 2010 in Broadwater, NSW
 - (1) **Maveric Peter Rasborsek**, b. AUG 2013.
 - (C) **Kyle Joseph Rasborsek**, b. in Grafton, NSW He married **Krissy Kopittle**, 30 May 2021.
 - (D) **Brenton Rasborsek**, b. in Grafton,
 - (E) **Ellynie May Rasborsek**, b. in Grafton. She married **Adam John Stowe**, 24 Nov 2012 in Grafton, NSW b. 1986.
 - (1) **Heath Stowe**, b. in Coffs Harbour
 - (2) **Willa Stowe**, b.
 - b. **Raymond Rex Morgan**, b. in Grafton, He married **Melissa Attwater**
 - (A) **Tyron Rougan Morgan**, b. in Grafton, He married **Skye**.
 - (1) **Zarly Eve Morgan**, b.
 - (2) **Lainey Rose Morgan**, b. DEC 2016.
 - (B) **Tahleigha Morgan**, b. in Grafton, She married **Jason Marmara**.
 - (1) **Xavier James Morgan Marmara**, b.
 - (2) **Keonie Jade Marmara**, b. Mar 2016.
 - c. **Janet Elizabeth Morgan**, b. in Grafton, She married **Warren John Elliott**.
 - (A) **Carlton Thomas Elliott**, b. in Grafton,
 - (B) **Hannah May Elliott**, b. in Grafton,
4. **Florence (Biddy) May Morgan**, b. 1929 in Grafton, d. 28 Jun 1998 in Grafton, She married (1) **Robert (Joe) Bruce McClymont**, 1949 in Grafton, b. 1 Oct 1923 in Grafton, (son of Alfred McClymont and Isabella Jane Townley), d. 2 Jun 2002 in Grafton, She married (2) **Esmond Grafton John Tranter**, b. 27 Oct 1927 in Grafton, d. 22 Jul 1991 in Grafton,
- a. **Bruce McClymont**, b. 1950. He married ? **Hutchings**.
 - (A) **McClymont**. He married ? **Burke**.
 - b. **Kerry John McClymont**, b. 1951, d. May 2020. He married **Wendy** ?.
 - (A) **Jamie McClymont**, b. 1978.
 - c. **Owen Edward McClymont**, b. 1952. He married **Desley May Greensill**, b. 21 Feb 19??
 - (A) **Brent McClymont**, b. 1986.
 - (B) **Gemma McClymont**, b. 1985.
 - (1) **Zahlee**.
 - d. **Robyn McClymont**, b. 1957. She married **Peter Edwards**.
 - e. **Darryl Ross (Doogs) McClymont**, b. 1962, d. 4 Jul 2018 in Grafton, He married **Cheryl** ?.
 - (A) **Joshua McClymont**.
5. **Noel (Charlie) Edward Morgan**, b. 28 Mar 1931 in Grafton. d. 15 Jun 2014. He married **Dorothy May Shaw**, 31 Dec 1955 in Grafton, b. 19 Dec 1937 in Grafton, d. 6 Apr 2009.
- a. **David Noel Morgan**, b. in Grafton, He married (1) **Leanne Phillips**, 3 Oct 1981 in Newcastle He married (2) **Kaylene Palensky**, 20 Jul 1977.
 - (A) **Amy Louise Morgan**, b. in Newcastle, She married **Khyne Davey**, b. 24 Feb 1983 in Grafton.
 - (1) **Alyssa Davey**, b. in Grafton,
 - (2) **Damon Davey**, b. in Grafton,
 - (3) **Jaiden Davey**.
 - (B) **Nicole Morgan**, b. in Newcastle,
 - (C) **Shaun Edward Morgan**, b. in Grafton,

- (D) **Christine Morgan**, b. in Grafton,
- b. **Sharon May Morgan**, b. in Grafton, She married (1) **Leonard Moller**, Mar 1974 in Newcastle. She married (2) **Colin Tanner**, 1982 in Newcastle. She married (3) **Kevin William Follan**, b. in Sydney. She married (4) **Warren Street**.
- (A) **Michael Roy Moller**, b. 21 Aug 1974 in Newcastle. d. 7 Mar 1977 in Clarence River.
- (B) **Scott Tanner**, b. in Newcastle, He married **Shelly Smith**.
- (1) **Cade James Tanner**, b. in Ipswich, Qld
- (C) **Rachel May Follan**, b. in Penrith, She married **Benjamin Whyte**
- c. **Noel William Morgan**, b. 12 Jun 1959 in Grafton, d. 29 Nov 1984 in Wooli, He married **Jeanie Baker**, b. in Newcastle
- (A) **Renea May Morgan**, b. in Newcastle, She married **Matthew James Barnes**, 8 Oct 2005 in Grafton, b. in Grafton.
- (1) **Aria Barnes**, b.
- (2) **Maya Barnes**, b.
6. **John Colin (Gabbie) Morgan**, b. 4 Jul 1933. He married **Lynette Anne Cooper**, 1955 in Grafton
- a. **Michelle Anne Morgan**, b. She married **Danny Thornton**.
- b. **Dale John Morgan**.
- B. **Florence May Morgan**, b. 11 Feb 1894 in Gerrymberryn, NSW buried in South Grafton Cemetery, d. 6 Jan 1975 in Toowoomba, Qld. She married **Charles Lachlan Goodwin**, 7 Dec 1915 in North Arm, Qld b. 6 Apr 1893 in Armidale, NSW d. 16 Mar 1963 in Grafton,
1. **Ronald Amos Goodwin**, b. 11 Oct 1916 in Nambour, Qld d. 15 Aug 2005 in Grafton, He married **Joyce Mildred Campbell**, 16 Jan 1941 (She was born 11 Nov 1918 & d. 28 Oct 2009 in Grafton)
- a. **Mervyn Neil Goodwin**, b. in Grafton, d. 20 Aug 1984, in Grafton, He married **Earlene Lorraine Harrison**.
- b. **Neville Ronald Goodwin**, b. 13 Oct 1946 He married **Judith Noreen Ross**, 1 Oct 1966
2. **Eva May Goodwin**, b. 21 Oct 1918 in Grafton, d. 6 May 1996 in Sydney She married **Walter Wellesley (Wally) Brooks**, 16 Feb 1946 in Grafton, b. 1914 in Sydney
- a. Cheryl Lynette Brooks, b. she married John Rennie 10 May 1969, Sydney.
- b. Dianne Patrice Brooks, b.
- * 3. **Myrtle Isabel Goodwin**, b. 23 Feb 1921 in Grafton, d. 19 Feb 1981 in Toowoomba, Qld. She married (1) **William Lefty Winkley**, 28 Oct 1937 in South Grafton. (Myrtle was 16 when she married). Lefty was born 12 Mar 1910 and died 26 Dec 1986 Myrtle divorced Lefty in Mid 1940s. Myrtle then married (2) **Percy Allan Morris**, 2 Feb 1946 in Sydney

* Notes and photos about Myrtle Goodwin family from Judy Gordon



- a. **Shirley Joan Winkley** born 2 April 1938 South Grafton. She married **Frederich Ingle**.
- b. **Beverley May Winkley** born 22 Jan 1940 South Grafton. She married **James Alfred Noe** on 16 June 1956 in St. James Church, Toowoomba QL (James born 11 August 1932 in Canungra QLD and died 30 June 2015 Brisbane QLD)

They had the following children:



- (A). **Judith Ann Noe** Born 24 October 1956, Toowoomba QLD Judy married (1) **Warren Trevor Brauer** on 25 October 1975 in Beenleigh. (Warren born 12 Feb 1953, Beenleigh QLD and died 3 April 1980 Brisbane and buried Beenleigh Cemetery QLD) Judy then married (2) **Ross Alexander Gordon** on 1 September 1984 in Brisbane (born 11 Sept 1960 Brisbane)
 - (1). **Warren Adam Brauer**, born 12 January 1980 at Beaudesert. (Not married).
 - (B). **Wendy Lynette Noe** born 27 June 1958, Toowoomba
 - (C) **Graham James Noe** born 25 June 1960, Toowoomba
 - (D). **Mark Raymond Noe** Born 22 July 1972, Beaudesert QLD
 - c. **Judith Kaye Winkley** b. 1942.d. 1942 (A family story identifies this child but Judy Gordon, her niece, has been unable to find any record of a birth or death.
Some time between 1942 and 1946 Myrtle and William divorced.
Myrtle then married Percy Allan Morris and they had 3 children
 - d. **Denise Mary Morris**, born on 1 May 1947 in Warwick She married **Rodney John Watson**
 - e. **Roselyn Sophia Morris**, born on 7 December 1948 in Warwick QLD. She married **Neville David Rowatt** 11 October 1969 in Toowoomba.
 - (A). **Leanne Maree Rowatt** born 30 March 1972 in Toowoomba.
 - (B). **Shane David Rowatt** born 11 November 1974 in Toowoomba.
 - f. **Desley Kay Morris**, born 21 July 1952 in Toowoomba QLD. She married **Lyle James Quinnell** 21 July 1973. in Toowoomba
4. **Clifford Charles Goodwin Goodwin**, b. 4 Sep 1923 in Grafton, d. 26 Mar 2009 in Dorrigo, He married **Dorothy Eastland Cox**, 22 Apr 1946 in Grafton, b. 1925 in Dorrigo, NSW
- a. **Trevor Neil Goodwin**,b. in Dorrigo he married **Myfanny Roberts** in 1978
 - (A) Edwyn Goodwin b. 1982
 - (B) Cari Goodwin b. 1984
 - b. **Jennifer June Goodwin**,b. in Dorrigo, She married Graham **Cavanagh** in 1969
 - (A) Stacy Cavanagh b. 1970
 - (B) Craig Cavanagh b. 1974
 - c. **Julianne Marie Goodwin**, b. 1960 in Dorrigo, She married **Kim Lowe**.
 - (A) Lisa Lowe b. 1978
 - (B) Rocky Lowe .b 1980
 - (C) Holly Lowe b. 1982
 - (A) Anna Lowe b. 1983
 - (B) Georgina Lowe .b 1986
 - (C) Paige Lowe b. 1988
5. **Daphne Maud Goodwin**, b. 6 Aug 1926 in Grafton, d. 22 Nov 2016 in Grafton, She married **Stanley Edward Allison**, 27 Sep 1947 in South Grafton, b. 1922 in Grafton, d. Jun 2010 in Grafton
- a. **Wayne John Allison**,b. in Sydney d. 18 Dec 2016 in Grafton He married **Mary**
 - (A) **Damien Allison**.
 - b. **Sandra Joy Allison**,b. in Sydney She married **Edward McArthur**.
 - (A) **Scott McArthur**.
 - (B) **Ty McArthur**.
 - c. **Gary Bruce Allison**,b. in Sydney He married **Karen ?**.
 - (A) **Amanda Allison**.
 - (B) **Mishca Allison**.
 - (C) **Callum Allison**.
 - d. **Michael Gregory Allison**,b. in Sydney He married **Gwenda Mary Betterridge**, b. 4 Oct 1959 in Maclean,
6. **Noel Edward Goodwin**, b. 25 Sep 1928, d. 11 Jan 2015 in Qld He married **Alice June Wilkinson**, 16 Dec 1950 in Sydney b. 11 Jun 1927, d. 25 Aug 2017 in Qld

- a. **Gail Ann Goodwin,b.** She married *Paul Laursen*
 - (A) **Jarrold Laursenb.**
 - (B) **Arron Laursenb.**
- 7. **Roy Thomas (Nuggett) Goodwin,** b. 28 Nov 1932, d. 14 Apr 2018. He married *Elma Daphine "sister" Waghorn,* 10 Aug 1957 in Grafton, b. 4 Jun 1934, d. 16 Jun 2016 in Grafton
 - a. **Peter John Goodwinb.** He married Diane *Lynette Everuss*
They have 1 daughter and 2 sons.
 - b. **Terry Allan Goodwinb.** He married *Anne Cavanagh* on 31 March 1990
They have 1 daughter and 1 son.
 - c. **Debbie Maree Goodwinb.** She married *Darren Wallace* on 20 April 1992..

- C. **Franklyn Amos Morgan**, b. 6 Mar 1895 in South Grafton. d. 23 Nov 1968 in Grafton. He married **Amelia Isabel Child**, 2 Aug 1922 in Copmanhurst, b. 7 Mar 1901 in Grafton, d. 11 Apr 1976 in Grafton,

Franklyn (Frank) Amos Morgan, the 3rd child of Edward Owen Morgan.

FA Morgan is on land titles on a number of Lots on Parish Maps in other sections of this book.

*I met his youngest sister (H) **Ruby** in 1989, in Grafton and Frank's eldest child, **Marjorie***, sent me family information that year after a request from Ruby. Included in that envelope was the photo below. Marjorie's is one of 3 children - 2. Franklin and a younger sister, 3. Joan, is on the next page.*

- * **1. Marjorie Isobel Morgan**, b. 27 May 1923 in Grafton, d. 15 Aug 2005 in Tumut, NSW She married **Alexander Kenneth McDonnell**, 23 Dec 1944, b. 28 Jun 1924, d. 28 Oct 2010 in Tumut,
- a. **Kay McDonnell**, b. 25 Sep 1945. She married **Kosta Koscarovski**, 28 May 1977.
- 2. Franklin Amos (Boodles) Morgan**, b. 11 Dec 1928 in Grafton, d. 18 Aug 2018 in Grafton, He married **Connie Page**, 3 Jan 1948 in Maclean, b. 8 Jul 1926 d. 6 Nov 2010 in Grafton
- a. **Shalye Anne Morgan**, b. 9 Mar 1950, d. 1 Oct 1971. She married **William John Bromfield**, 15 Oct 1966, b. 25 May 1945 in Blacktown, NSW d. 9 Dec 2017 in Port Macquarie
- (A) **Scott Bromfield**, b.
- (B) **Kristy Bromfield**, b.
- (1) **Shayle Louise Bromfield**, b.
- b. **Larry Morgan**, b. He married **Julie Diane Hodge**, 15 Jan 1983.
- (A) **Adam Morgan**, b. He married **Michelle ?**, 12 Nov 2006.
- (1) **Edric Morgan**, b.
- (2) **Evander Morgan**.
- (3) **Rupert Morgan**.
- (4) **? Morgan**.
- (B) **Cara-Lee Morgan**, b. She married **Dex Rokosuka**.
- (1) **Ki-eesha Connie Rokosuka**, b. in Grafton,
- (2) **?. Rokosuka**, b. Jan 2015.
- c. **Ricky Franklin Morgan**, b. He married **Jenny ?**.
- (A)&(B) Ricky and Jenny had 2 children (Morgan).

Daily Examiner (Grafton, NSW: 1915 - 1954) / Thu 29 Sep 1949



Photo taken 3rd January 1988

*Back Row L to R: **Franklin Amos (Boodles) Morgan** (in singlet), Scott Bromfield, Kristy Bromfield, Cara-Lee Morgan (3 grandchildren of Frank), Frank's wife in red **Connie Page**, holding Cara-Lee, Kay McDonnell, Kosta Kacarovski (husband of Kay), Gavin Smith (pink shirt), Rick Morgan (Franks son, only half visible), Joan Morgan (sister of Frank), Russell Smith (Joan's husband), Kevin Smith, **Marjorie Morgan**, Ken McDonnell (Marjorie's husband).*

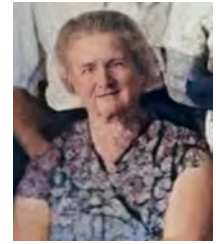
Front Row: Cathy Halliday (wife of Gavin Smith) holding sons, Nathan & Cameron, Mandy Picton (wife of Kevin Smith) holding son, Luke, Larry Morgan, Julie Hodge (wife of Larry) holding their son, Adam .

In front of front row: Howard Smith (holding his brother Kevin's son), Robert.

3. **Joan Elizabeth Morgan**, b. 26 May 1934. She married *Dennis Russell Smith*, 29 Jan 1955 in Grafton
- a. **Gavin John Smith**, b. He married *Catherine Margaret Halliday*, 24 Mar 1979, b.
 - (A) **Nathan Gavin Smith**, b.
 - (B) **Cameron John Smith**, b.
 - b. **Kevin (Twin) Franklyn Smith**, b. He married *Mandy Lee Picton*, 1 Nov 1980, b.
 - (A) **Robert James Smith**, b.
 - (B) **Luke Daniel Smith**, b.
 - c. **Howard Smith**, b.
 - d. **Cathy Smith**. She married ? *Cameron*.
- D. **Frederick Clyde Morgan**, b. 8 Apr 1896 in South Grafton, d. 1897 Grafton, (only lived a few months)
- E. **Vera Jane Morgan**, b. 27 Jul 1897 in South Grafton, d. 1 May 1987 in Sydney She married **William Edward Herbert Scott**, 1927 in Burwood, b. 21 Jun 1904 in Tenterfield, NSW d. 1965 in Newtown,
1. **Desman Edward Scott**.
 2. ? **Scott**.
- F. **Maud Lucy Morgan**, b. 13 Aug 1898 in Grafton, d. Jul 1982 in *Gympie, Qld* She married *Montague Henry (Monty) Spencer*, 1922 in *Qld* b. 6 Mar 1893 in Maryborough, Qld d. 1966 in *Qld*
1. **Hazel May Spencer**, b. 26 May 1923, d. 12 Jul 2016 in Gympie Qld She married **Walter Thomas Impey**, b. 4 Feb 1919 in Gympie d. 17 Sep 1989 in Gympie
 2. **Joyce Olive Spencer**, b. 9 Apr 1926, d. 12 Jul 2010. She married *Gilbert John Kretschmer*, b. 15 Oct 1924 in Gympie, Qld d. 2 Feb 2006 in Gympie Qld
- G. **Greta Lily (Rita) Morgan**, b. 22 Dec 1901 in Eatonsville, NSW d. 1967 in Newcastle, She *married (1) Robert Bale*, 26 Mar 1919 in Grafton b. 5 Dec 1893 in Grafton , d. 6 Feb 1948 in Sutherland, NSW (2) **Irwin Septimus Bridge**, 21 Jan 1927 in Cessnock, b. 4 Dec 1901 in Ettalong, NSW d. 11 Oct 1967 in Beresfield She married (3) *Frederick Albert Young*, 20 Nov 1930 in Newcastle, , b. 1904 d. 5 Feb 1967 in Cooks Hill, NSW She married (4) *Edward William (Sid) Brennan*,
- Greta the 7th child of Edward Morgan & Jane Amos has 8 children to 3 husbands -
1. **Dorothy Reta Bale**, b. 17 Nov 1919 in Grafton, , d. 16 Nov 2009 in Killarney Vale, NSW She married *Leonard Harold Swadling*, 1944 in Gosford, b. 24 Feb 1916 in Tumbarumba, d. 1993
 - a. **Jennifer Gaye Swadling**, b. 1947 in Grafton, She married **Ronald Abrahams**, 1983.
 2. **Robert "Bob" Athol Bale**, b. 10 Feb 1921 in Gympie, d. 12 Oct 1963 in Concord, NSW He married (1) *Valerie May Rogers*, b. 6 Aug 1909 in Lambton NSW d. 9 Jun 1984. He married (2) *Marjorie Worrall*, 12 May 1941 in Newtown, b. 3 Sep 1922 in Petersham, NSW, d. 13 May 2010.
 3. **Zetta Valma Bale**, b. 1926, d. 13 Nov 1926 in Newcastle
 4. **Kenneth Bridge**, b. 25 Jun 1927, d. 11 Jun 1983 in Wamberal, NSW He married *Barbara May Hicks*, 27 Jun 1953 in Millfield, NSW
 - a. **Gregory Ivan Bridge**.
 - b. **Megan Bridge**.
 - c. **Digby Bridge**.
 5. **Keith Edward Young**, b. 1930, d. 17 Feb 1985 in Sydney, NSW He married *Joyce Iris Mantova*, 3 Mar 1956 in Paddington
 - a. **Jody M Young**. She married ? *Webster*.
 - b. ? **Young**.
 6. **Marvie Ruth Young**, b. 1931 in Merewether, d. 6 Oct 2018 in Windale, NSW She *married Allan Dawber*, 17 Dec 1949 in Hamilton, NSW b. 1929 in Hamilton, d. 12 Apr 2012 in Windale, a.b.c&d. Marvie and Allan had 4 children one named Matthew (Dawber).

H. I only met one of the children of my great Grandmother, Harriet Morgan's siblings and that was Ruby Morgan, in 1989 she was Ruby Cavanaugh living Grafton. Ruby is my, (Neville Maloney) 1st cousin twice removed.

Ruby Isabel Morgan, b. 3 Sep 1910 in South Grafton, d. 8 Dec 1993 in Grafton, She married **Vincent Augustus Cavanagh**, 19 Sep 1931 in Grafton, b. 14 Feb 1908 in Grafton, d. 25 Jul 1971 in Grafton,



1. **John Thomas Cavanagh**, b. 17 Apr 1932 in Grafton, d. 22 Jan 2014 in Grafton,

2. **Dennis Edward Cavanagh**, b. He married Lorna **Olive Rich**, 1960 in Bathurst, NSW

3. **Valmai Mary Cavanagh**, b. 26 Jan 1937 in Grafton, d. 16 May 2010 in Grafton, She married **Ronald Cecil Cosgrove**, 1959 in Grafton, b 1938.



a. **Leanne Joy Cosgrove**, b. She married Bush.

(A) **Ashlee Cosgrove**.

(B) **Samantha Cosgrove**. She married **Zac Clarke-Nagle**.

(1) **Ava Mai**.

b. **Rodney Vincent Cosgrove**, b. He married **Annette Kennair**, Jun 2014.

(A) **Molly Cosgrove**, b. Oct 2011.

(B) **Jamie Cosgrove**.

(C) **Thomas Cosgrove**.

(D) **Mitchell Cosgrove**.

(E) **Edward Cosgrove**.

c. **Stuart Patrick Cosgrove**, b.

d. **Greg Cosgrove**, b. 1960. He married (1) **Sharon Lea Taylor**, b. 1966). Greg married (2) Sue Scott

(A) Jarrod Cosgrove, b.1990 (Parents Greg & Sharon)

(B) **Taylor Cosgrove**, b. 1995. (Parents Greg & Sharon)She married Ryan Vitnell.

(C) **Scott James Cosgrove**. (Parents Greg & Sue)

(D) Bianca Jane Cosgrove, b.1984 (Parents Greg & Sue)

4. **Brian Vincent Cavanagh**, b. in Grafton, He married **Cheryl Elizabeth Ann Johnson**, 1969 in Grafton NSW

a. Geoffrey Michael Cavanagh, b. 1970, d. 12 Aug 2024 in Grafton He married ?

(A) **Tara Cavanagh**.

(B) **Karlee Cavanagh**.

b. **Jason Cavanagh**, b. 1972.

c. **Anthony Cavanagh**, b. 1974.

d. **Naomi Cavanagh**, b. 1978.

4. **Dennis Edward Cavanagh**, b. He married Lorna **Olive Rich**, 1960 in Bathurst, NSW

11. Samuel Morgan 14 Sept 1862 - 19 Apr 1949

The 11th child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell, Sam Morgan is a musician, farmer and a contributor to many charities and community subscriptions, like hospital fund raising.

Sam like his brother, James, was a bachelor, he spent most of his life in the Eatonsville, Southampton and Mylneford region just a few kilometres west of Grafton but for a few years with s brother Edward and Edward's family moved to Qld near Nambour in 1914.

From *The Clarence and Richmond Examiner* in July 1914 it says “**Mr S Morgan and Mr E Morgan and family left Eatonsville on Tuesday last.....**The Morgans who were old residents of Eatonsville.... wish them every success in their new home in Queensland.”

This move to Qld is confirmed by a recording of by his nephew, Waldo and his niece, Ruby who remember knowing that Sam lived in Qld. Sam and Edward and Edward's family returned to Grafton by 1918 and Sam seems to have taken up form where he left off. He must have retained his property because he sells a farm at Eatonswill in 1919. He however retains to a property at Mylneford.

Below is an interesting social notice from Eatonsville in 1900, interesting because Sam is mentioned along with his brother George as the musicians for the night. James Maloney gives a “little speech” and this is the son of Harriet Morgan. James is Sam's nephew.

Daily Examiner (Grafton, NSW: 1915 - 1954) / Sat 10 May 1919 / Pag

FOR PRIVATE SALE, S. Morgan's
Freehold property of 160 acres, at Eatonswill. This property is one of the best on the Upper River, and has a half-mile river frontage and all modern improvements. For quick sale, at £1450. Under offer for one month only. Open for inspection. Passenger boats pass the property every day. S. Morgan, Eatonswill.

Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW: 1889 - 1915) / Sat 2 Jun 1900 /

SOCIAL AT EATONSVILLE.—A complimentary social was tendered to Miss Allen in the Mechanics Institute on Monday evening, and proved most successful, about 60 couples being present (including friends from all parts of the district) for the purpose of wishing the young lady “bon voyage,” as she is about to proceed to Charters Towers to become the bride of Mr. Frank Warden, electrician, of that place. Dancing was indulged in and musical items were rendered until midnight, when supper was partaken of, after which Mr. W. Middleton, on behalf of subscribers, presented Miss Allen with a pair of handsome silver cake baskets. Mr. Allen, on behalf of his daughter, returned thanks for the gifts. Mr. James Maloney made a neat little speech on behalf of the subscribers. Miss Hankinson, Messrs. Berry, Shelton and Wilkinson, of Ramornie, Messrs. Smart and Ford, of Gerymberryn, gave the vocal numbers. Miss Middleton, Messrs. Smart, Durrington, G. and S. Morgan supplied the music. Mr. W. Austin performed the duties of M.C. in a most efficient manner. The catering was carried out in first-class style by Mr. H. Reimer.

1895 when he is presented with a “*beautifully illuminated morocco bound album*”. It is also mentioned that both he his brother George have “*many sterling qualities*”.

Sam is buried at Mylneford. There is a cemetery on a farm. He is buried next to his brother, James, their graves are unmarked but are between two other marked grave sites directly in front of a house about 200m further toward the river from the main cemetery area. One of the marked graves is Roland Schuhmacher, his and the other grave are marked by wrought iron surrounds. Both Sam and James (Daniel) were unmarried. (*The information about the graves from Leonie Roberts who lived nearby in 1889*).

Sam played the piano and the community appreciation is noted at this gathering in

nd Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW: 1889 - 1915) / Tue 28 May 1895

COMPLIMENTARY.—At Eatonswill on Friday evening, a complimentary social, held at Mr. A. Baker's residence, was tendered to Messrs. Samuel and George Morgan, which fairly eclipsed anything of the kind held here previously. About 30 couples were present, and dancing commenced at 8 o'clock and was kept up, interspersed with songs, recitations, etc., until the small hours of the morning. Supper was laid out in the tastefully decorated verandah by Messrs Reimer and Essex. After supper Mr. Middleton, on behalf of the subscribers, after referring to the Messrs. Morgan's many sterling qualities, stated he had much pleasure in presenting Mr. Samuel Morgan with a beautifully illuminated morocco bound album, and Mr. George Morgan with a handsome sterling silver watch. The recipients responded in suitable terms, stating they were glad to find that their services as musicians were appreciated, and that their conduct merited approval, which would be a stimulus for them to continue to act in the future as in the past. Visitors were present from Copmanhurst, Whiteman Creek, Chambigne, Stockyard Creek, Gerymberryn and Grafton. Mr. J. Corcoran (Copmanhurst) made an efficient M.C. The music was provided by Messrs. S. and G. Morgan, W. and J. Holmes, and F. Smart. The occasion was thought a fitting opportunity to welcome Mr. H. P. Baker, wife and family, who have returned to the Clarence.

Samuel Morgans Will.

Sam died on 19th April 1949. He was the last of his 14 siblings. Of his generation only two cousins, the children of his mother's brother, John Meskell Jnr, lived longer. Harry Meskell died in 1950 and Edward Meskell was 97 when he died in 1953. Sam's mother, Mary and her brother, John, were both born in Clonmel, Tipperary, Ireland and arrived in NSW in 1840.

The will was made in 1903 and Sam left his estate including his farm to his brother Edward but Edward died in 1938. Edward died in October 1938 and a new will was made in favour of Edwards' son Franklyn. (See next page).



This is the Last Will and Testament of me Samuel Morgan of Eatonville near Grafton in the State of New South Wales, Farmer.

I hereby revoke all Wills at any time heretofore made.

After the payment of all my just debts funeral or testamentary expenses. I give and Bequeath my real and personal property as under.

To my brother Edward Morgan of Eatonville aforesaid the whole of my real and personal property that I may die possessed of - consisting of Eighty acres of land situated County Clarence parish Eaton and any such other lands that I may become possessed of. Also all stock, farm implements household goods or any other property either real or personal that I may die possessed of and I appoint Edward Morgan Executor

Signed this Twenty Fifth day of August one Thousand Nine hundred & three

Signed by the said Samuel Morgan } Samuel
in our presence and by us in the } Morgan
presence of each other and acknowledged
by him to be his last Will.

Jno Quinn
Jas O'Keefe

352159 MORGAN SAMUEL late of Mylneford Clarence River in the State of N.S.W. -
Retired Farmer. [1]

I SAMUEL MORGAN of Mylneford Clarence River in the State of New South Wales Retired Farmer DO HEREBY REVOKE all former wills and testamentary dispositions made by me AND DECLARE this to be my last will and testament I APPOINT JAMES MASSEY the Younger of Mylneford aforesaid Farmer to be the sole executor of this my will I GIVE DEVISE AND BEQUEATH all my real and personal estate subject to the payment of all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses to my nephew Frank Morgan the son of my brother Edward Morgan absolutely IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of August in the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty eight.

his
SAMUEL X MORGAN
mark.

SIGNED by the testator as and for his last will and testament by making his mark in the presence of us both present at the same time who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses. The said testator being blind and unable to write and the said will having first been read over and explained to him when he appeared fully to understand the effect thereof and approved of the same. J.M. DAVIES, Clerk Grafton. R.C. LAW Solicitor Grafton.

20th June, 1949. On this date Probate of the last will of the abovenamed deceased was granted to JAMES CLARENCE MASSEY (in the said will named James Massey the Younger) the executor named in the said will. TESTATOR DIED on the 19th day of April, 1949. EST
SWORN at the sum of £129:13:10 nett. [AC]

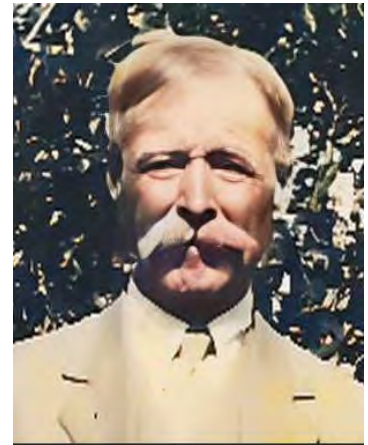
This completes the section of Samuel Morgan 1862-1949 the 11th child of Joseph Morgan 1812-1881 and Mary Meskell 1828 -1900

12. George Henry Morgan 03 Dec 1864 - 18 Dec 1942

George was the 12th child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell, their 3rd child born on The Clarence River. George grew up in the Waterview/Eatonsville region just west of Grafton with his many siblings. His father, Joseph, died in 1881 when George was just 19.

The photo of George, taken probably on 1932/34 show a nicely dressed gentleman with a rather grand moustache, George would have been about 68 at the time. He has the same sloping eyes of his mother.

George was a fine musician he played the violin, his brother Sam the piano and together they provided entertainment for their community at dances and events. Their efforts were appreciated and in 1895 a "Complimentary Social" was held at Mr A. Baker's residence at Eatonswill for "Messrs. Samuel and George Morgan, which fairly eclipsed anything of the kind held here previously" George was presented with "a handsome sterling silver watch". (See the 1895 newspaper article two pages back in the section on Sam Morgan).



George like his siblings I assume tried farming and timber work and by 1902 he bought 2 blocks of land –Portion numbers 224 and 225 in First Falls. First Falls is a part of Eatonsville.

In 1903 George married Mabel Hudson on 17th June 1903. George was 39 and Mabel was 27.

A witness to his marriage is his brother Sam.

Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Sat 3 May 1902

LAND BUSINESS.

The following applications were made at the Grafton Lands Office on Thursday :—
Gordon Cowan, South Grafton, c.p. of 16a. 3r. 10per., parish Southampton, being portions 222 and 223. Deposit paid £6 14s. 6d., survey fee £2 14s.
William Newman, Ulmarra, homestead selection of 320a., being portion 47, parish Maryvale, county Clarence. Deposit paid £2 5s., survey fee £2.
A sale of Crown lands was held on Wednesday, when a number of suburban lots in the village of First Falls were offered, of which the following were sold:—Portions 224 and 225, of 1r. 10per. and 1r. 9per., sold to **George Henry Morgan** at the upset of £4 per lot. Por-



No. 27.
NEW SOUTH WALES.
No. 114 IN MINISTER'S REGISTER. No. A 35392
REGISTRAR'S No. SCHEDULE. MARRIAGE ACT, No. 15, 1869.
CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.
I, **Robert Julius Moxon** being **Anglican Archdeacon of Grafton** do hereby Certify that I have this day at **Christ Church Cathedral Grafton** duly celebrated Marriage between **George Henry Morgan** Bachelor of Eatonsville, Farmer and **Mabel Jane Hudson** Spinster of Eatonsville after Declaration duly made before me as by law required.
DATED this **17th** day of **June** 1903
Signatures of Parties to Marriage: **George Henry Morgan** (Bridegroom), **Mabel Jane Hudson** (Bride), **Martha Jane Hudson** (Witness), **Samuel Morgan** (Witness).
Signature of Minister: **Robt J. Moxon**

George and Mabel have three children; Lily, Waldo "Talga" and Leslie "Johnny".

George and Mabel lived in various locations in Grafton which included: 154 Powell St, 74 Fry St and 51 Villiers St.

In 1939 George had an accident on a push bike. He was then 74 years old but interestingly he was still employed by Grafton City Council!

Daily Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1915 - 1954) / Mon 20 Feb 1939 / Pa

CYCLISTS COLLIDE.
Whilst riding bicycles in Prince street, Grafton, yesterday morning, Mr. **George Morgan**, an elderly man employed by the Grafton City Council, suffered an injury to the right shoulder, and **William Skinner**, 18, of Queen street, Grafton, sustained concussion, when they collided at the intersection of Oliver and Prince streets. The Grafton District Ambulance was summoned and, after first aid had been rendered, **Morgan** was conveyed in the ambulance to his home. **Skinner** recovered sufficiently to be allowed to proceed to his home, accompanied by a friend.

George Morgan died on 18th December 1942 he was 78. George had suffered from asthma all his life and it was chronic bronchitis and asthma that caused his death.

The descendants of George Morgan 12th child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell

XII. George Henry Morgan, he was born 3 Dec 1864 in Southampton, Grafton he is buried in Grafton Old Cemetery, Anglican section, he died 18 Dec 1942 in Grafton. George married *Mabel Jane Hudson*, 17 Jun 1903 in Grafton b. 26 Feb 1876 in Ramornie she died 24 Jan 1933 in Grafton.

A. Lily Margaret Morgan, b. 7 Aug 1906 in Grafton, d. 1 Feb 1983 in Cheltenham Vic She married *Leslie James Phillips*, 2 Oct 1930 in South Kensington Sydney. b. 8 May 1894 in Stroud NSW. d. 26 Aug 1977 Campsie. NSW

1. **Phillip John Phillips**, b. 1940 in Sydney He married (1) *Jennifer Rosalind Black*, 1963 in Sydney. He married (2) **Bridgitte Oppenauer**, 1970 in Sydney. b. 7 Jan 1946 in Vilseck, Germany.

a. **Wendy (Treasure) Phillips**. She married *Paul Olson*.

(A) **Sanborn Olson**.

(B) **Jazzmine Olson**.

b. **Brent Phillips**. (Mother *Bridgitte Oppenauer*)

c. **Miles Phillips**. (Mother *Bridgitte Oppenauer*)

B. Waldo "Talga" Homer Morgan, was born 1 Dec 1908 in Grafton, d. 7 Aug 2001 in Grafton. He married (1) *Lucille May Carter*, 11 Jun 1938 in Grafton. b. 29 Apr 1914 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, USA. d. 18 May 1944 in Grafton.

He married (2) *Audrey Jean Wilson*, 20 Feb 1954 in Grafton. b. 24 May 1927 in Wagga Wagga. d. 2 Dec 2009 in Grafton.

1. **John David Morgan**, b. in Grafton (child of first marriage to *Lucy Carter*).

Waldo "Talga" Homer Morgan

Talga was a member of many community organizations and well known in the Clarence region. Over the years he was a:
Elder of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Grafton.

Member of the Committee of Management St Andrew's Church.

Member of the Men's League St Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Life Member of the Clarence River Poultry Club.

Voluntary Ambulance Officer.

Member of Yamba Surf Club.

Member of Grafton Masonic Lodge.

Cattle Drover.

Worked as a Baker Cart Driver.

Butcher

OBITUARY

MR. G. H. MORGAN.

The death occurred yesterday morning in the Grafton District Hospital of Mr. George Henry Morgan, aged 78 years.

Deceased, who was a native of Grafton, had lived in the district all his life. His wife predeceased him about eight years ago and latterly he had been living with his son, Mr. W. H. Morgan, at 94 Dobie street, Grafton. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. L. J. Phillips, of Sydney, and two sons, W. H. (Grafton) and Leslie R. (Sydney).

The funeral will move from the Chapel, Duke street, immediately after a service commencing at 2.30 p.m. to-day, for the Grafton cemetery.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at St. George's Presbyterian Church, South Kensington, on October 2 at 7 p.m., when Lillian Margaret Morgan, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan, of Grafton, was married to Mr. Leslie Phillips, of the telegraph staff, G.P.O., Sydney, and late of Grafton. After the wedding breakfast, which was attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends, the bride and bridegroom left for Katoomba for their honeymoon.



Daughter of **Waldo "Talga" Homer Morgan** and **Audrey Jean Wilson**

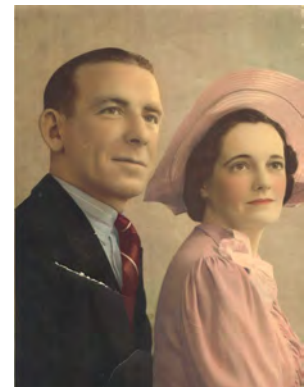
2. **Lissa Ann Morgan***, b. 29 Dec 1961 in Grafton Lissa married **Hector Charles Robson Cameron**, 10 Feb 1990 in Grafton b. 24 Jan 1957 in Surrey Hills, NSW (son of Hector Robson Cameron and Eleanor Emily Eileen Wilkinson).
 - a. **Aidan Alexander Cameron**, b. in Grafton
 - b. **Andrew James Cameron**, b. in Newcastle buried 27 Aug 1996 in Grafton d. 22 Aug 1996 in Newcastle, NSW
 - c. **Hugh Lachlan Cameron**, b. in Grafton
 - d. **Ellynie Elise Cameron**, b. in Grafton

- C. **Leslie "Johnny" Robert Morgan**, b. 19 Sep 1910 in Grafton., d. 5 Mar 1992 in Sydney, NSW He married **Madge Emmie Carter**, 1938 in Sydney b. 1907 in Taree. d. 3 Sep 1984 in Booker Bay NSW

1. **Carole Anne Morgan**, b. in Darlinghurst, Sydney She married (1) **Bruce Michael Whyte-Southcombe**, 12 Jan 1961 in Sydney, b. 6 Jul 1939 in Sydney. She married (2) **Mark Kent Nestor**, 26 Nov 1988 in North Sydney b. in South Carolina USA.
 - a. **Stewart Douglas Whyte-Southcombe**, b. in Sydney, NSW
 - (A) **Zoe Lavinia Whyte-Southcombe**, b.
 - (B) **Oliver Whyte-Southcombe**, b.
 - b. **Kurt Peter Whyte-Southcombe**, b. in Sydney He married (1) **Melissa Terkelsen**. He married (2) **Supansa Hawhan**, 9 Oct 2021, b. 25 Sep.
 - (A) **Charley Whyte-Southcombe**, b.
2. **Trevor John Morgan**, b. 24 Jul 1946 in Darlinghurst, Sydney, d. 2 Feb 2018 in Woy Woy. He married (1) **Maureen Elizabeth Williams**.



Leslie "Johnny" & Waldo "Talga" Morgan



*Lissa's family history research has made the Morgan family trees possible in this generation. That is, her grandfather George and all of his siblings the 15 children of Joseph and Mary Meskell. Lissa sent me a digital GEDCOM file in 2009 and knowing I had that was an incentive to start this book in 2025. Thanks Lissa. *Neville Maloney*

*This completes the section of **George Henry Morgan 1864-1942** the 12th child of **Joseph Morgan 1812-1881** and **Mary Meskell 1828 -1900***

13. Unnamed Morgan 21 April 1867 - 21 Apr 1867

An unnamed child, the 13th child, of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell.

This birth was a male child who must have lived for a few hours, the record I have lists birth and death on the same day, the 21st, I have however not seen the NSW BDM detailed certificates so am not sure of that timeframe at most this child may have lived for a few days. Still born children were not registered for birth or death in the 1860s.

In this case the child was not named, most likely because while at birth it was alive there may have been a problem that indicated it was unlikely to live.

Joseph and Mary registered the birth and the death. In 1867 Joseph was 55 and Mary was 39.

Birth Record

<input type="checkbox"/> ? MORGAN (MALE)	9724/1867	JOSEPH	MARY	GRAFTON
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Deaths Search Results

Name	Registration Number	Father's Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	District
<input type="checkbox"/> ? MORGAN MALE	5224/1867	JOSEPH	MARY	GRAFTON

14. Daniel JAMES Morgan 1 Sept 1868 - 12 Nov 1933

James, the 14th child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell was registered as Daniel Morgan but somewhere along the way he adopted the use of his second name, **James**, and it will be that name I refer to him as from here on.

The NSW BDM website list below is the births of Joseph and Mary Morgan from 1862 to 1870 the five children they had after they moved to Grafton in 1860/61.

Births Search Results

Name	Registration Number	Father's Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	District
<input type="checkbox"/> ? MORGAN CHARLES	10427/1870	JOSEPH	MARY	GRAFTON
<input type="checkbox"/> ? MORGAN DANIEL	9841/1868	JOSEPH	MARY	GRAFTON
<input type="checkbox"/> ? MORGAN (MALE)	9724/1867	JOSEPH	MARY	GRAFTON
<input type="checkbox"/> ? MORGAN GEORGE H	8999/1864	JOSEPH	MARY	GRAFTON
<input type="checkbox"/> ? MORGAN SAMUEL	8123/1862	JOSEPH	MARY	GRAFTON

James was a bachelor; he lived in Eatonsville and Mylneford. I have limited information about James.

I do know that by time he is 22 James is playing cricket with two of his older brothers, Joseph and William in the Eatonswill team, they play on Saturdays and **James is a reasonable batter.**

James was still playing in 1899 and Eatonswill fielded 2 teams in the late 1890s. Cricket between Grafton clubs the rural regional teams was a social event. In the 1880/90s Test match Cricket between Australia and England was splashed across newspapers and the talk of every town and village in Australia.

Like his brother, William, James takes on a punt service and in 1913 and 1914 he is operating a punt from Eatonsville to Eatonswill – I assume across the river at Eatonsville. I thought Eatonswill was just a different spelling of Eatonsville but the article from 1914 on the right corrects that ignorance.

In 1922 James takes over the Whiteman Ferry. Previously his brother William had been the operator of this ferry for many years.

and Guy Fawkes Advocate (NSW : 1910 - 1954) / Wed 15 Nov 1922

The following tenders were adopted:—Ferries, Whiteman, James Morgan, £80; Eatonsville, C. Davis, £60; Numbaid, J. Baker, £100.

James spent his later years on a farm at Mylneford with his brother Sam; they are buried on that farm. (See information in notes about Samuel Morgan).

James died 12th November 1933

This completes the section of James Morgan 1868-1933 the 14th child of Joseph Morgan 1812-1881 and Mary Meskell 1828 - 1900

England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 16 Mar 1889

Eatonswill v. Ramornie.—A match was played at Ramornie on Saturday last between the above clubs, resulting in a win for the latter by eight wickets. Two fine catches were made by P. O'Keeffe and G. Ashwood; James Morgan made contributions by free hitting, and we notice that Myers still retains his batting prowess.

Eatonswill—W. Dorrington 2 and 1, D. Baker (n.o) 7, H. Batty 1 and 4, James Morgan 22 and 10, Jos. Morgan 4 and 7, W. Baker 3 and 4, H. Baker 3 each innings, A. Baker 5, W. Munro 2 and 1, S. Willis and W. Morgan nil; sundries 12. Myers took 3 wickets. Ashwood 6, James 4, Smith 2.

Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Thu 1 Oct 1914

Postal Facilities at Eatonswill.

Mr. John Thomson, M.H.R., has been notified: "Relative to the application forwarded by you from the Eatonswill Progress Association for the establishment of postal facilities at Eatonswill, I have to inform you that it has been decided to open a receiving and telephone office at the place named under the designation of Mylneford, on the 1st October, and place it in charge of Mr. James Morgan, lessee of the punt between Eatonsville and Eatonswill. Mails will be exchanged daily (Sundays excepted) with Grafton by river by river steamer leaving Grafton at 7 a.m. and leaving Mylneford on the return journey at about 2.30 p.m."

1874 - 1875; 1879 - 1882; 1888; 1892; 1899 - 1922) / Mon 10 Nov 1913

TENDERS.

Tenders, as follow, were dealt with:—

Working the Eatonsville punt.—James Morgan £50 (three tenders). Working the Whiteman punt.—William Morgan, £70 (two tenders).

15. Charles (Charlie) Morgan 27 Aug 1870 - 29 Apr 1887

Charlie was only eleven when his father died in 1881; the household was still large six of seven are still living at home and five of his older siblings had married. His mum, Mary, was 53 and the next youngest, James, was 13. The next George was 17 so Mary really only had the two youngest, James and Charlie, to “look after” when Joseph died.

The Gerrymberryn School opened between in 1877 to 1880 so Charlie may have attended for a few years.

In 1887 **Charles (Charlie) Morgan**, Mary’s youngest child, contracts tetanus from a wound and dies, he is just 17. There was a major flood in Grafton in late January 1887 and the mud and mess left over from this disaster may have been the cause of the tetanus cases. The plant Stinking



Rodger, *Tagetes minuta*,

was a weed introduced as an exotic plant it had no commercial use. It did have, as it dried stalks that were stiff and splintery that caused bloody wounds and these were the type of wounds that tetanus infected. Prior to the vaccine in the 1920’s the mortality rate for tetanus was very high. Stinking Rodger had an unpleasant marigold type smell hence its name.

The death notice provides the date and that Charles is the son “of the late Joseph Morgan”.

The Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser (NSW; 1871 - 1912) / Sat 14 May 1887 / Page

A lad named Charles Morgan died in the hospital here last week. He was suffering from tetanus when admitted. It is said that this was the result of a wound in the foot, caused by treading on a stalk of the plant popularly known as “stinking rodger.” The lad’s friends state that this is the third death which has occurred here from wounds caused by the same plant.

Clarence and Richmond Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW; 1859 - 1889) / Tue 3 May 1887 / Page 2 / Fa

DEATH.
MORGAN.—Died at the Grafton Hospital on the 29th April, 1887, CHARLES, aged 17 years and 8 months, youngest son of the late Joseph Morgan, First Falls, Eatonswill.

The “In Memory” notice inserted by Charlie’s mother on April 30th 1889, two years after he died seems to be an original work written by Mary – helped by other family member. The lines cannot be found in any published works; poems or other memorials and the wording is very specific to Mary as the “widowed mother”. Some of the terms are common to the public grief that these notices provided at the time but the metre is irregular and not the format of professionals at the time.

nond Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW; 1859 - 1889) / Tue 30 Apr 1889 / I

IN MEMORY of CHARLES MORGAN, who died the 29th April, 1887; aged 16 years and 8 months.
O! listen to my tales of woe, they are sorrowful to hear,
As soon the shades of evening cool draws o’er the silent tomb,
Bent down in life before his dawn of youth had yet begun,
And left a widowed mother here to mourn here faithful son.
To her he proved a faithful son—a son both kind and true;
His upright, manly ways had won the praise of all he knew.
Rest on, in peace, dear faithful son—thy loss we all deplore—
Unto that blessed mansion bright thou has’t only gone before
Inserted by his loving mother MARY MORGAN.

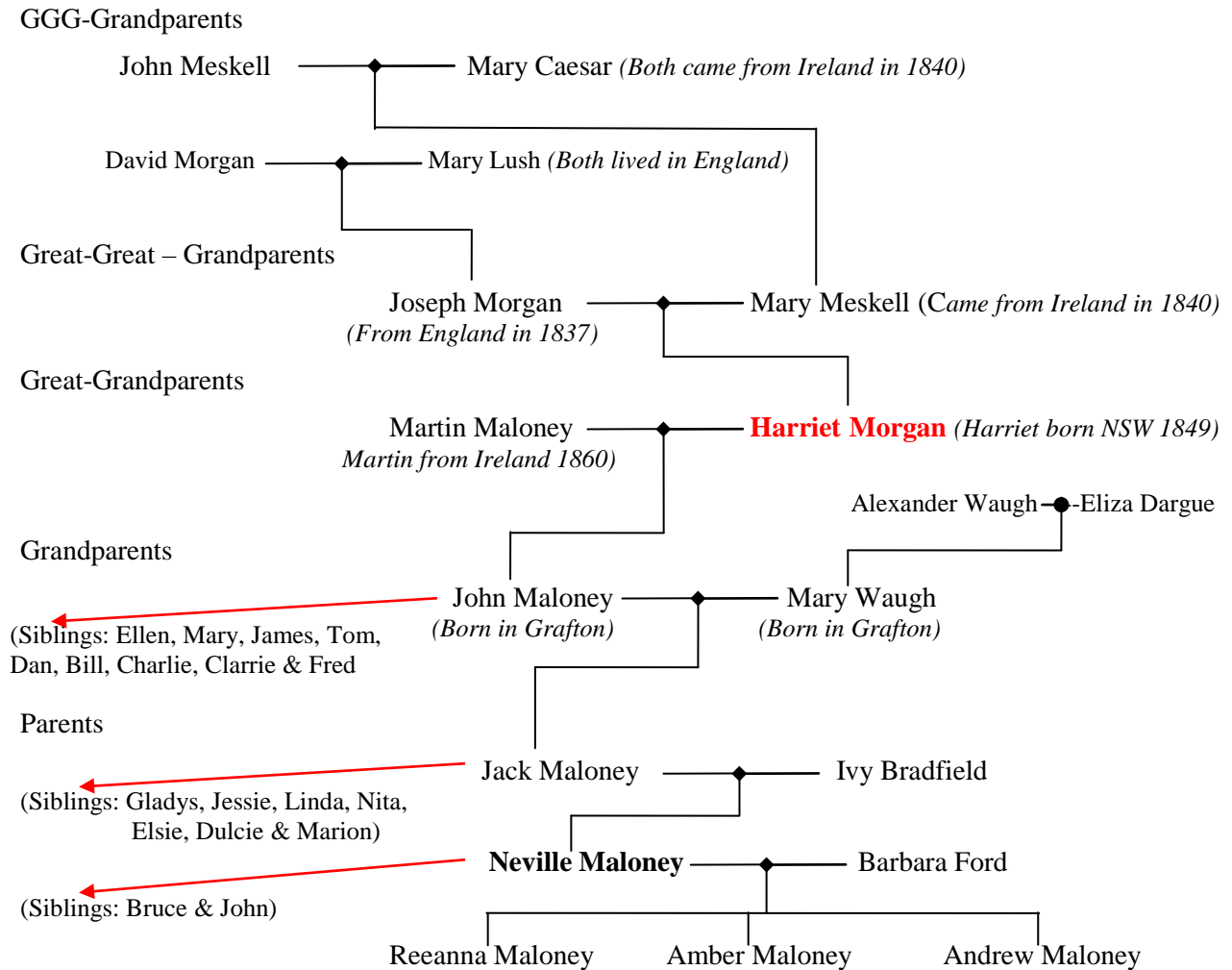
*This completes the section of **Charlie Morgan 1870-1887** the 15th and last child of **Joseph Morgan 1812-1881** and **Mary Meskell 1828 -1900***

His sister Harriet the 4th child follows, she is out of order because she is my Great Grandmother, and it suits the order of the family lines if I conclude the book with her more detailed story

4. Harriet Morgan 27 March 1849 - 1 December 1923

Harriet is the 4th child of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell. It is Harriet who links me with the **Morgans** the **Meskells** and the **Caesars**. Harriet is the grandmother with varying degrees of greatness of all of my **Maloney** relatives and their children. Harriet is my Great-Grandmother, Neville Maloney

My relationship to Harriet Morgan (*Neville Maloney*)



<https://cottonsoft.com.au/NM/MeskellM/>

For all my Maloney 1st cousins Harriet is our Great-Grandmother

As mentioned previously I am spelling her name with one “t” because most of the official documents, birth & death certificates have that spelling but inconsistencies happen and the “tt” ending will occur in some places.



Harriet was born in Dungog on 27th March 1849 and died in Murwillumbah on 2nd December 1923

Harriet was born I think in Dungog, I know her death certificate says Raymond Terrace but that information was supplied by her son 75 years after the event. The registration of her birth lists the district as MA and that comprised the places listed below and all of them are in the northern area of the Hunter Valley near Dungog, Raymond Terrace is towards the southern end of the Hunter Region.

MA CHURCH OF ENGLAND AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY; DUNGOG; ELDON; STROUD; UFFINGTON

From the birth records it seems the family may have moved around the Hunter region from **Butterwick to the area around Dungog, probably Glen William**, because that area had a lot of tenant farmers who leased land and the area was quite fertile. It is near Glen William, some 15 kilometres south of Dungog, where we know a cousin, Julius McKee, had a farm.

Harriet seems to have been schooled at home learning home duties and practical skills; she signed her marriage certificate with a cross. The family must have been doing fairly well; all 10 children born before they moved to Grafton in 1860/61 when Harriet was then 12 years old were apparently in good health, clothed and fed and looked after better than most by the standards of their day.

The family moved after 1849 and by 1960 they were living at **Irrawang** on the eastern side of the Williams River. Further east of the current Pacific Highway. This is NOT the same location of the town of Irrawang today but rather an estate that gained some fame in the 1800's for its pottery, glassmaking and vineyard. The Irrawang Estate is now covered by the Grahamstown Dam.

Sometime after the family moved to Grafton (Solitude, Gerrymberryn, Eatonsville) area Harriet worked as a housemaid for the Schwinghammers, a German family who like a number of German families migrated to NSW in the 1850/60s.

In the main streets of Grafton in the 1870s German, Gaelic and English could be commonly heard spoken. The Schwinghammer family owned land that was leased by the Morgans and also by Harriet and Martin Maloney. (*Information from Lima Esmond a daughter of Fred Maloney*)

Today there is an intersection of a Schwinghammer and a Solitude Roads not far from Gerrymberryn Rd all of these names along with Mylnford and Eatonsville are in a fairly close area just west of Grafton on the Clarence River.



NSW:1859-1880 / Sat 4 Sep 1880 / Page 3 / GRAFTON ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

Moloney Martin, Southampton
Moran Patrick, Clarenza
Moran John, Nymboida
Moran John, Southampton
Morgan Edward, Eaton
Morgan Joseph, Eaton
Morgan Joseph, Eatonswill
Morgan John, Southampton
Morgan David, Eatonswill
Morgan David, Eaton

List of Electors (far right) in 1880. Harriet's father, Joseph, is still alive her brother Joseph Jnr is listed as well as John and David. The second David Morgan in the list is a puzzle; there is only one David in our Morgan extended family. Martin Maloney (with Harriet & 5 or 6 kids by 1880 are living at Southampton, a region rather than a town so they are on a farm. The same applies to Eatonswill (Eatonsville) a town and Eaton a region; it gives us some idea about who is living in town or on a farm.

In 1867, August 15th, Harriet married, Martin Maloney, she was 18 and he was 30 with a 3 year old child. Martin's first wife, Ellen White died on 4th May 1864 when their child Michael Maloney was born.

Martin arrived in Australia as a free settler in 1860 from Tipperary, Ireland he married Ellen White in 1861 in Sydney and moved to the Grafton region because he had relatives (that we have not identified) or friends he knew lived there. *Martin and the Maloney family story is told in the book "From Shamrocks to Gumleaves – The Maloney Story –"*.

Harriet had her first child, Ellen, seemingly named after Martin's first wife. Their second child, Mary, could be named after Harriet's mother and grandmother and/or Martin's sister. James, the third child seems to be

named after Martin's brother who we speculate went to America in 1860 when Martin came to NSW. John, the fourth child was probably named after Harriet's grandfather who died in 1866. The fifth child, Martin, is pretty obvious, but Martin Jnr was always known by his second name Tom (Thomas). Two more William and Charles maybe named after Harriet's brothers and the ninth who like many others born in the valley dissected by the Clarence River, he was known as Clarrie or Clarry. The last Frederick, maybe unexpected when Harriet was 42 was named after.... well there had not been a Fred in any of the family records.

nd Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Tue 2 Jul 1867 /

WAGES.
John Meskil was summoned by Martin Maloney for £40 due to him for twelve months' wages. Meskil did not appear, and the service of the summons having been proved, the case was heard *ex parte*, and the Bench directed that the amount be paid forthwith, or levy and distress, and in default of sufficient levy, fourteen days' imprisonment.
 WAGES.

Just a month before Martin and Harriet married Martin was in court claiming unpaid wages from Harriet's uncle (her mother's brother). It was for £40 a whole years worth of wages. I wonder if John Meskell was invited to the wedding!

Martin came to NSW to improve his lot in life; his parents had died during the Irish Famine in the 1850s so emigrating to NSW must have been his attempt to get away from the poverty and politics that haunted Ireland for generations.

During the 23 years from 1867, when they married, to 1900 when Martin was killed in an accident, they had **ten children**. The youngest Fred was only nine years old when his father died.

During those 23 years the family must have prospered all their children went to school, James played the piano, the eldest two, Ellen and Mary wrote poetry and had some published in magazines. Those years are however a fairly blank picture for us and we can only guess because the records and recollections are very few.

Harriet's father dies in 1881 and her youngest brother, Charles, died in 1887.

Harriet and Martin must have saved and worked hard because they eventually had their own dairy farm and land Lots 145, 153 and 27B. They leased 145 for a long time before buying it.

The probate documents of Martin Maloney after his death detail the land and the improvements and stock that he had when he died in 1900. (See [Research Note F](#) for the detailed 13 pages of documents).

Regional names and places like: Solitude, Eatonsville, Seelands and Gerrymberryn the latter now spelt Gerrymberrym as in the road sign on an earlier page, are all located just west of Grafton around a curve in the Clarence River. The area must have brewed with possibilities in the late 1800s; schools were built, roads laid out, a punt on a river crossing, homesteads built on properties that called themselves "Estates" and social gatherings were held at churches and community halls that sprung up.

By the early 1900s the party was over, like so many places it was a fizzer. The school closed in 1911, floods played havoc with the really fertile land on the river banks and transport started speeding up. Harriet and Martin's son, John Maloney, said in 1912/13 when he saw car in the street of South Grafton "No good will come of them" (*His daughter Jessie remembered the quote as they were going home in their horse and cart*).

On the map on the next page is the location of the farms owned by **Harriet Morgan and Martin Maloney**. Eatonsville is about midway on the western side of the map and Mylneford is in the top left. Rogans Bridge is a marked crossing the Clarence River. I have the approximate location of the properties sold by Harriet in 1911 marked with brown outlines, the one on the river is Lot 145 and the smaller one is Lot 153. The latter was probably a dry run, where they put cows that were not being milked or they raised beef cattle. Lot 153 was across the road to the east of the farm.

The road leading to their Lot 145 property is called Solitude Rd and Schwinghammer Rd runs off it about half way along, north towards the river. Michael Maloney leased land near there in the late 1890's marked with an **M** and Schwinghammers had a farm very close to Harriet and Martins that I have marked with an **S**.

Eatonsville on the road today is about 17 kilometres from South Grafton. There was a punt (ferry) across the river just off the map to the east (north is the top of the map) that was run by Harriet's brother William and later in 1922 by her brother James.



Below: Auction advertisements from *The Clarence and Richmond Examiner*.

Details of the farm when Harriet sold it were in auction sale notices from **April 1911**.

Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW: 1889-1915) / Tue

AUCTION SALES.

WEDNESDAY, 12th APRIL, 1911.

Valuable Clarence River Frontage Farm

SPLendid GRAZING Paddock.
CHAMPION DAIRY HERD.

Under instructions from Mrs. H. Maloney of Gerymberryn, who is relinquishing dairying, and winding up Estate matters.

MAURICE and JOHNSON, in conjunction with Messrs. W. J. HAWTHORNE and SONS, have been favoured with instructions, to sell by public auction, at Mrs. Maloney's farm, Gerymberryn, about 7 miles from South Grafton, and 1½ miles below Eatonville punt, on Wednesday, 12th April, at 12 o'clock, noon.

LOT 1.—All that choice River Bank Farm, being portion No. 145, parish of Southampton, containing 79 Acres Freehold, possessing large frontage to the deep waters of the Clarence River, and extending back to the main road. About 15 acres cultivation (rich alluvial deposit), balance undulating, first class grazing country, all burnt off and cleaned up. Improvements consist of 4-roomed Cottage and Outbuildings, Yards, Bails, and Dairy. Divided into three paddocks.

This is really a first class property, and commands some of the finest views of the river.

LOT 2.—Splendid Grazing Paddock, portions Nos. 153 and 278, parish of Southampton, containing 50 acres freehold, and situate at the rear of Lot 1. All fenced and highly improved by grubbing and ringbarking, and being so conveniently located will make a valuable addition to any of the adjacent holdings. Permanent water.

The above properties are for absolute sale, and fullest information may be obtained from the Auctioneers.

At the same Time and Place
will be sold,

without Reserve,

MRS. MALONEY'S

Valuable Dairy Herd

Consisting of:—

- 25 COWS, in full milk.
- 20 COWS, Springers.
- 10 HELPERS, Springers.
- 6 HELPERS, 18 months old.
- 2 COWS and CALVES.
- 25 CALVES.
- 3 Young DURHAM BULLS.
- 1 Pure-bred DURHAM BULL, 3 years old.
- PIGS, SEPARATOR and Utensils.

The above is admitted to be one of the best herds on the North Coast, being all selected dairy strains.

As the Stock will be sold right out, dairymen will have an opportunity of securing milkers that were procured regardless of cost.

Intending purchasers of land or stock are invited to inspect. The route from South Grafton is via Gerymberryn school, which is two miles from the property.

The farm did not sell and it is again advertised on November 21st 1911 for an auction sale the next day on the 22nd. In the meantime Harriet has sold all of the livestock. Harriet is 64 and ready to leave Grafton and move north.

and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Tue 21 Nov 1911 /

AUCTION SALES.

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, SOUTH GRAFTON,
TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY.
At 2.30 p.m.**

Under instructions from Mrs. Maloney,
Gerryberrym.

W. J. HAWTHORNE and SONS have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, in the Hall of the School of Arts, on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, at 2.30 p.m. sharp, the undermentioned valuable Property :-

119 ACRES FREEHOLD, situated in the parish of Southampton, county of Clarence, being portions 145 and 154 of the said parish.

This land is all fenced, and upon portion 145 there is erected a comfortable wooden cottage, with bails, etc. Having a large frontage to the Clarence River makes this a very desirable property for farming and dairying. As dairying properties within easy access of the town are not easily obtainable, here is your opportunity to get a good property instead of leasing and paying rent.

As Mrs. Maloney sold her herd out some time ago, she has no further use for this property. She has therefore placed it in the market practically unreserved.

Easy terms can be arranged.

The original sales and leases of the lots sold were named on Parish Maps and these maps were updated in seemingly inconsistent ways. The Southampton Parish Map the one that covers the area just west of Grafton to Eatonsville in most cases kept the name of the original purchaser. There seems to be an art in reading these maps that I have yet to master so bear with me as we work through the maze that they are.

Martin and Harriet bought the farm – Lot 145 from the estate of John Cameron who had purchased it when George Waldon died, in the 1881, Lot 153 & 27B not long after. Martin had not paid them off very much before he died.

Martin Maloney had a son, Michael, with his first wife, Ellen White, in 1864 (when she died in childbirth), and that makes it a little confusing trying to sort out who is who when it comes to land, leases and sales because they both had farms in the area known as Solitude and the papers refer to people by their first initial and surname. **M. Maloney becomes ambiguous.** What follows is an attempt to untangle the single M initial and sort who it refers to.

First we can establish that Martin was farming in the region called Solitude from 1867 when he married until he died in 1900. Harriet worked for the Schwinghammer family and they were next farm neighbours of Lot 145 Harriet and Martin

originally leased and then purchased the farm. The land ownership of many of the original land Lots were in the hands of just a few people and they owned multiple Lots or more, most were leased out on long term leases.

xaminer and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889) / Sat 6 May 1882

SALE OF FARM PROPERTY.—At the sale of the property of the late Mr G. Waldon, portions Nos. 46, 96, and 97 of the parish of Southampton, containing 128 acres, realised £7 10s. per acre, and portion 145 being 78 acres of grass land, £1 12s per acre. A field of growing maize, fetched £71, and plough horses brought as high as £30. The sale generally was a good one. Total amount of sale, £1391. The first lot was purchased by Mr Phelps, who we believe was buying as agent.

Lot 145 was originally bought by George Waldon, he bought land owned by the Cameron family and others. George died in March 1881 and his wife, Jessie, died later that year, some of their properties in Southampton (I think they also owned land in Ulmarra) were sold in 1882. The **“SALE OF FARM PROPERTY”** newspaper article in May 1882 lists the sale of Lot 145 John Cameron bought it. Martin Maloney bought when John died in late 1890s, see his probate documents. (**Research Note F**) In 1910 when Harriet leaves the area it is stated **“Mrs Maloney, who is leaving Solitude, her old home, after a residence of upwards of forty years...”**

nd Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Sat 11 Apr 1891

Lost and Found

NOTICE.—I have in my possession a RED COW and CALF which bears my registered brand NY on near side, and which I believe to be mine. Any person showing better claim than my own can have same by paying expenses.

MARTIN MALONEY, Solitude.

The second newspaper item **“Lost and Found”** April 1891. Martin finds a cow and he’s keeping it and he claims it has his brand on it. So he is farming and he at Solitude.

larence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Sat 2 May 1896

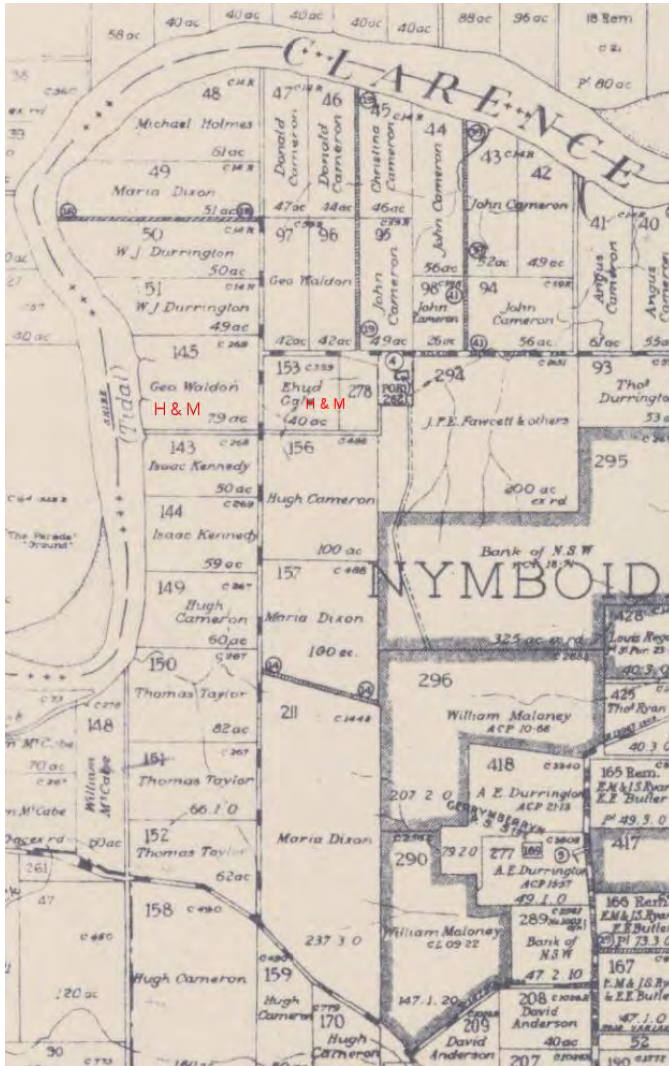
TO LET, by tender, “Solitude” all those portions in this estate not occupied by Mr. M. Maloney. Also 250 acres having a frontage to the Falls road. Tenders, closing on 23rd May, to be addressed to the undersigned. Particulars on application to F. Lowe, South Grafton.

The next article is a **“To Let”** notice about land at Solitude in 1896 and significantly NOT the land occupied by Martin Maloney.

The map below a portion of the “Parish of Southampton – County of Clarence – Land District of Grafton map” There are variations of this map with publication dates from 1900 to 1970 but they all list Geo. Waldon as the owner of Lot 145 for that Lot and many other Lots the original owner remains on the map.

I have marked Lots 145 and 153 the farms sold by Harriet in 1912 with an **H & M** label.

A careful look at this map and you will locate Lots 97 & 96 listed as Geo Waldon, they were later owned by the Schwinghammer family - for whom Harriet worked as a house maid before she married – also land owned by William (Bill) Maloney (son on Harriet & Martin) Lots 290 & 296. He bought them in 1909/1910, previously they were unsold government land and he was the first buyer. Bill is Harriet and Martins son born in 1882 as a conditional purchase but lost it when he could make payments in 1914.



1892; 1899 - 1922 / Wed 29 Jul 1914

Sheriff's Office,
Grafton, 9th July, 1914.
In the Supreme Court of New South
Wales.

SEE and OTHERS v. MALONEY, Wm

ON MONDAY, the twenty-fourth day of August, 1914, at noon, unless the writ of fieri facias herein be previously satisfied, the Sheriff will cause to be sold by public auction, at the Court House, Grafton:

All the estate, right, title and interest to which at the date of the writ of fieri facias herein, the defendant, William Maloney, was entitled in the undermentioned conditional purchases and conditional lease, viz.:—Of, in and to all that piece or parcel of land containing 50 acres, situate in the parish of Southampton, county of Clarence, and land district of Grafton, being portion number 289 applied for by William Maloney on 11th March, 1909, confirmed 24th February, 1910, and being conditional purchase 09/43.

Also of, in and to all that piece of land, containing 200 acres, situated as aforesaid, being portion No. 296, applied for by William Maloney on 28th April, 1910, confirmed 2nd November, 1910, and being conditional purchase No. 10/68.

Also of, in and to all that piece of land containing 146½ acres, situate as aforesaid, being portion No. 290, applied for by William Maloney on 11th March, 1909, confirmed 24th February, 1910, being conditional lease No. 09/22.

And in and to all other conditional leases and rights of conditional lease (if any) held or applied for in virtue of the above described conditionally purchased land. To be sold subject to all conditions remaining unfulfilled at the date of the writ, and also subject to the prior equities of lawful claims, if any, of other persons then subsisting with respect to such land so far as the same are, or may be capable of enforcement.

And also all the right title and interest (if any) of the said William Maloney of, in and to all that piece or parcel of land containing 23 acres situate in the parish of Southampton, county of Clarence and land district of Grafton, leased by defendant for a term from 1st March, 1910, to 31st December, 1916, at an annual rental of £ 12s, being special lease No. 09/16.

Terms Cash.

W. OWEN IDRIESS, Sheriff's Officer.
Sly and Russell, Plaintiff's Attorney.
SYDNEY.

Below: Harriet's husband, Michael Maloney's probate debts, total £166 (although I seem to add them up to £171 30s). Full details Research Note F.

*Date.		Debts.	Amount.		
			£	s.	d.
July 27	1900	The Executor Estate late John Cameron			
		balance of purchase money in hand	70	0	0
Dec 16	1900	D. Cameron medical attendance	9	10	0
Dec 16	1900	D. Henry medical attendance	9	10	0
Jan	1900	George Chas store goods	1	10	0
Jan	1900	D. W. D. and blacksmith	2	0	0
		W. W. Sandfield ironmongery goods			
Dec 27	1900	James Maloney wages	60	0	0

Right: Harriet and Martin Maloney had £89 worth of horses. They had seven 1 month old horses and 13 other horses

Below: They owned 2 drays, a pair of wheels and a buggy.

The farming implements include:

- A chaff Cutter
- A Thrasher Horse power?
- 2 Harrows

Horses		
5	18 months old Colts & 2 fillies	21
1	3 yr old Colt.	4 10
1	Mare	2 10
1	Stall	4 10
2	old Mare	4
1	10 months old Colt.	5
1	Brown horse	4
1	Grey horse	3
1	Pony 7.	4
1	Brown Horse	4
1	Brown Mare	10
1	Black Colt.	8 8
1	Black Mare	7 10
1	Black Colt.	7 10
		£ 89 10

Carriage & Vehicles		
Dray		4
Dray		2
Pair wheels		15
Buggy		10
		£ 16 15
Farming Implements		
Chaff cutter	£2	11
2 4 wheel buffers	£2	12
Machine horse power	8	1 15
1 Disc harrow	10	8 10
Plow & harrow	10	1 10
1 Set turnip drill	10	1 10
1 Harrow	10	1 10
		£ 27 15

The M. Maloney mix-up

Top Right: This advertisement **STEEERS AND BULLOCKS** I think is Martin because his stock are "favourably known" and that has been used before with his livestock.

The first advertisement below: **Wanted** could have been placed by either Martin or his son Michael. It is dated May 5th 1900

The next four advertisements I am pretty sure they all relate to Michael: two relate to positions of Chairman and President – Martins reading and writing skills were very limited and Michael maintains these positions or similar ones after 1901.

The **"SOLITUDE" FOR SALE** notice is similar to one later in 1902 and they refer to land in Lots 44, 45, 95 & 98 all land closer to the punt crossing - where Rogans Bridge is today –

And fortunately the **A MEETING** article includes the full name of **Michael Maloney**

The **District News** article – bottom right – is Michael in 1909 being elected chairman of the Mechanic Institute.

STEEERS AND BULLOCKS.
At Tully's Yards, SATURDAY 9th JANUARY.
ERSKINE S. SMITH has been favored with instructions from **M. MALONEY, Esq.**, to sell by public auction at Tully's Yards, South Grafton, on **SATURDAY, 9th January, at 11 o'clock,**
25 Head of STEERS and BULLOCKS.
 This is a choice lot, all the one brand, reared on the farm at **Solitude**, and **Mr. Maloney's** well-bred cattle are too well and favorably known to need any further comment.

THURSDAY NEXT, APRIL 16TH.
"SOLITUDE" FOR SALE.
 Estate late John Cameron.
 By order of the Executors.
RICH FARM LANDS
 Convenient Grazing Areas.
 Centrally Situated Town Properties.
 All highly improved
AND PRODUCING GOOD RENTS!
 Men with money, who wish to invest it well,
ATTEND THIS SALE.
 Men without money, who wish to make it, attend this sale. It is the opportunity of your life.
THE TERMS ARE LIBERAL.
W. J. HAWTHORNE (in conjunction with **JAS. C. WILCOX**) has been favored with instructions from the executors in the estate of the late John Cameron, of **Solitude**, to sell by public auction, on **THURSDAY, April 16th, at 11 o'clock,** at Commercial Sale Rooms, South Grafton.
 The whole of the **VALUABLE LANDS** in this Estate, situated in the parishes of Southampton, Clarence, Ulmarra, the town of Grafton, and the villages of Cowper and Iluka. They will be submitted in the following Lots—
LOT 1 (Solitude)—All that piece or parcel of **LAND**, being portions 44, 45, 95, 98, in the parish of Southampton, county of Clarence, and containing by admeasurement 56 acres, 46 acres, 49 acres, and 26 acres respectively, more or less, together with 6 acres 36 perches roadway between portions 43 and 44, 94 and 98, making a total of 183 acres 36 perches, be the same more or less.
 97 acres of this Lot is now leased to **Mr. M. MALONEY**, at a rental of £110 per year.

WANTED, a man to plough and be generally useful. M. Maloney, Solitude.

At a meeting at Gerymberrym a Progress Association was formed, to be called the Southampton and Rushforth Progress Association. The first officers are: Mr. G. S. Munns, President; Mr. M. Maloney, Secretary, and Mr. A. E. Dorrington, Treasurer.

At a meeting of the Southampton branch of the Farmers Union Mr. I. Kennedy was elected chairman, Mr. M. Maloney, secretary, Mr. A. E. Dorrington, treasurer. The election of delegates was postponed to next meeting.

A MEETING of the residents of Gerymberrym and vicinity will be held at Mr. M'Evoy's residence TO-DAY (Saturday) to consider the advisability of establishing a Mechanics' Institute at Gerymberrys.
Michael Maloney, Solitude.

DISTRICT NEWS.
GERRYMBERRY.
Tuesday.
 A meeting was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Friday night last to elect officers for the ensuing twelve months. **Mr. M. Maloney** was voted to the chair. It was resolved to form a committee and the following officers were elected:—President, **Mr. M. Maloney**; vice-presidents, Messrs. **A. McKnight** and **D. Perring**; treasurer, **Mr. G. Perring**; librarian, **Mr. I. Perring**; secretary, **Mr. J. W. Austin**. The subscription was fixed at one shilling per quarter.

1900 to 1912

Harriet continues to manage the Solitude Farm, her three eldest children: Ellen, Mary and James are married before Martin died in 1900. John is the eldest at home he is 25 and Martin Jnr (Tom) is 22, Dan is 20 and William (Bill) 18, these four sons must have been helping run the farm. Charlie was 15, Clarence 12 and the youngest Fred was 9 years old.

Chronicle (Kempsey, NSW : 1899 - 1952) / Wed 6 Sep 1911 /

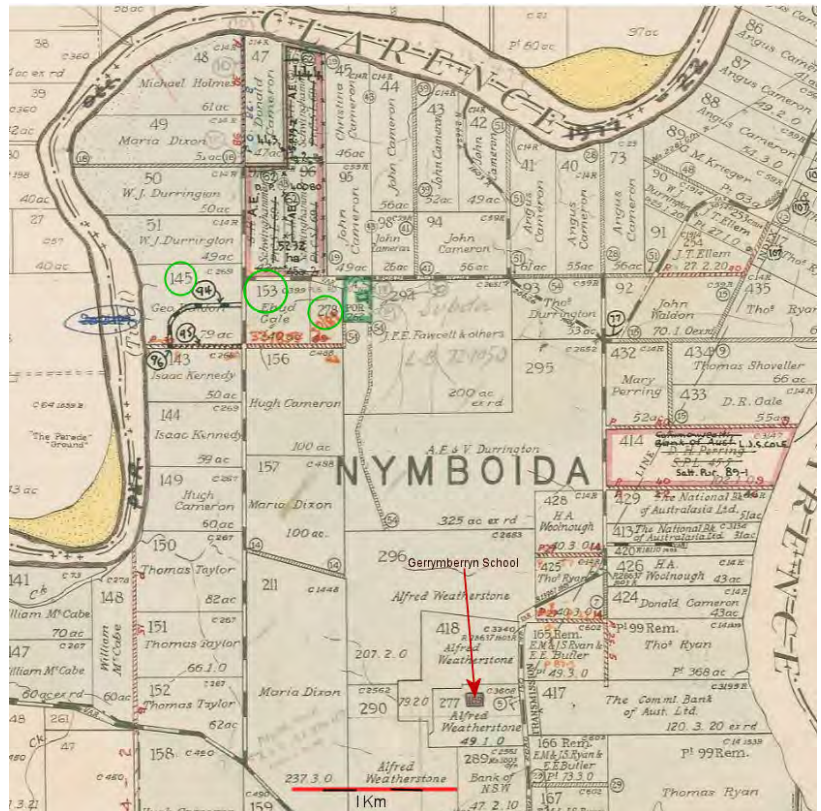
Gerrymberryn school, on the Clarence, after a run of 31 years, closes for lack of pupils; and as the teacher also conducted the post office, the residents are wondering where are the mails?

All ten of Harriet and Martin's children went to the **Gerrymberryn School**. This school, whose location stumped me for years, has been the source of valuable information mainly about who attended the events held at the school each year. The Morgans in particular are mentioned. The school opened in 1880 and closed in 1911. All ten of the children could read and write and as mentioned both Ellen and Mary wrote poems, some published. James Maloney played the piano and Charlie had a book collection that included the "Complete works of William Shakespeare".

A parish map, showing road updates, finally marked the Gerrymberryn School. It is about 3 kilometres from where the family lived on Lot 145. The family also owned Lot 153 and 27B they are marked with green circles.

The school was located on what was Seelands – Caramana Rd, today it is called Rogans Bridge Rd. Just to add a bit of confusion there is a road today called Gerrymberrym Rd and it runs between Eatonsville Rd and Rogans Bridge Rd just a little off the bottom of this map. And yes, for the observant, the road is spelt differently to the school the final "n" has become and "m" (*The origin of the name seems to be unknown*).

It seems like the eldest son at home, John, was helping manage the farm with Harriet from 1901 to 1905 when he married Mary Waugh. In the advertisements below John is selling; in June 1904, a bull and 10 calves, and in November he sells a racehorse called "Rainbow". John later owned a racehorse in 1918/19 called Yenolam – Maloney spelt backwards.



and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Tue 21 Jun 1904 /

SMITH'S YARDS, SOUTH GRAFTON.
CARLTON and TIMBS have been favoured with instructions from **J. Maloney, Esq., Solitude**, to sell by public auction, at the Yards, at 12 o'clock,
1 Pure-bred DAIRY BULL, 5 years, by Charming,
10 head HEIFERS, close to calving.
THURSDAY, 30th JUNE.

In 1903 John took a pumpkin and some corn into the newspaper offices to spruik the size and quality. This was common practice at the time. The article mentions a location of Caramana (*more commonly spelt Caramana*), which was named after a large property just to the right (east) of the Gerrymberryn School, fronting the Clarence River. John may have been share farming there as well as managing the family farm with his mother.

nd Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Sat 3 Sep 1904

THIS DAY, SATURDAY.
THE WELL-KNOWN RACEHORSE RAINBOW.
CARLTON and TIMBS have been favoured with instructions from **John Maloney, Esq., Solitude**, to sell by public auction, at Smith's Yards, on **SATURDAY, Sept. 3rd**, after the cattle sale.
The above Racehorse.
Full pedigree at sale.

NSW : 1874 - 1875; 1879 - 1882; 1888; 1892; 1899 - 1922) / Thu 9 Jul 1903 /

On Saturday, Mr. J. Maloney, of Solitude, Caramana, brought into the **Clarion** office, South Grafton, a large **pumpkin**, weighing **74lbs**; also some **splendid samples of late corn** which it would be difficult to beat. The cobs are about **11 to 12 inches** in length, and the grain is a beautiful brown colour.

In 1984 some 72 years after Harriet Maloney (Morgan) sold Lot 145 at Solitude a developer saw potential in this piece of hilly land fronting the Clarence River and a subdivision sprang up. A new road was approved curving through the centre of the Lot. It was designated Road 94 and part of another 95 was closed. Road 94 was named Whiting Drive. The three small roads running off Whiting Dr are called: Mado Pl, Drummer Pl and Bream Pl.

No	Loc	Details
94	NW	RESUMED & DEDICATED AS PUBLIC ROAD GAZ. 3.8.84 (FOLIO 4073) LOT. 1. DP. 45399
95	"	ROAD CLOSED GAZ. 3.8.84 (FOLIO 4073) LOT 2. DP. 45399
96	"	DEDICATED AS PUBLIC ROAD GAZ. 3.8.84 (FOLIO 4073) LOT 3. DP. 45399
97	SE	Road Closed Gaz. 14.12.84 (fol. 6210) Lot 1 D.P. 47432 granted to Rural Engineering Construction Co. Pty. Ltd. Vol. 15311 Fol. 34

This region: Eatonsville and Seelands just west of Grafton seems to have prospered during the 1890s when the rest of NSW, Victoria and much of the world worked their way through a depression. The 1900s brought renewed prosperity but for the residents around Solitude, Seelands and Eatonsville the opposite happened the place lost residents, the school closed and by 1911 when her children had grown up: John married in 1905, Tom in 1909, the youngest, Fred turned 20, Harriet had a hard time selling the farm. It was listed in April 1911 and again November 1911. By the November sale Harriet had sold off all the livestock.



On Lot 145 the Auction Sales advertisement (see copy a few pages back) it reads....all fenced and there is erected a comfortable wooden 4 room cottage... a large frontage on the Clarence River.... a dairying property.....

It must have sold in 1912.

In 1911 while Harriet waits for the farm to sell she has a holiday camping at **Woolgoolga** and from just one postcard sized photo we get a terrific snapshot of the extended family. The photo has even more significance now knowing the other events swirling around Harriet, selling the farm, deciding to leave Grafton, leaving the Morgan side of her family behind and following her sons north initially to the Richmond and later the Tweed. In 1911 Harriet is 62 and on holidays, that's a two day trip with a wagon and: a large tarp, furniture, sleeping gear, cooking equipment, food, clothes and a half a dozen grandkids.



Photo on left is a section of the postcard photo showing Harriet and her step son Michael Maloney, he would have been 47 in 1911. Harriet was the only mother he ever knew and he was known to his step brother's kids as Uncle Mick. My dad, Jack Maloney, and his sisters remembered Michael visiting them in the late 1920s when they lived at Eungella near Murwillumbah.

1911 holiday at Woolgoolga



The original photo is at the top and it shows fading and damage from its 115 years. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has come to its rescue above and with a colour version on the next page.

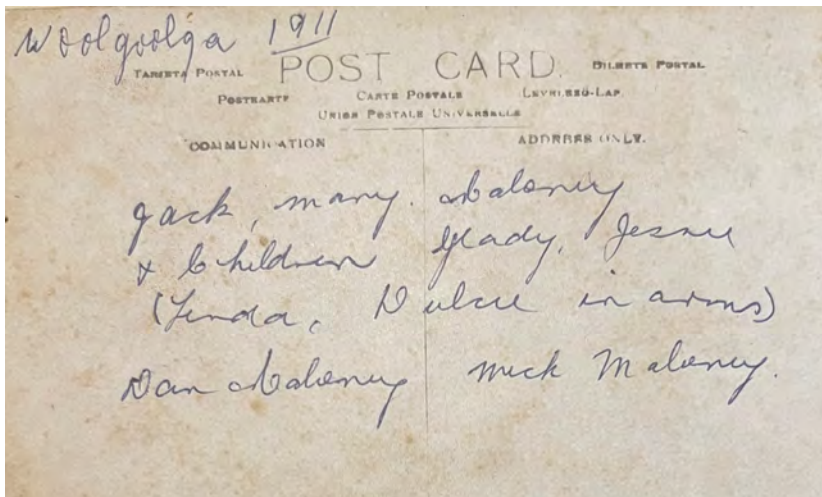
From left to right: Dan Maloney, David Morgan, John Maloney, Jessie Maloney (4), Gladys Maloney (5), Maloney??* holding, Linda Maloney (3), Mary Waugh (wife of John Maloney holding, Dulcie Maloney (1), Isabella (Bella) Power (wife of Michael Maloney), Michael & Isabella's son**, Michael Maloney, Harriet Maloney (Morgan).

** Possibly Clarence (23) or Fred Maloney (20) Harriet's youngest sons (previously thought to be a Morgan, it is more likely that it is one of the above because of the improved photo the person looks fairly young..Less likely it could be the older brothers William (29) or Charles (26).*

***This child is either Michael John Maloney born 1902, or Thomas Edward Maloney born 1904. I suspect it is the former, Michael because he look a little like a photo of Michael John Maloney taken at his wedding in 1928. And why it could be Thomas is because he looks more like a 7 year rather than a 9 years old child. – In previous copies of this photo in the Maloney Family Book “From Shamrocks to Gum leaves” I have misidentified Isabella Power and her child for one of the Morgan brother's wives. NM 2026.*



See previous page for information about this photo



The back of the photo above was in postcard format and the information written there was vital to identify the location, date and people included. The Jack referred to is Harriet's son John Maloney.

Interestingly someone in the family may have had a camera, personal photos taken outside of a studio in 1911 was fairly rare only a few families owned a camera. These postcard photos were usually bought in packs of 6 or 12 so there could be more in family memento boxes somewhere.

Harriet must have sold the farm sometime after it was advertised for Auction in November 1911 because it was not advertised again.

This article has some of her sons in Rappville in 1908, the start of the family moving north. Details about this story are in Research Note D. ("bhoys" and the mistake are explained).

more. In one of these little homes I stay, amongst many Maloneys, grandchildren of Mrs. Maloney, of Gerrym-berryn, a settler of nearly forty years, and the mother of several fine "bboys."

Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) / Sat 14 Feb 1903 /

MORGAN.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Mary Morgan, who died at the Grafton Hospital, on the 14th February, 1900; also, my dear father, Joseph Morgan.

We shall meet them again
When this sad life is ended,
With all its suffering and tears;
We shall meet them again,
Those dear ones who left us,
Who vanished away with the years.

Lonely we have been
Since in the churchyard we laid them,
Side by side in the dark tomb to sleep;
But in Heaven again we shall meet them,
No more for to part or to weep.

Inserted by their loving daughter, H. Maloney.

Harriet placed "In Memory Notices", like this one from February 1903, for her mother who died in 1900 – and her father who died in 1881 for many years. She also places similar notices for her husband Martin Maloney who died in December 1900.

Harriet leaves Grafton 1912

Before Harriet leaves Solitude/Gerrymberryn, the South Grafton region, a farewell is organised in 1910 so her intentions were known for some time and it took another 18 months before she sold her farm and tidied up things for her to make her move.

Right: Finding this news item headed GERRYMBERRY in "The Grafton Argus and Clarence River General Advertiser" on Monday 25 July 1910 answered a lot of questions about Mrs Maloney - see next page – The framed Illuminated Letter referred to in this article as "The address". The hand drawn letter was done by Mr Austin.

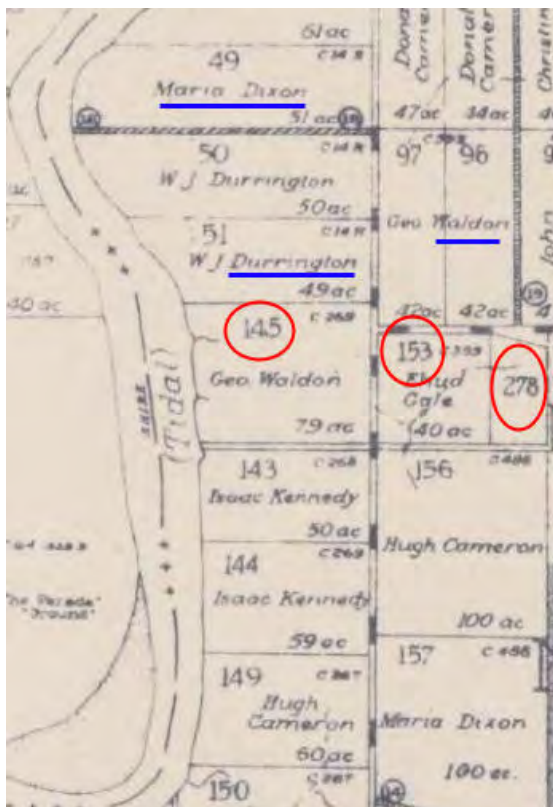
The Solitude/Gerrymberryn community gathered to offer their thanks to Harriet for the last 40 years as a neighbour and friend.

Harriet was presented with a handbag and a silver mounted brush and comb and the framed illuminated letter.

Her step-son, Michael replied on Harriet's behalf for the kind words spoken about her. There were songs and music and refreshments and later a dance that went until after midnight.

The names of the women who signed the letter now have meaning they are represented by their families in this article and their family names appear on the Lot numbers on the farms surrounding Harriet's farm at Solitude.

Maria Dixon's name is on two Lots, Jane Durrington was another who signed the letter and they were neighbours next door as well as Charlotte Waldon. It was the Waldon family who once owned Lot 145. The other signature was Eva Smart, the Smart family does not appear on the map but she and her husband were farmers, they may have bought the Kennedy land Lots 143 & 144 because they were farmers.



1879 - 1882; 1888; 1892; 1899 - 1922) / Mon 25 Jul 1910

GERRYMBERRY.

Thursday.

There was a large gathering of residents at the local Mechanics' Institute on Monday evening last, the occasion being a social evening and presentation to Mrs. Maloney, who is leaving Solitude, her old home, after a residence of upwards of forty years. Mr. J. W. Austin occupied the chair, and, on behalf of the residents, presented Mrs. Maloney with an address, a handbag and a silver-mounted brush and comb. In a neat little speech, Mr. Austin tendered the guest of the evening the best wishes of all present, and begged her to accept the presents as a slight token of the respect and esteem in which she was held. Mr. M. Maloney (on behalf of his step-mother) suitably responded. Mr. N. McArthur also eulogised Mrs. Maloney and bore testimony to her kindness and hospitality. During the evening songs were rendered by Mr. F. Smart, Mr. McArthur (2), Miss Austin (2), Mr. Austin (song and recitation) and Mr. Grebert, and a duet was played by Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Smart. After the above programme was gone through, refreshments were handed round, and all present did full justice to the good things provided. Afterwards a dance was held, to music supplied by Messrs. Durrington and Smart, and kept going till after midnight, when a very successful and enjoyable function ended. A word of praise is due to the organisers, Mesdames Waldon and Smart, for the able manner in which the arrangements were carried out. The address, which was enclosed in a handsome frame, was the work of Mr. Austin, and the skilful and artistic manner in which it was executed reflected the greatest credit on him.

The Address, the Illuminated Letter, given to Harriet Maloney (Morgan) when she left Solitude/Gerrymberryn near Grafton 1910-1912

This framed Address originally presented to Harriet Maloney (Morgan) was given to Mary Maloney, Harriet's daughter-in-law, the wife of her son John Maloney. John predeceased his mother by six months he died in May 1922. My father Jack Maloney inherited it. In the 1990s the original frame had deteriorated and the paper and printed image had damage from moisture under the glass. The paper was starting to crumble. Using an art conservation technique – *Gel Medium Image Transfer* - I had the printed layer removed, the paper is dissolved and the original ink and paint is transferred onto canvas and sealed. It was also reframed. (Neville Maloney)



The Illuminated Letter reads

M^{RS} MALONEY

Dear Madam,

Your many friends have heard with deep regret of the severance of your old associations and home ties consequent upon your removal from your old home.

They desire to tender to you their heartfelt sympathy under these circumstances and sincerely trust your new home may ere long be able in a large measure to replace the old in your affections and that many years of happiness and prosperity may still lie before you.

They also wish to express their appreciation of your uniform kindness and willing help to your neighbours in time of need, your actions in this respect have secured to you the earnest good will of all.

With sincerest best wishes for your future prosperity, signed on behalf of your many friends.

Maria Dixon

Eva Smart

Charlotte Waldon

Jane Durrington

Harriet's 10 children in 1912

Ellen is married to Arthur Hunter and they live at Winegrove near Copmanhurst. By 1912 Ellen has 9 of her 10 children.

Mary is married to Jack Rowland and has 6 children; however after the birth of her 6th child, Effie, in 1909 that died in 1910, Mary suffered a breakdown and was placed in an asylum in Sydney 1910. She subsequently returned home in 1919. The Rowland family lived at Coutts Crossing and South Grafton.

James married Catherine Manning and has 6 (maybe 7 children) children. Catherine dies in 1914 at Casino and with later information it seems that James moved with his mother to the Casino region.

ANNULING OF AFTER-AUCTION SALES OF CROWN LANDS—continued.															
No. of Papers.	Name of Applicant, Address, and Occupation.	Date of Gazettal.	Description of Land.						Offered for Sale.		Area.	Amount Overdue, less Interest.	Division.	Instalment or Balance.	
			Land District.	Portion.	Parish.	County.	Allotment.	Section.	Town or Village.	Date.					Place.
1126	Catherine Maloney (wife of 27 James Maloney, timber-getter, Rappville).	" "	Casino	...	.....	.....	.....	12	6	Rappville	11 Jan., 1912	Rappville	0 1 30	3 15 0	E Balance

There is a puzzle here James wife bid for land at Rappville in 1912/13 but could not later pay for the land so the sale was annulled. This is odd if Harriet just sold her farm the family would have had money. Harriet is within months after this share farming with James, Clarence, Bill and Dan at Bungabee. Maybe she sold her farm on terms that were paid over time and did not have much cash.

John married Mary Waugh and they have 5 children. John moves north to Bangalow a few years later.

Martin Jnr (Tom) married Annie Gidley and by 1912 they have one child. He used the name Thomas (Tom) as his first name on all documents. They lived in Grafton until at least 1915 (their 2nd child, Thora was born there in April 1915). They moved to and stayed in Casino sometime after that.

Daniel seems to be working around Rappville

William (Bill) married Christina Janie Cole and has 2 children by 1912. He is still in Gerrymberryn in 1913 when his house burns down and when his wife dies in 1919, much later he moved to Murwillumbah

Charles (Charlie) seems to be working around Rappville

Clarence (Clarrie) seems to be working around Rappville

Frederick (Fred) the youngest was 21 in 1912. I am not sure where he. He does have 4 children the 1st in 1917 and last in 1929. His partner Mary JANE Beel he married in 1930 in Murwillumbah.

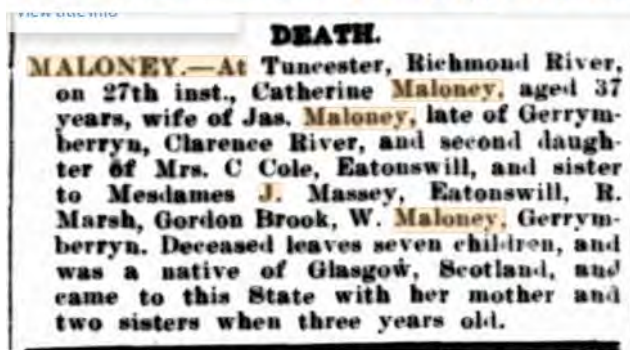
An incident in, a fire, December 20th **1915** just west of Lismore at Bungabee, places **Harriet, James, Clarence, Bill** and **Dan** in that location. Also present is another **Clarence**, the son of James (14) and **Charles** Stewart Rowland (16) - the son of Mary Maloney, Harriet's grandson.

The story about this fire suggest that the Maloneys had been in "halves", share farming, the property for Yagers or a few years, time enough for James to have two of his homes to burn down!

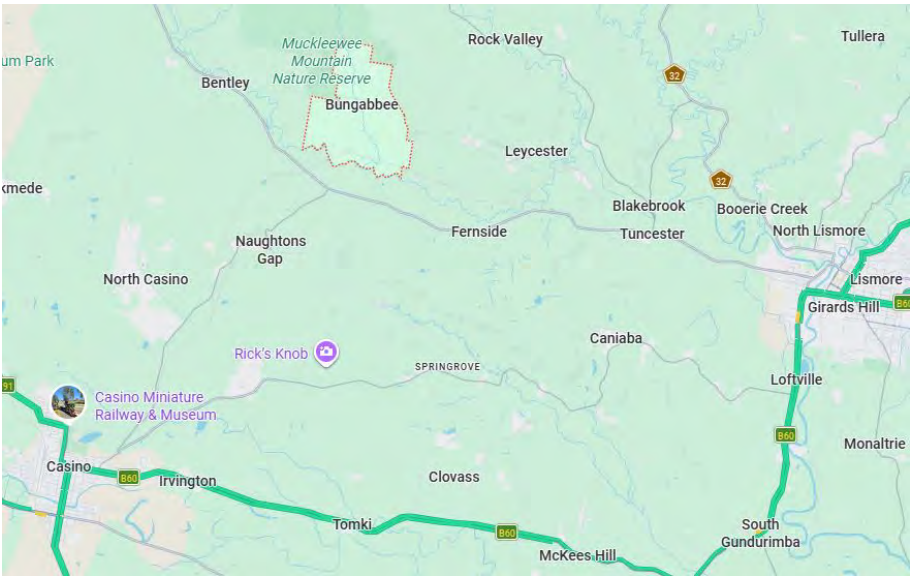
It seems that Harriet moved to **Bungabee** after leaving Grafton. Florence Boyle, daughter of Michael Maloney, the son of Martin & his first wife Ellen White, in 1991 explained that Harriet "moved into share farming on a property owned by Yagers at Bungabee between Lismore and Kyogle, on the Bentley-Kyogle Rd about 20 kilometres from Lismore, after Tuncester opposite the Naughtons gap turnoff.

James Maloney's wife, Catherine (Kate) Manning died in 1914 – Kate had been married previously, her maiden name was Doyle, her mother's name is Cole and a Cole was also on the Bungabee farm.. there is another story to be told in all of that.... - James has 4 boys aged 13 to 7 working on the farm his two daughters have gone to live with Kate's family on The Clarence. Harriet in this mix may have been acting as "mother" to her many grandchildren. On the farm at Bungabee was also at least one of her daughter Mary's children, Charles – remember Mary is in an asylum in

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Sydney. Bill who was also on the farm had 4 children by 1916. Bungabee was quite a Maloney extended family group. There were possibly 9 Or 10 grandchildren and 4 of her sons and other in-law family members as well all at this farm in 1916.



Bungabee is the shaded section marked on the map. Lismore is on the right hand edge. For the very observant, yes, that is McKees Hill at the very bottom of the map. The McKee family information is in **Research Note A**. Lydia McKee (Caesar) is Harriet’s great Aunt, her grandmother’s sister.

The McKee family lived near Copmanhurst and a number moved to the Casino and Lismore area so I suspect the hill is named the same McKee family.

Harriet Maloney (Morgan) in 1867. The top left is the original studio photo, probably taken in 1876 when she married Martin Maloney. Below left is an AI restoration and the larger photo is an AI colourisation.





AI colourised image. Original faded copy in - From Shamrocks to Gumleaves – The Maloney Story

A group at a wedding: Back L to R: Ellen Maloney, James Maloney, Mary Maloney
Front L to R: Harriet Maloney (Morgan), Martin Maloney, Michael Maloney

The photo is most likely at the wedding of **Michael Maloney** (the son of Martin and his first wife Ellen White) to **Bella Power** in August 1897. The fact that Michael is sitting in the front indicates that it is his day. Where is the bride? I don't know.) The other date options all suffer from the missing marriage partner but families often took the opportunity to get family groups taken during these sittings. Why not then get all the family in the photo, the other seven brothers?

The other options are marriages of Ellen in Dec 1896, Mary in Sept 1899 or James in early 1900.

1917

It seems that by 1917 all of Harriet's sons had left Grafton and moved north to Casino, Lismore, Bangalow or the Tweed area. They continued to move around the North Coast of NSW region with settling Dan, Charlie, Clarrie, and for a time Fred living at Tyalgum; Bill moved to Mullumbimby, John to Bangalow, Tom stayed in Casino and James finished up in Murwillumbah, her set-son Michael left Gerymberryn as well and moved to Lismore hundreds of his descendants live in the Richmond area that is another story – The Maloney Family Story.

Sometime between 1917 and 1922 Harriet moved to Murwillumbah and lived in Bray St, South Murwillumbah. Bray St once ran along the front of the Railway Station but was subsumed by the Pacific Highway – now the Tweed Valley Way - runs near where Bray St was. The houses have gone and car parks, a roundabout, bike and walk ways now cover the area.

In 1923 Harriet was 74. Martin had died 23 years earlier in 1900. Of her ten children all are going well except John who died of rheumatic fever in May 1922.

Ellen lost one of her ten children a few months after she was born in 1897, all of the others and her husband, Arthur Hunter, are well.

Mary has returned to Grafton in 1919, after nearly ten years in an asylum in Sydney. Her return is tinged with sorrow both of her twins Charles (who was on the farm at Bungabee) and Clyde died in the week before she arrived home of the Influenza Plague, and Effie had died in 1910. With all that stress may lives until 1952.

James has six children, his wife Catherine (Kate) died when they were at Bungabee in 1914, his six children I will list as well. However one, Martin J Maloney, is lost in the records possibility and his wife had two children from a previous marriage.

John has eight children all are well he however died in Ballina Hospital on 25 May 1922. His wife, Mary Waugh, visits Harriet in 1923. My father Jack Maloney who was five remembered that she was in bed and he had vague recollections about her. *It is an interesting observation that here in 2026, I am just one generation removed from my father who met and saw Harriet, the daughter of Joseph Morgan, the character who caused me so much trouble trying figure out just who he was, and as I tried to understand just was how he must have felt when he arrived in Sydney in 1837 as a convict.*

Martin Jnr (TOM) married Annie Gidley they had two daughters; the family was living in Casino in 1923.

Daniel (Dan) a bachelor – although he had a daughter, Dolly, in 1908, the mother was Elsie Waugh. Dan lives at Tyalgum and Murwillumbah at various times.

William (Bill) married Christina JANE Cole and they had four children. Christina died in 1919 or 1923.

Charles (Charlie) a bachelor like Dan worked around the Tweed area living in Murwillumbah and Tyalgum.

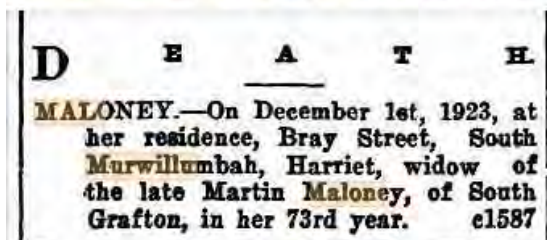
Clarence (Clarrie) like Charlie a bachelor also fencing gang worker in the Tweed area.

Frederick (Fred) married Mary JANE Beel they have four children but only one id born before 1923 in 1917 the other three were born in 1925, 1927 and 1929.

Nine of Harriet’s ten children are alive when she died in December 1st 2023. Four of her grandchildren had died, 34 are alive and three are yet to be born.

Harriet Morgan 1848-2023

ily (Murwillumbah, NSW : 1914 - 1949) / Thu 6 Dec 1923



Harriet in 1867



Left: Harriet’s Husband **Martin Maloney** and her mother **Mary Meskell** - Mary married **Joseph Morgan** and her mother was **Mary Caesar**.

Right: **Harriet** at Woolgoolga in 1011 and her step-son **Michael Maloney**.

Harriet placed memorial notices in the paper each year for Martin, her husband, who died in 1900. She also placed memorial notices for her parents



Harriet's baptism record, she was the 4th child of **Joseph Morgan** and **Mary Meskell** born in the Hunter Valley in 1849. And just as it has been all along researching the Morgan, Meskell and Caesar families there is no 'Sydney Park' in the Hunter Valley. I have not seen the original handwritten document of this record; I suspect the place is actually something like "Sandy Park". And the spelling of her name on this document "Harriot" I have not used

New South Wales

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1995

BAPTISMS

Number	3272 Vol: 34A
CHILD	
Christian name	Harriot
When born	21 April, 1849
Date of ceremony	20 May, 1849
Where ceremony performed	Parish of Eldon, Clarence Town and Dungog, in the Counties of Gloiucester and Durham
Where registered	Not Stated
PARENTS	
Father	Joseph MORGAN
Mother	Mary MORGAN
Abode	Sydney Park
Quality or profession	Settler
Sponsors	Not Stated
By whom the ceremony was performed	Chas. Spencer Church of England



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DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

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Registrar

Harriet Maloney (Morgan) Death Certificate – December 1st 1923

The details on the certificate were provided by Clarence – C.W. Maloney her son. Clarrie was known as the brains of the family, a great reader apparently. The death certificate confirms the children and their names and lists her place of birth as Raymond Terrace, which is possible but unlikely. I have suggested Dungog. The places of all of her siblings births suggests they were born at home, somewhere near Raymond Terrace. Senile Decay was a catch-all term for mental decline or frailty and wasting, weight loss due to heart or kidney problems. It indicates a progression of physical decline usually meaning being confined to a bed because of physical weakness.

. Harriet is buried in the Banner Street Cemetery, Murwillumbah: the grave headstones have been replaced with a plaque listing those buried in the cemetery.

NEW SOUTH WALES

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT 1995


DEATH CERTIFICATE

REGISTRATION NUMBER
1923/ 020024

Date and place of death	Name and occupation	Sex and age	Cause of Death Duration of last illness; medical attendant; when he last saw deceased	Name and occupation of father Name and maiden surname of mother	Informant
1923 1st December Banner Street Municipality of Murwillumbah	Harriet Maloney		Senile Decay (1) — Female Aged 73 years (Registered) 26th November 1923	Joseph Morgan (1) Farmer Mary Mackell	Clarence Maloney son Banner Street MURWILLUMBAH

Particulars of registration	When and where buried; name of undertaker	Name and religion of Minister and names of witnesses of burial	Where born and how long in the Australasian Colonies or States	Place of marriage, age, and to whom	Children of marriage																				
(1) Clarence (2) 3rd December 1923 (3) MURWILLUMBAH	(1) 1923 2nd December Banner Street MURWILLUMBAH (3) William Herrick	(1) Patrick O'Malley Roman Catholic (3) George O'Connell F.W. Poore	Raymond Terrace New South Wales	(1) Grafton New South Wales (3) 17 years (3) Martin Maloney	<table style="font-size: small;"> <tr><td>Ellen</td><td>55</td></tr> <tr><td>Mary</td><td>53</td></tr> <tr><td>Jane</td><td>51</td></tr> <tr><td>Charles J.</td><td>46</td></tr> <tr><td>Daniel J.</td><td>43</td></tr> <tr><td>William B.</td><td>40</td></tr> <tr><td>Charles J.</td><td>38</td></tr> <tr><td>Clarence W.</td><td>35</td></tr> <tr><td>Frederick H.</td><td>32</td></tr> <tr><td>one more living deceased</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Ellen	55	Mary	53	Jane	51	Charles J.	46	Daniel J.	43	William B.	40	Charles J.	38	Clarence W.	35	Frederick H.	32	one more living deceased	
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Greg Cerry

Registrar

THE FAMILY OF MARTIN MALONEY and HARRIET MORGAN

1. Ellen	29/07/1868
2. Mary	08/03/1871
3. James	24/05/1873
4. John	29/08/1875
5. Martin Thomas (Tom)	01/02/1878
6. Daniel Joseph (Dan)	07/06/1880
7. William Edward (Bill)	06/12/1882
8. Charles Graham (Charlie)	29/06/1885
9. Clarence Walter (Clarrie)	16/06/1888
10. Frederick Harold (Fred)	12/04/1891



Be careful what you trust in the historical record. The photo above is of a plaque in the Banner St Cemetery in Murwillumbah. The cemetery was the oldest in Murwillumbah but in the 1970s it was turned into a park. The headstones removed and rows of names on metal sheets replaced the historical treasure. Harriet Maloney's (Morgan) Headstone was dumped and her details transcribed onto the list. The year of her death though became 1925. Look back a few pages and you will see good evidence: a dated newspaper notice and her death certificate. The correct year was **1923**.

Harriet Morgan's husbands grave is in the Grafton Cemetery (Villiers St) Martin Maloney was killed in an accident in 1900.

The next two generations of Harriet's family are on the following pages her ten children are number 1 to 10 and her grandchildren are listed with capital letters A.B.C.... The story of those families and the story of Martin Maloney are detailed in another family history I have previously completed "From Shamrocks to Gumleaves – The Maloney Story".

Neville Maloney 2026



The 10 children and 40 Grandchildren of Harriet Morgan and Martin Maloney

Harriett Morgan, b. 27 Mar 1849 in the Hunter Valley (daughter of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell), d. 2 Dec 1923 in Murwillumbah.

She married **Martin Maloney**, 15 Aug 1867 in Grafton, b. 19 Oct 1834 in Youghal Ireland (son of Michael Moloney and Ellen Cavanagh), d. 17 Dec 1900 in Grafton.

- I. **Ellen Maloney**, b. 29 Jul 1868 in Grafton, d. 27 Nov 1942 in Lismore.
She married Arthur Hunter, 8 Dec 1896 in Grafton (lived at Winegrove), d. 22 Jul 1934 in Grafton.
 - A. **Gladis Hunter**, b. ?? April 1897, d. 31 July 1897.
 - B. **Arthur Gordon Avery Hunter**, b. 05 July 1898, d. 19 July 1967.
He married May Florence Klenk, 1 Aug 1927, b. 10 Apr 1897, d. 30 Sep 1983.
 - C. **Harold Charles Edwin Hunter**, b. 23 Mar 1900, d. 06 July 1975.
He married Eileen Mary Holmes.
 - D. **Lindsay Clarence Martin Hunter**, b. 16 Mar 1902, d. 27 Nov 1974.
 - E. **Eva Ellen Hunter**, b. 17 July 1904, d. 21 Aug 1980.
She married Leslie Clive Morrow, married 04 April 1930.
 - F. **Lionel Glen Hunter**, b. 19 Jul 1906, d. 10 April 1951.
He married Lily Eileen Marsh, married 27 Nov 1929.
 - G. **Alma May Hunter**, b. 02 July 1908, d. 08 10 1974.
She married Robert Charles Avery.
 - H. **William Elwin Hunter**, b. 05 May 1910, d. 19 Sept 1978.
He married Doris May McGowan, married 25 Mar 1935.
 - I. **Allan George Oswald Hunter**, b. 24 April 1911, d. 16 Aug 1993.
He married Clarice (Jo) Lenfer, married 26 Jun 1940 in Grafton.
 - J. **Elwin Walter Hunter**, b. 08 Sept 1914, d. 14 Nov 1984.
He married Edna Barford.
- II. **Mary Maloney**, b. 8 Mar 1871 in Grafton, d. 17 Jan 1952 in Grafton.
She married John (Jack) Rowland, 25 Sep 1899 in Grafton, b. 1871, d. 16 Sep 1951 in Grafton.
 - A. **Clyde Stan Rowland**, b. 12 Jun 1900 in Grafton, d. 1919 in Lismore
 - B. **Charles Stewart Rowland**, b. 12 Jun 1900 in Grafton, d. 1919 in Grafton.
 - C. **Allan Rowland**, d. 23 Feb 1929 in Grafton, b. 1902.
He married Elsie Wyles.
 - D. **Jessie "Minnie" Harriet Rowland**, b. 1 May 1904 in Grafton.
She married Norman Edward Clarke, b. 20 Aug 1899, d. 4 Aug 1982.
 - E. **Ellen Jessie Rowland**, b. 1906 in Grafton, d. 28 Oct 1983.
She married Alfred Martin.
 - F. **Effie Adelaide Rowland**, b. 1909, d. 1910.
- III. **James Maloney**, b. 24 May 1873, d. 1951 in Murwillumbah.
He married Catherine Manning, married 1900 in Grafton, d. 27 Jun 1914 in Bungabee NSW.
 - A. **Katherine Mona (Cassie) Maloney**, b. 1900 in Grafton, d. 12 Sep 1944 in Lismore.
She married Jack Stewart, married 1918 in Lismore, b. 24 Aug 1897, d. 03 FEB 1988.
 - B. **Clarence Frederick Maloney**, b. 3 Mar 1902, d. 30 Aug 1969 in Murwillumbah.
He married Eileen Laura Hawkins.
 - C. **James (JIM Jnr) Thomas Maloney**, b. Oct 1903, d. Oct 1957 in Murwillumbah.
He married Mary Gladys Holland, married 192?

Twins, who died with a week of each other

- D. **Terrence Doyle Maloney**, b. 1906.
He married Daphne McIntyre, b. 1911, d. 1996.
- E. **Martin John Maloney**, b. 1908 in Grafton.
- F. **Honorah Harriet Maloney**, b. 16 June 1910, d. 30 Nov 1949 in Lismore.
She married Walter Leslie Ainsworth.
- IV. **John Maloney**, b. 29 Aug 1875 in Grafton, d. 25 May 1922 in Ballina.
He married **Mary Jeanette Waugh**, 15 Mar 1905, b. 13 Nov 1882 in Grafton (daughter of Alexander William Waugh and Eliza Dargue), d. 5 Apr 1948 in Murwillumbah.
- A. **Gladys Irene Maloney**, b. 7 Mar 1906 in Grafton, d. 25 Jun 1986 in Murwillumbah.
She married Harvey (Ned) Cox, 31 Mar 1926, b. 1901 d. 23 Aug 1958 in Murwillumbah.
- B. **Jessie Aileen Maloney**, b. 15 Jul 1907 in Grafton, d. 13 April 2007 in Brisbane.
She married Eric Tate, married 1928, b. 21 Feb 1902.
- C. **Linda Mary Maloney**, b. 19 Oct 1908, d. 17 Aug 1955 in Murwillumbah.
She married Cecil Kelly, 1926, b. 1901 in Murwillumbah, d. 17 Jul 1972 in Murwillumbah.
- D. **Dulcie May Maloney**, b. 15 Aug 1910 in Grafton, d. 9 Oct 1993 in Southport Qld.
She married Ted Cooney, married 1935.
- E. **Elsie Isobel Maloney**, b. 16 Jul 1912 in Grafton, d. 25 Jan 2019 in Murwillumbah. She married Edmund (Toby) William Dawes, 1937. b. 3 Sep 1908, d. 7 Jul 1999 Yes. 106 years old
- F. **Nita Elisa Maloney**, b. 3 Feb 1915, d. 24 Mar 1976 in Murwillumbah.
She married Tom Charles Everest, married 1935, b. 15 May 1906, d. 6 Jan 1996.
- G. **Marion Harriet Maloney**, b. 19 Sep 1916, d. 12 Dec 2002 in Mullumbimby.
She married Bob Palmer, married 1938, d. 1984 in Mullumbimby.
- H. **Jack Martin Maloney**, b. 13 Apr 1918 in Clarenza Gardens Grafton, d. 25 Oct 1999
He married **Ivy Morelle Bradfield**, 29 August 1942 in Murwillumbah, b. 03 Mar 1920 in Tullymorgan (daughter of Patrick Bradfield and Annie Ernestine Pringle), d. 27 Dec 2004
(*Jack & Ivy are my parents – Neville Maloney*)
- V. **Martin Thomas Maloney**, b. 1 Feb 1878, d. 18 Jun 1935 in Casino.
He married Annie Elizabeth Gidley, 20 May 1909 in Grafton, d. 12 Aug 1985 in Oakey QLD.
- A. **Eileen Elizabeth Maloney**, b. 4 Aug 1912 in Grafton, d. 20 Oct 2011 in Oakey QLD.
She married Clarence W Rankin, 30 Jan 1933 in Casino (NSW BDM), b. 1 Jan 1911.
- B. **Thora Jean Maloney**, b. 6 Apr 1915 in Grafton, d. 2 Jul 1961 in Oakey QLD.
She married Louis William Scofield, 20 Feb 1936 in Casino, b. 10 Feb 1914 in Casino, d. 10 Jun 1998 in Drayton Qld.
- VI. **Daniel Joseph Maloney**, b. 7 Jun 1880 in Grafton, d. 22 Feb 1962 in Murwillumbah.
- VII. **William (Bill) Edward Maloney**, b. 6 Dec 1882, d. 1948 in Murwillumbah.
He married (1) Christina Janie Cole, married 17 Aug 1910 in Gerrymberryn, d. 1923 in Grafton.
He married (2) Mary Schippe, 1936, d. 1948 in Thre months before Bill (her husband).
- A. **Glen Clarence Maloney**, (son of William Maloney and Christina Janie Cole) b. 26 Jan 1911, d. 1987 in Sydney.
He married Ruby Lollback, married Abt 1944.
- B. **Jean Maloney**, (daughter of William Maloney and Christina Janie Cole) b. 2- June-1912, d. 14-April-1990.
- C. **Joan Eileen Maloney**, (daughter of William Maloney and Christina Janie Cole) b. 29 Oct 1913, d. 28 Oct 1979 in Brisbane.
She married Tom Beeston, married 25 Mar 1935.

- D. **Jenny Maloney**, (daughter of William Maloney and Christina Janie Cole) b. 01 May 1916, d. 22 Apr 1974 in Brisbane.
She married Harold Russell.
- VIII. **Charles Graham Maloney**, b. 29 Jun 1885 in Grafton, d. 1968 in Murwillumbah.
- IX. **Clarence Walter Maloney**, b. 16 Jun 1888, d. 25 Jul 1948 in Murwillumbah.
- X. **Frederick Harold Maloney**, b. 12 Apr 1891, d. 5 Feb 1963 in Mt. Gravatt.
He married (1) Mary JANE Beel, married 1930 in Murwillumbah, d. May 1944 in Lismore.
He married (2) Kathleen Denford.
- A. **Eileen Maloney**, (daughter of Fred Maloney and Mary JANE Beel) b. 10 Jan 1917, d. 30 Dec 1989 in Toowoomba.
She married Alfred Walter Wiemers.
- B. **Lima May Maloney**, (daughter of Fred Maloney and Mary JANE Beel) b. 15 May 1925 in Grafton, d. 23 Oct 2014 in Brisbane.
She married Kevin Esmond, d. 24 Feb 1964 in Blackall.
- C. **Lance Maloney**, (son of Fred Maloney and Mary JANE Beel) b. 08 Jan 1927 in Murwillumbah, d. Feb 2015 in Brisbane.
He married Rae Jenkins,
- D. **Lester (Larry) Howard Maloney**, (son of Fred Maloney and Mary JANE Beel) b. 20 Mar 1929, d. 17 Feb 2008 in Brisbane.
He married Maureen Strychein .

More detailed descendants of the Maloney branch of the family are in the book From *Shamrocks to Gumleaves – The Maloney Story*.

*This completes the section of **Harriet Morgan 1870-1887 the 4th child of Joseph Morgan 1812-1881 and Mary Meskell 1828 -1900***

This also completes the main section of the book. The following *Reference Notes* are more detailed sections or historical documents that would disrupt the flow of the book. In most cases notes and details that need a bit more care and effort to follow or extra notes that doubled up some point that was being made in the history.

Neville Maloney March 2026

Research Note A - The McKee family

In 1840 **Mary Caesar** and her sister, **Eliza Lydia Caesar**, came to Australia with their husbands and their children. Mary had married John Meskell and much of this book is about that family and one of their children in particular **Mary Meskell** and in turn one of her daughters, **Harriet Morgan**, who married Martin Maloney. *The Meskell and Morgan Families are the title and the story of this book.*

But there were two Caesar sisters and this section is the summarised story of **Eliza Lydia Caesar** and her husband **James John McKee**.

The following list of the McKee family is incomplete and could have some errors because there are a lot of the McKee family in Copmanhurst and there is a tangle in the names and dates that would not fit into one family line. There is a William McKee* who died in 1884 and he is James John McKee's brother there are also two John McKees* who have wives Margaret and Emily. It seems that John C McKee whose wife is Margaret Phemister is a son of Eliza but the other John, whose wife is Emily, does not fit into this family line. There are others and in particular a Thomas McKee who does not seem to be one of James and Eliza's children either.

The key point here is that the extended family related back to the Caesar sisters and their father Julius Caesar is much more extensive than I have been able to research in the McKee branch.

I have only added children to William McKee who is buried in Grafton cemetery because his son John, also named William, is in the Copmanhurst cemetery

Eliza Lydia Caesar, b. 16 Apr 1803 in Tipperary, Ireland (daughter of Julius Caesar and Sarah MacHartel), d. 1872 in Grafton.

She married **James JOHN McKee**, Abt 1828, in Ireland he was born in 1801 in Killkenny Ireland, d. 1888 in Grafton.

1. **William McKee** b. 13 Aug 1829 in Ireland, d. 19 Feb 1904 in Copmanhurst Cemetery.
He married Janet Jane Gorton b. 1840, d. 7 Mar 1867 in Grafton Cemetery.
 - A. **Mary Jane McKee**, b. 1862, d. 3 Sep 1949 in Copmanhurst Cemetery.
 - B. **William George McKee**, b. 1864, d. 24 Jun 1939 in Grafton (Notice).
He married Elizabeth Frances Pocock, married 22 Apr 1912.
2. **Frances McKee** b. 24 Apr 1831 in Ireland d. 29 Mar 1855 Williams River NSW.
3. **Julius McKee**, b. 14 Apr 1833 in Ireland, d. 1910 in Grafton.
He married Margery Phemister, in 1865 in Grafton, b. 1846, d. 1923.
4. **Sarah McKee**, b. 20 Apr 1836 in Ireland, d. 1930 in Grafton.
She married William Davison on 19 Jul 1859 in Glen William Williams River NSW.
5. **Anne McKee**, b. 29 May 1838 in Ireland, d. 1903.
6. **John Caesar McKee**, b. 14 Jul 1840 in Butterwick NSW, d. 1927 in Casino NSW.
He married Margaret Phemister, in 1864 in Grafton, b. 1846, d. 1895 in Casino.
7. **Margaret McKee**, b. 13 Aug 1842, d. 05 Aug 1928 in Compmanhurst Cemetery.
8. **James McKee**, b. 1844 in Hinton NSW, d. 25 Dec 1917 in Casino NSW.
He married Alice Duck, b. 08 Jun 1865, d. 13 Oct 1956 in Jandowae Qld.
9. **Charles McKee**, b. 1845 in Butterwick NSW, d. 18 Jul 1929 in Dalby Qld.
10. **Mary McKee**, b. 1849 in NSW, d. 1914 in Ballina.
11. **George Henry McKee**, b. 1853 in Williams River, d. 20 Feb 1927.
He married Frances Robinson, b. 1858, d. 05 Aug 1929 in Lismore.

*William McKee - Born abt 1807-2 Jan 1884 from a WikiTree entry is the brother of James JOHN McKee and he immigrated after 1850 to NSW. William married Mary Delap in 1842 in Kilkenny Ireland and they had 3 children Mary 1841, John 1844-4 Oct 1929 and Thomas 1849-6 Jun 1915. Both of the sons John and Thomas were born in Ireland and died at Stockyard Ck, Copmanhurst NSW.

* There are three people named *John McKee* on this 1870/71 Electoral Roll

1869	M'Kee William	Copmanhurst	freehold	Copmanhurst
1870	M'Kee Thomas	Copmanhurst	residence	
1871	M'Kee Charles	Copmanhurst	residence	
1872	M'Kee James	Copmanhurst	residence	
1873	M'Kee Julius	Copmanhurst	freehold	Copmanhurst
1874	M'Kee John, senior	Copmanhurst	freehold	Copmanhurst
1875	M'Kee John	Copmanhurst	leasehold	Copmanhurst
1876	M'Kee William, senior	Copmanhurst	leasehold	Copmanhurst
1877	M'Kee William	Copmanhurst	leasehold	Copmanhurst
1878	M'Kee John	Copmanhurst	leasehold	Copmanhurst



Lydia McKee's grave 1872 in Copmanhurst Cemetery. *Lydia* is the sister of *Mary Caesar*.

John McKee died in 1888 and the headstone has fallen.

They were both known by their first names *Eliza* and *James* when they immigrated in 1840.

ce and Richmond Examiner and New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW: 1859 - 1889) / Sat 25 Aug 1888 /

The Late Mr. John M'Kee.

WE have been able to ascertain a few particulars of this late respected gentleman. He was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, in June, 1796, married 1828, and emigrated to Australia in January, 1840. That year he proceeded with his wife and five children to the Hunter, and settled near Hinton. Here they remained eight years, and afterwards went to the Williams, and resided near Clarence Town till 1860, when the glowing reports of the Clarence River induced Mr. M'Kee to come to this district with his six sons and three daughters. An eldest daughter died at the Williams, and the second was married to Mr. W. Davison, now of Copmanhurst. After residing a year at Swan Creek, he finally went to Copmanhurst, where he remained till his decease. His wife died about 16 years since. Three of his sons reside at Copmanhurst, and three near Casino on the Richmond. His four daughters are residents of Copmanhurst. The deceased was of a quiet, unassuming disposition, and though he attained a patriarchal age, retained his faculties to the end of his long life. He was a zealous member of the Church of England, and was up to the last a regular attendant at public worship.

Clarence and Richmond Examiner and New England Advertiser
Aug 18 1888 • Grafton, New South Wales, Australia

We are apprised by telegram that Mr. John M'Kee, of Copmanhurst, died on Wednesday at the advanced age of 92. Deceased arrived in the colony in 1840, and was for 27 years a resident of Copmanhurst, proceeding thither amongst the first settlers. He leaves a long line of descendants, a large number of whom are residents of Copmanhurst. Others are on the Richmond. Deceased was much respected, and the funeral procession was the largest yet seen on Smiths Flat.

John McKee died in 1888 and the information in these notices confirms many known details but also is confusing in his date of birth mentioned here which really seems to be 1801.

The McKee family immigrate in 1840 with the Meskell family

The pages below are from the "Thomas Lowry" ship records. On the individual pages the name is John McKee (McGee) and Elizah McKee but on the index, the list pages of the passengers they seem to be transcribed incorrectly as Maskall. They appear just above her sister Mary (listed as Maria) and her husband John Meskell which is also listed as Maskall.

Page 9				Page 9			
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Sex	Age	Name	Rank	Religion	Address	Place of Birth	Age
Female	30	James	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	27
Female	31	Mary	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	28
Female	32	Elizabeth	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	29
Female	33	Mary	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	30
Female	34	John	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	31
Female	35	James	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	32
Female	36	Mary	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	33
Female	37	Elizabeth	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	34
Female	38	Mary	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	35
Female	39	John	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	36
Female	40	James	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	37
Female	41	Mary	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	38
Female	42	Elizabeth	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	39
Female	43	Mary	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	40
Female	44	John	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	41
Female	45	James	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	42
Female	46	Mary	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	43
Female	47	Elizabeth	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	44
Female	48	Mary	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	45
Female	49	John	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	46
Female	50	James	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	47
Female	51	Mary	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	48
Female	52	Elizabeth	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	49
Female	53	Mary	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	50
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Female	97	Elizabeth	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	94
Female	98	Mary	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	95
Female	99	John	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	96
Female	100	James	Seaman	Protestant	Seaside	London	97

This name should be McKee
The names all relate to
Mary Coar's sister Eliza
& her husband James McKee
& their children

James James

18 May 1840

James

Mary & B. Smith

Royal (Met)

MARRIED FEMALE IMMIGRANT.

Arrived by the ship *Thomas Lowry*
Brought out by *James McKee*
Name *Eliza McKee*
Age *30*
Place certified Register of *London*
Signature *Eliza McKee*

Male Children, Exceeding One and Under Eighteen Years.
None

Female Children, Exceeding One and Under Fifteen Years.
None

John Meskell

MARRIED MALE IMMIGRANT.

Arrived by the ship *Thomas Lowry*
Brought out by *James McKee*
Name *John Meskell*
Age *30*
Place certified Register of *London*
Signature *John Meskell*

The family of Eliza Lydia Caesar and John McKee

The articles here confirm that the family who immigrated in 1840 moved from the Hunter to the Clarence around 1860 and then moved to Copmanhurst.

Their eldest child William McKee married Janet Jane Gordon and she and one of her children are buried in Grafton Cemetery (Headstone photo below). William McKee's death in 1904 and their son William G's McKee death in 1939 is reported in the clippings below.



Below: Julius McKee the 3rd child died in 1910 and an interesting story about his wife bitten by a snake in 1889 is also recorded.

[sino Kyogle Advertiser \(NSW : 1904 - 1929\) / Tue 18 Jan 1910 /](#)

Death of Mr. Julius McKee.

MR. JULIUS MCKEE, an old and highly respected resident of the district, died at his residence, Grafton, on Thursday, at the age of 76. He had been in delicate health for some time previous to his decease. Mr. McKee was a native of Ireland, and came to this State when seven years of age. He first sojourned on the Williams River, but came with his parents and brothers and sisters to the Clarence River in 1859. The family resided on a farm at Swan Creek, now occupied by Mr. Want, for a short period, and then went to Copmanhurst, where they acquired a property. They were amongst the first settlers on Smith's Flat, as Copmanhurst was known in those days. Deceased secured a property on this part of the river, and followed agricultural operations for a number of years. In 1893 he came to Grafton and became licensee of the Royal Hotel, and afterwards of the Clarence and Richmond Hotel. Of late years he lived privately. He leaves a widow, two sons and six daughters. The sons are residing in Sydney, also two married daughters—Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Blakey. The other daughters are Mrs. S. See, Carr's Creek, Mr. J. See and Mrs. T. A. Aston and Miss McKee. He also leaves four brothers—Mr. George McKee, of Myrtle Creek; Messrs. John and James McKee, of Deep Creek, near Casino; and Mr. Chas. McKee, of Queensland. Two unmarried sisters reside at Abstonville, and Mrs. W. Davidson, of Copmanhurst is also a sister.—"Examiner."

[Clarence and Richmond Examiner \(Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915\) / Sat 20 Feb 1904](#)

Mr. William McKee, of Smith's Creek, Upper Copmanhurst, died yesterday morning, at the age of 74. He came to the Clarence about 45 years ago, and nearly the whole of that period resided on the Upper Clarence. He leaves one son and one daughter. His remains will be interred in the Copmanhurst cemetery this afternoon.

[Examiner \(Grafton, NSW : 1915 - 1954\) / Mon 26 Jun 1939](#)

MR. WILLIAM G. MCKEE.

The death occurred at the Grafton District Hospital on Saturday evening of Mr. William G. McKee at the age of 75 years.

Mr. McKee was the only son of the late Mr. William McKee, of Copmanhurst, and lived most of his life on his own property at Smith's Creek, where he carried on grazing pursuits. Deceased was a well-known and highly respected resident of the district and was always ready to help his fellowmen. He had a severe illness about two years ago and had not enjoyed the best of health since.

He is survived by a widow and one son, William; also one sister, Miss M. J. McKee, of Smith's Creek.

[Richmond Examiner and New England Advertiser \(Grafton, NSW : 1859 - 1889\) / Tue 19 Feb 1889 /](#)

Snake Bite.

ON Friday afternoon last, Mrs. Julius McKee, of Copmanhurst, while walking round the farm placed her hand in some vines, and was bitten on the forearm by a snake. She immediately tied a handkerchief above the bitten part, returned to the house, where the wound was freely scarified, and sucked by Mr. McKee. Ammonia was also applied to the bite, and stimulants freely administered. Dr. Houston was telegraphed for, and on arrival found the patient doing well, everything done that was necessary in the case. Dr. Houston states that during a residence of 20 years in the district he has treated several cases of snake-bite annually, but on no occasion has there been a fatal result. A warning is given, however, to those who follow the too popular idea of administering alcoholic stimulants too freely, as the doctor states that such cases have proved the most troublesome. To promptly tie a ligature on the heart side of the bite, and scarify the latter, suck the wound, and moderately use stimulants, are recommended as the best treatment. We are informed that Professor Halford's antidote of injecting ammonia into the veins has proved efficacious in case of venomous snake bite in India.

Sarah McKee the 4th child of Lydia and John McKee married **William Davidson** and obituary in 1926 details some the McKee family history. Sarah died in 1930 aged 94

Margaret & Mary McKee children 5 & 10 born in 1842 & 1849 moved to the Richmond region in 1891. And a notice of Mary's death in Alstonville in 1914.

"Early Pioneer" is the death of **George Henry McKee** the 11th child 1853-1927 it confirms the family history

n, NSW: 1915 - 1954) / Sat 29 May 1926 /

OBITUARY

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM DAVIDSON.

One of the earliest pioneers and oldest residents of the Clarence River district died on Sunday last, in the person of the late Mr. William Davidson, of Copmanhurst, who had attained the ripe old age of 91 years and 9 months, and had lived on the Clarence River for about 64 years.

The late Mr. Davidson was a native of Ireland, having been born in County Tyrone in 1834, three years before the late Queen Victoria came to the throne. He left his native land on May 21, 1855, and arrived in Sydney on September 21, 1855, just four months later. Proceeding to the Hunter River, he remained a short time there before going to the Rocky River mines. He stayed there only a few months, and returned to the Hunter, where he entered into farming pursuits.

In 1859 he married Sarah McKee, eldest daughter of the late John McKee. About three years later (in 1862) he left the Hunter, and travelling overland arrived on the Clarence. He took up land on the Coldstream, but excessively wet seasons caused him to seek the higher lands of the Upper Clarence, and in 1865 he left for Copmanhurst, where he purchased the property known as "Midlands," on which he had resided ever since.

Mr. Davidson took a great interest in the welfare of the country at large in his earlier days, and was a keen politician, whilst in his own district he was one of the foremost in every movement for its advancement and welfare. He could relate many interesting incidents from his experiences since he first came to Copmanhurst 62 years ago. When he arrived it was a dense scrub, and he lived to see remarkable developments take place in the history of the Clarence River. It is interesting to learn that he subscribed to the "Examiner" from his first arrival to the district until the day of his death. He had also been a subscriber to the Agricultural Society and the Grafton Hospital from the earliest days.

A loyal member of the Church of England, he served the parish as a warden for 30 years, and it is chiefly owing to his perseverance and foresight that the vicarage and beautiful Church of Holy Apostles, occupy their present splendid position.

The family consists of six sons and three daughters, the sons being Mr. John Davidson and Cr. Robert H. Davidson, of Copmanhurst, and Messrs. Charles, William, Julius, and George Davidson, of Queensland. The Misses Lydia Francis Ann Eliza and Sarah Matilda Davidson of Copmanhurst, are the daughters.

Northern Star (Lismore, NSW: 1876 - 1954) / Sat 21 Feb 1891 /

Clarence River News.

THE Misses McKee, of Copmanhurst, who are leaving for the Richmond, were presented with an address and a souvenir for each in token of the high esteem in which they were held by the people there. Miss McKee received a very handsome gold Albert and a beautiful chaste gold brooch set with pearls. Miss Margaret McKee was presented with a very handsome silver tea and coffee service on a silver salver, and Miss Mary McKee was the recipient of a gold harp brooch set with pearls.

northern Star (Lismore, NSW: 1876 - 1954) / Fri 25 Sep 1914

DEATH OF AN ALSTONVILLE RESIDENT.

Miss Mary McKee, who died at six o'clock yesterday evening, had been a resident of Alstonville for many years, and prior to her death was ailing for about 51 years, so that when she passed away the sad news came as no surprise to her many friends and relations. The McKee family are well known on the Rivers, in some cases places being named after them. Miss McKee has a brother (Charles) at Dalry, Queensland, who is a well known grazier. There are also two brothers at Myrtle Creek—James and George—and a sister at Copmanhurst named Mrs. Davidson.

sino Kyogle Advertiser (NSW: 1904 - 1929) / Mon 21 Feb 1927 /

EARLY PIONEER.

DEATH OF MR. GEO. H. MCKEE.

After an illness extending over several months, the death occurred yesterday of Mr. Geo. H. McKee, a well-known resident of Myrtle Creek and Rappville districts. He was born at Clarence town 73 years ago, and when a boy moved with his parents to Copmanhurst. In the late 70's he came across to the Richmond and selected a large holding at Myrtle Creek, and gave little time later removed to Pearce's Creek, where he opened up a butchering business. Thirty years ago he returned to Myrtle Creek, where he had since resided continuously with the exception of the past 12 months, when he retired and took up his residence in Casino. He was at one time a director of the Casino Co-operative Dairy Co., and was a devoted churchman. He is survived by a widow and two sons, Messrs. Reginald and John McKee. Mrs. S. Davidson and Miss McKee (Copmanhurst) are sisters of the deceased, and Messrs. Clarence (Queensland) and John McKee (Alstonville) brothers. The funeral moved to the Church of England portion of the Casino cemetery this afternoon, the Rev. Archdeacon Lampard officiating.

Births Search Results

	Name	Registration Number	Father's Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	District
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MCKEE JOHN	2029/1840 V18402029 24A	JOHN	LYDIA	ML
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MCKEE CHARLES	1481/1845 V18451481 49	JOHN	LYDIA	JR
<input type="checkbox"/>	? MCKEE MARY	541/1849 V1849541 162A	JOHN	LYDIA	PC

Research Note B - The Descendants of John Meskell Jnr

The Descendants of John Meskell Jnr **1836-1894** and Eleanor Daley **1842-1922**

John Meskell Jnr is the son of *John Meskell 1806-1866 and Mary Caesar 1807-1883*.

John is the brother of Mary Meskell 1828-1900 who married Joseph Morgan in 1844.

John was born in Ireland and like his sister came to NSW in **1840** with his parents he was only 4 years old at the time.

Joan and Eleanor had 7 children: Edward, Mary, John, Anne, William, Henry and Arthur

Six of the 7 had families: (*John died at 14 months*)

Edward married Frances (Fanny) Bollard – 12 children

Mary married Reuben Ellem – 12 children

John – died at 14 months

Anne married Thomas Hession – 6 children

William married Mary Ann "Polly" Baker – 1 child

Henry married May Parkinson – 6 children

Arthur married Sarah Jane Casey – 4 children

The rather extensive list of descendants that follows is not complete but it provides future family historians and good start and is a wonderful resource to check if someone is related. **Pete Meskell** who is the great-great-grandson of John Meskell Jnr and Eleanor Daley created the list and his name can be found if you follow the Henry Meskell lineage.

John Meskell Jnr was born 10 Jun 1836 in Tipperary Ireland, buried 3 Oct 1894 in C of E Cemetery Grafton, d. 2 Oct 1894 in Southgate, Grafton. He married **Elleanor Daley**, 9 Aug 1858 in Hinton, Morpeth, NSW, b. 12 Aug 1842 in Sydney, NSW, buried in Grafton, NSW, d. 22 Dec 1922 in Grafton,.

- I. **Edward Meskell**, b. 25 Aug 1859 in Hunter Valley, NSW, d. 15 Aug 1955 in Qld. He married (1) **Frances (Fanny) Bollard**, 13 Dec 1886 in Goodooga, Grafton,, b. 23 Jul 1867 in Cabramatta Creek Liverpool NSW, d. 22 Aug 1942 in Brisbane, Qld.
 - A. **Edward Ernest Meskell**, b. 18 Mar 1887 in Orara , Clarence River, South Grafton,, d. 26 Oct 1954 in Qld.
 - B. **Henry George Meskell**, b. 25 Jul 1888 in Orara Clarence River Grafton, d. 10 Sep 1950 in Brisbane, Qld. He married (1) Lydia Elvin Perkins (nee Robb), 1940 in Lismore,, b. 1890 in Robertson, NSW, buried in Cremated Brisbane, d. 23 May 1964 in Brisbane, He married (2) Mary E Tierney, 1912 in Lismore, b. ABT 1892, d. 1931 in Lismore, NSW.
 1. **George Meskell**, b. 1913 in Lismore NSW, buried in Ballina, d. 15 Nov 1982 in Ballina. He married (1) **Emmeline Rose Kirkham**, 1937 in Casino NSW, b. 1910 in Casino, NSW, buried 23 Jan 1984 in Casino, NSW, d. 21 Jan 1984 in Casino, He married (2) Joan Meryl Fletcher, ABT 1960, b. ABT 1930.
 - a. **Lynn Maree Meskell**, b. ABT 1967.
 - C. **Ruby Perle Meskell**, b. 25 May 1890 in South Grafton,.
 - D. **John Thomas Meskell**, b. 31 May 1892 in South Grafton, buried in Memorial Panel 119 Vignacourt British Cemetery, d. 20 Jul 1918 in World War One in France.
 - E. **Myra Gladys Meskell**, b. 14 Feb 1894 in Southgate Clarence River Grafton, d. 26 Dec 1950 in Brisbane. She married James Ewen Norris, 21 Jul 1915 in Leichhardt, NSW b. 2 Sep 1890 in Broughton Creek(now called Berry) NSW, d. 8 Jun 1967 in Qld.
 - F. **Elsie May Meskell**, b. 13 Sep 1895 in South Grafton,, buried in North Ryde, NSW, d. 21 Jul 1989 in Sydney, She married **Oswald James Rigney**, 1913 in Lismore b. 15 Sep 1891 in Kangaroo Valley, buried in North Ryde, 20 Apr 1966 in Campsie NSW.

1. **Wilfred Clive Rigney**, b. ABT 1913, d. 1995. He married Lyla Elizabeth Lillian Payer, 1936 in Canterbury, NSW.
 - a. **Robert.**
 - b. **Lee- Anne.**
 2. **Edward Rigney**, b. 1919 in Redfern, NSW.
 3. **May Margaret Rigney**, b. ABT 1917, d. 14 Oct 1982 in Revesby, NSW. She married Henry Charles Oliver, b. 21 Oct 1925 in Undercliff, d. 8 May 1984.
 4. **Percival James Rigney**, b. 23 Sep 1915 in Redfern, NSW, buried in Lae, Lae District, Morobe, Papua New Guinea, d. 2 Jan 1945 in Papua New Guinea. He married Florence Ethel Rigney.
 5. **Dorothy Rigney.**
- G. **Ivy Ella Meskell**, b. 25 Jun 1897 in South Grafton. She married John Mackay, 15 Dec 1921 in Brisbane, Qld, b. ABT 1895.
- H. **William Albert Meskell**, b. 19 Jan 1899 in Ramornie Clarence River Grafton, d. 8 Sep 1971 in Brisbane, Qld. He married Maud Lillian Milgate, 1927 in Lismore b.1908 in Lismore, NSW, d. 10 Sep 1988 in Lismore
1. **Lloyd John Meskell**, b. 1935, d. 23 Jul 1971 in Qld. He married Margaret Hill.
 - a. **Denise Elizabeth Meskell**, b. 1961, d. 4 Mar 1966 in Qld.
- I. **Lilian Vera Meskell**, b. 9 Feb 1902 in Coraki Richmond River Casino. She married Gordon Leslie Smith, 28 Nov 1929 in Brisbane, Qld, b. ABT 1900.
- J. **Rosena Madge Meskell**, b. 11 Nov 1904 in Coraki Richmond River Casino, d. 1975 in Brisbane, Qld, Aust. She married Alexander Douglas Hamilton Rannie, 18 Nov 1925 in Brisbane, Qld, b. 5 Jan 1902 in QLD.
- K. **Elwin Loyal Meskell**, b. 6 Dec 1906 in Dunoon - Casino, d. 13 Jul 1989.
- L. **Reita Doris Meskell**, b. 4 Nov 1908 in Dunoon, NSW, Aust. She married Robert Emmett King, 5 Jan 1934 in Brisbane, Qld, b. ABT 1905.

NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTH OF THE MESKELL FAMILY			
EDWARD (NED) MESKELL	BORN	25 th AUGUST 1859	(FATHER)
FRANCES (FANNY) MESKELL (NEE BOLLARD)	BORN	23 rd JULY 1867	(MOTHER)
CHILDREN			
EDWARD ERNEST MESKELL	BORN	18 th MARCH 1887 AT ORARA, CLARENCE RIVER, NSW	
HENRY GEORGE MESKELL	"	25 th JULY 1888 AT ORARA, CLARENCE RIVER, NSW	
RUBY PERLE MESKELL	"	25 th MAY 1890 AT SOUTH GRAFTON, NSW	
JOHN THOMAS MESKELL	"	31 st MAY 1892 AT SOUTH GRAFTON, NSW	
MYRA GLADYS MESKELL	"	14 th FEBRUARY 1894 AT SOUTHGATE, CLARENCE RIVER, NSW	
* ELSIE MAY MESKELL	"	13 th SEPTEMBER 1895 AT SOUTH GRAFTON, CLARENCE RIVER, NSW	
* IVY ELLA MESKELL	"	25 th JUNE 1897 AT SOUTH GRAFTON, NSW	
WILLIAM ALBERT MESKELL	"	19 th JANUARY 1899 AT RAMORNIE, CLARENCE RIVER, NSW	
LILIAN VERA MESKELL	"	9 th FEBRUARY 1902 AT CORAKI, RICHMOND RIVER, NSW	
ROSENA MADGE MESKELL	"	11 th NOVEMBER 1904 AT CORAKI, RICHMOND RIVER, NSW	
* ELWIN LOYAL MESKELL	"	6 th DECEMBER 1906 AT DUNOON, NSW	
* REITA DORIS MESKELL	"	4 th NOVEMBER 1908 AT DUNOON, NSW	

* INDICATES THE ONLY FOUR MEMBERS STILL LIVING AS AT 6th JANUARY 1985

A handwritten list from 1985 of Edward (Ned) Meskell's and Frances (Fanny) Bollard's 12 children.

II. Mary Eleanor Meskell*, b. 3 Jun 1862 in Waterview Grafton, buried in Grafton, NSW, d. 26 Aug 1931 in Waterview, South Grafton,. She married **Reuben Ellem**, 28 Jul 1880 in Waterview South Grafton, b. 30 Nov 1857 in Mangrove Creek NSW, buried in Grafton,, d. 1 Mar 1938 in Lismore NSW.

*The following two pages are from a book "Early Midwives in Grafton and South Grafton" by Robyn Higham.



Early Midwives in Grafton and South Grafton - P26

Nurse Mary Eleanor Ellem (1862 – 1931)

Mrs Mary Ellem, although untrained, was a nurse and midwife in Grafton in the early 1900's and was known as "Nurse Ellem" in the community. Her Irish-born grandmother Mrs Mary Meskell, her mother Mrs Eleanor Meskell, and her aunt Mrs Mary Morgan, were midwives so young Mary followed in their footsteps. CAESAR

MARY MARIA MESKELL

She was 18 years old when she married Reuben Ellem at Waterview in 1880. Reuben had been born on the Hunter River in 1857 and was the fourth of Richard and Susannah Ellem's twelve children. The Ellem family came to the Clarence River in 1871 and farmed at Alumny Creek and then moved to Seelands. Richard Ellem was a keen cricketer and is remembered for installing the love of cricket in his family.

Reuben and Mary Ellem had a dairy and crop farm at Alumny Creek and Southgate. They had twelve children, two of whom died in infancy, including their youngest born in 1899. On 16 July 1901 Reuben had a "Clearing Out Sale" at his residence on Quinn's farm at Alumny Creek saying he was giving up farming. They then moved into Grafton and lived in Queen Street.

A Return Thanks notice was placed in the *Clarence & Richmond Examiner* on 13 April 1909 from a family thanking Nurse Ellem and her family for their kindness and attention to their little son during his illness and for sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement. In September 1909 the *Examiner* recorded a birth at her Prince Street residence.

During April 1912 she advertised weekly in the *Examiner* saying "Nurse Ellem has moved from Queen Street to Mrs Hunter's late residence, *Park View*, Prince Street, where she can be consulted." *Park View* was a 2-storey building opposite Fisher Park's gates and today remains as *Sissy's Collectables and Vintage Wares*. It had been leased by Nurse McKnight during 1902-1903 as her private hospital.

The *Examiner* recorded a birth at Nurse Ellem's *Park View* Private Hospital in August 1912 and also a death in January 1913.

Nurse Ellem made a donation to the Red Cross Society in February 1915 towards their motor ambulance and war kitchen fund. Sadly her son Vivian Ellem was killed in action in France in March 1918.

A birth certificate of January 1923 gives Nurse Ellem as the midwife. She went to the Villiers Street home of Mrs Elizabeth Landenberger and delivered her son Henry.

Mary Ellem was 69 years of age when she died on 26 August 1931. After a funeral service held in Christ Church Cathedral she was buried in the Grafton Cemetery. Her husband Reuben put a *Return Thanks* notice in the *Daily Examiner* shortly after her death to sincerely thank the Matron and nursing staff of the General Hospital, the medical attendants, and Rev Canon Ware, for their untiring attention to his wife during her long illness in hospital.

Reuben Ellem had become a general labourer after moving into Grafton. He later used a horse and cart to carry coal from the NCSN Co. wharf to the gas works in Pound Street where he was known to be honest, reliable and a hard worker. He was 80 years of age when he died on 1 March 1938 and was buried beside his wife.

It is interesting to note that several of the Ellem women were also midwives. Two of Reuben's sisters acted as midwives on many occasions. They were his eldest sister Eliza who married Thomas Wallbank and lived at Lawrence while a younger sister Ann married Fred Leeson and lived at Southgate.

The next pages are from a book “Early Midwives in Grafton and South Grafton” pages 26 & 27 about **Mary Eleanor Meskell** and also a newspaper story from 1930, Mary and Reuben married in 1880 and they were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. (I am not sure if the photo from the book represents that day or not).

Reuben’s Aunt Agnes (nee Craft) and wife of Samuel Ellem, was known as Granny Ellem around Glenreagh, and was a well-known midwife, riding many a mile through the bush to attend a birth. It was said that her services were widely sought especially among the relatives.

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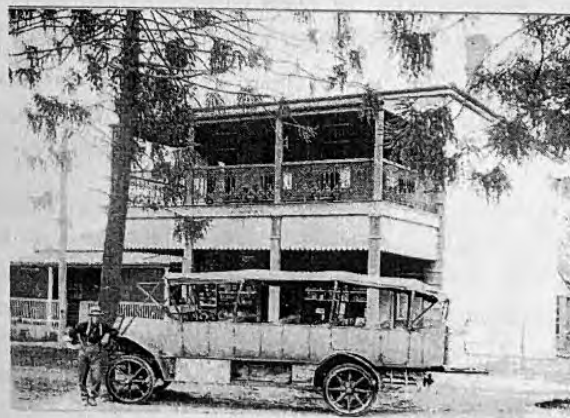


Northern Districts Advertiser (NSW: 1886 - 1942) / Tue 19 Aug 1930 /

A very happy family gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ellem, of Duke Street, Grafton, on 28th ult., to celebrate the golden wedding of their parents. The marriage lines showed that on July 28th, 1880, Mary Eleanor, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Meskell, of Waterview, was married to Reuben, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ellem, of Great Marlow, by the Rev. C. C. Greenaway, at Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton. The old couple have lived in and around Grafton ever since.

Mary & Reuben Ellem

courtesy Ellem Tree by Lewis Ellem, publ. 1983, p.22, CRHS E291



Nurse Ellem's Park View Private Hospital in Prince Street

The 10 children of **Mary Eleanor Meskell** 1862-1931 and **Reuben Ellem**

- A. **Eleanor Charlotte Ellem**, b. 5 May 1881 in Grafton,, d. 1905 in Grafton,. She married Henry Mansfield, 1898 in Grafton, b. ABT 1875.
1. **Eleanor Gladys Mansfield**, b. 1898 in Ulmarra, She married Wilmot Chambers, 1928 in Grafton, b. 1897 in Walcha NSW, d. 1969 in Parramatta .
 2. **Alan Clive Mansfield**, b. 1899 in Grafton, d. 1965 in Burwood NSW. He married Myee Annie Kennedy, 1938 in Burwood NSW, b. ABT 1905.
- B. **Susannah Maude C Ellem**, b. 6 Mar 1883 in Grafton, d. 1947 in Ryde, NSW. She married Albert Bull, 1911 in Waterloo Sydney, b. 1865 d. 1914 in Ryde NSW.
1. **Mary Bull**, b. ABT 1912.
 2. **N Bull**, b. ABT 1914.
- C. **John Thomas Ellem**, b. 9 Jun 1885 in Grafton, d. 6 Oct 1921 in Grafton.
- D. **Albert George Ellem**, b. 15 Jun 1886 in Grafton, d. 1886 in Grafton.
- E. **Violet May Ellem**, b. 15 Jun 1886 in Grafton, d. 1962 in Grafton,, b. 1887. She married Francis William Dahl, 1907 in Grafton, b. 1886, d. 1951 Grafton
1. **Francis Owen R Dahl**, b. ABT 1908, d. 1971 in Maclean NSW. He married Lorna D Husking, 1934 in Grafton, b. ABT 1910.
 2. **Veronica Violet Dahl**, b. ABT 1910. She married Kenneth Andrew Curran, 1937 in Grafton, b. 12 Oct 1905, d. 4 Dec 1969.
- F. **Evelyn Grace Ellem**, b. 1890 in Ulmarra NSW. She married Henry J Fitzpatrick, 1913 in Grafton, b. ABT 1885.
- G. **Reuben Loyal Ellem**, b. 19 May 1892 in Grafton, d. 13 Sep 1973 in Grafton, He married Catherine Stevenson, 1913 in Grafton,, b. 4 Apr 1892, d. 23 Sep 1971.
1. **Edgar Harold Ellem**, b. OCT 1915, d. NOV 1915.
 2. **Freda Noreen Betty Ellem**, b. OCT 1926, d. 7 Feb 1927.
 3. **Frederick William David Ellem**.
 4. **Arley Grace Ellem**.
 5. **Lillian Gladys Ellem**.
 6. **Eleanor Margaret May Ellem**. She married Francis Henry Lenifer, 1937 in Grafton,.
 7. **Beryl Catherine Roma Ellem**.
 8. **Loyal Vivian Ellem**.
 9. **Gwen Lorraine Nola Ellem**.
- H. **Lillian Mary Ellem**, b. 19 May 1892 in Grafton d. 26 Jun 1934 in Murwillumbah. She married Edwin C Butcher, 1916 in Grafton, b. 1889 .
1. **Merle I Butcher**, b. ABT 1922, d. 1922 in Grafton.
 2. **Tommy Butcher**, b. ABT 1928, d. 1928 in Murwillumbah NSW.
 3. **Merle Butcher**, b. ABT 1928, d. 1928 in Murwillumbah NSW.
- I. **Teresa Annie Ellem**, b. 5 Apr 1895 in Grafton, , d. 27 Jul 1983 in Merrylands
- J. **Arthur Harold Ellem**, b. 3 Jul 1898 in Grafton, d. 1972 in Burwood, NSW. He married (1) Erna Beryl May Macleay, 5 Jun 1926 in North Sydney b. ABT 1907 in NSW, d. 1975 in Blackalls Park near Toronto NSW, b. ABT 1907. He married (2) Kathleen Dorothy Cartwright, 1940 in Paddington b. 1902 in Wagga Wagga, d. 1973 in Sydney

1. **Rex Carter**, Rex was born out of wedlock in 1920 and died in 1939 after a Boxing match. His mother was Ivy Violet Carter.
 2. (1) **Vivian Beryl Ellem**, b. 22 Jun 1927 in 24 Duke St, Grafton,, d. 17 Oct 2018 in, Revesby, NSW. She married Ross Annesley, b. 1928, d. 2001.
 - a. Denise Annesley b. 1948 d. 2003 She married Colin Wood
 - b. **Yvonne Merile Annesley**. She married Kevin Roff. Kevin b 1950 d. 2025
 - c. Gregory Annesley b. 1953 d 2012 He married (1) Dianne Reynolds (2) Donna Joy Bowen
 3. (1) **Therese Elaine Ellem**, b. ABT 1931. She married Thomas Francis Wainwright
 - a. Raymond John Wainwright
 - b. Jeffrey Thomas Wainwright
 - c. Allan Paul Wainwright
 4. (2) **Edwin Reuben Ellem**, b. ABT 1941.
- K. **Vera E Ellem**, b. 7 Oct 1899 in Grafton,, d. 1902 in Grafton,.
- L. **Vyvian Eric Ellem**, b. 7 Oct 1899 in Grafton, d. 30 Mar **1918** in Killed in Action in France.

III. John Thomas Meskell, b. 23 Feb 1864 in Southampton Grafton, d. 12 May 1865 in Waterview near Grafton. (*John was the 3rd child of John Meskell Jnr and Eleanor Daley, he died just 14 months old*). No descendants.

- IV. Anne Meskell**, b. 30 Dec 1865 in Waterview near Grafton, buried 12 Feb 1907 in Grafton Cemetery, d. 11 Feb 1907 in Southgate near Grafton,. She married **Thomas Frank Hession**, 30 Nov 1882 in South Grafton, b. 21 Jun 1860 in Box Hill, b. 1860 in Windsor, NSW.
- A. **Thomas E Gerald Hession**, b. 1883 in Grafton, d. 1947 in Qld. He married Arutha Meain, 16 Feb 1924 in Qld, d. 3 Aug 1965 in Qld, d. 3 Aug 1965 in Goondiwindi, Qld.
 1. **Lilian Goulburn Goddard**, b. 1921, d. OCT 1936 in Goondiwindi, Qld,
 - B. **Frederick John Hession**, b. 1885 in Grafton.
 - C. **Eleanor Amy May Hession**, b. 9 Jan 1887 in Grafton,, buried in Grafton,, d. 27 Jun 1920 in Grafton. She married **Ernest James Ferguson**, 6 May 1908 in St Matthews C of E South Grafton, b. 25 Apr 1884 in Reg'd in Ulmurra NSW (Colah Creek) (16778), buried in Grafton,, d. 27 Mar 1942 in Grafton.
 1. **Dorothy A Ferguson**, b. 22 Feb 1911 in Grafton d. 10 Jan 1912 in Grafton.
 2. **Frederick Owen Ferguson**, b. 9 Nov 1912 in Grafton,, d. 31 Mar 1990 in Brisbane, Qld.
 3. **Ernest James Ferguson**, b. 24 May 1907 in Bacon St Grafton, buried in Bridgeman Downs, Qld, d. 30 Aug 1990 in Sandgate, Qld. He married **Lorna Hazel Greenaway**, 1930 in Grafton,, b. 15 Nov 1912, d. 28 Jan 1999.
 4. **Cora Hazel Ferguson**, b. 4 Jul 1918 in Grafton,, d. 29 Mar 2007 in Nambour, QLD. She married Henry Vincent Jordan, 25 Dec 1934 in Brisbane, Qld, b. 22 Jun 1913 in Toowoomba, Qld, d. 1973 in Mooloolaba, Qld.
 - a. **William Vincent Jordan**, b. 31 Mar 1941 in Brisbane, d. 9 Dec 2008 in Redcliffe, Qld.
 - (A) **Steven Vincent Jordan**, b. 24 Sep 1964 in Adelaide, SA, d. 11 Nov 1977 in Brisbane, QLD.

5. **Florence Annie May Ferguson**, b. 1908 in Grafton, d. 23 Aug 1988 in Grafton, She married Reginald Robert Hayes, 1933 in Grafton
 - a. **Keith James Hayes**, b. 1935 in Grafton, d. 4 Dec 1943 in Grafton.
 - b. **Margaret Pearl Hayes**, b. ABT 1937 in Grafton, d. 1939 in Grafton
- D. **Evelyn Maud Hession**, b. 27 Dec 1888 in St Marys NSW, d. 15 Jul 1972 in Southport Qld. She married (1) Frederick Edward Finlay, 29 Dec 1908 in Sydney, NSW, b. ABT 1889 in NSW. She married (2) Charles Allen Bradbrook, b. 28 Jun 1885 in Qld, , d. 8 Aug 1941.
 1. **Stanley Douglas Bradbrook**, b. 1925, buried 14 Jul 1960 in Southport, Gold Coast City, Qld, d. 11 Jul 1960 in Qld.
- E. **Theresa Mary Hession**, b. 18 May 1891 in Rooty Hill NSW, d. 24 Feb 1963 in Toowoomba Qld. She married James Matthew Darcy, 12 Aug 1914 in Grafton,, b. 5 May 1891 in Grafton, d. 15 Jul 1967 in Toowoomba Qld.
 1. **James L Darcy**, b. 1915 in Grafton, d. 1921 in Grafton.
 2. **Eleanor Margaret Darcy**, b. 1917 in Grafton, d. 15 Feb 1987 in Toowoomba Qld. She married Lionel J Casson Sr, 1934 in Grafton,, b. 26 May 1906 in Copmanhurst, NSW, d. 1983 in Brisbane, Qld,.
 3. **Gladis Mary Darcy**, b. 15 Aug 1921 in Grafton, d. 20 Apr 1997 in Southport Qld. She married Dudley John Stanfield, b. 20 Oct 1912 in Hope Island, Qld, , d. 13 Jul 1992.
 4. **Thomas Henry Darcy**, b. 10 Dec 1919 in Southport, Qld, d. 27 Feb 2003 in Brisbane Qld. He married Margaret Jean Salmon, 30 Oct 1952, b. 19 Jul 1933, d. 23 Jul 2012.
 - a. **Patrick Darcy**,b. in Toowoomba Qld.
 - b. **Linda Darcy**,b.
 - c. **Pamela Elaine Darcy**,b. in Southport Qld. She married Peter Leslie Dawson, 8 Aug 1964,b. in Goondiwindi Qld.
 - (A) **Dianna Maree Dawson**,b. in Goondiwindi Qld. She married Glenn Goubareff, b. ABT 1964.
 - (1) **Gregory Glenn Goubareff**, b 1 Jul 1991 in Brisbane Q
 - (2) **Melissa Maree Goubareff**,b. in Brisbane
 - (B) **Paul Leslie Dawson**,b. in Toowoomba Qld. He married Lydia Siranovic, b. ABT 1970.
 - (1) **Aidan Paul Dawson**,b. in Brisbane Qld.
 - (2) **Pierce Dawson**, b. in Brisbane Qld.
 5. **Irene Darcy**, b. 1926, d. ABT 1985 in Mt Isa She married Keith Wells, b C1925.
 6. **Alan Leslie Darcy**, b. 3 Apr 1923.
 7. **Daphney Darcy**, b. ABT 1928. She married Lionel Quick, b. ABT 1925.
 - F. **Pearl Gertrude Hession**, b. 1893 in Windsor, NSW, d. 1895 in Parramatta, NSW.

V. William Meskell, b. 1 Sep 1868 in Waterview, Grafton,., d. 1 Nov 1927 in Grafton,. He married **Mary Ann "Polly" Baker**, 27 Jul 1901 in Grafton,., b. 3 Oct 1874 in Grafton,., d. 1 Jun 1959 in Newtown NSW.

Right: William Meskell 1868-1927 Son of John Meskell Jnr and grandson of John Meskell & Mary Caesar.

Far Right: Mary Ann "Polly" Baker, William's wife

Right Below: Eleanor Helena Meskell 1902-1955 the daughter of William & Polly



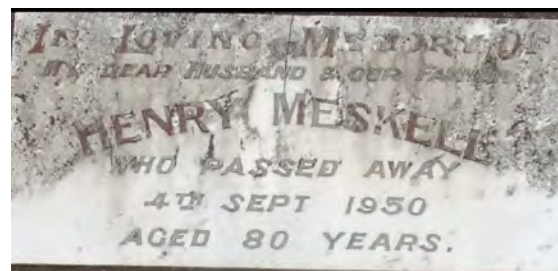
A. **Eleanor Helena Meskell**, b. 22 Nov 1902 in Grafton buried in Rookwood, Cumberland Council, NSW, d. 12 Apr 1955 in Sydney, NSW. She married **Jacob Kennedy**, 16 Jul 1926 in Lismore, NSW, b. 18 May 1889 in Hillgrove near Armidale NSW, buried in East Maitland, Maitland City, NSW, d. 21 Jan 1979 in Maitland, NSW.

1. **William Meskell Kennedy**, b. 30 Nov 1927 in Grafton, buried in Bronte, Waverley Council, NSW, d. 12 Nov 2016.
2. **John Henry Kennedy**, b. 1930 in NSW buried in Rookwood, d. 5 Jun 1983 in Redfern, NSW.
3. **Frederick Carl Kennedy**, b. 8 Sep 1925 in Grafton d. 26 Apr 2002 in Holden, Hill, SA. He married Ruby Lila Jones, 21 Jun 1947 in Sydney, NSW, b. 8 Mar 1923 in Wilcannia, NSW, d. 3 Feb 2002 in Elizabeth east, South Australia.
 - a. **Michael John Kennedy**, b. 21 Feb 1953 in Broken Hill, NSW, d. 1 Mar 1975 in Adelaide, South Australia.
 - b. **Steven Kennedy**.
 - c. **Lester Kennedy**, b. in Australia.
 - d. **Dennis Kennedy**, b. in Australia.
 - e. **Lloyd Kennedy**, b. in Australia.



Reference Point Note: Henry is the 6th child of **John Meskell Jnr** and **Eleanor Daley**. John is the sister of **Mary Meskell** who married **Joseph Morgan**

VI. Henry Meskell, b. 9 Sep 1870 in Waterview, Clarence River, NSW, buried in South Grafton,., d. 4 Sep 1950 Grafton, He married **May Parkinson**, 7 Mar 1899 in Anglican Cathedral, Grafton, b. 22 Feb 1877 in Waterview near Grafton, buried 27 Feb 1967 in Sandgate C of E Cemetery Newcastle NSW, d. 24 Feb 1967 in District Hospital, Wallsend, Newcastle



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A. **Clarence Edward Meskell**, b. 23 Jul 1899 in Ulmarra - Grafton,., d. 16 May 1975 in Newcastle, NSW, Aust. He married Christina Southern, 12 Oct 1929 in Darlinghurst, NSW, b. 26 Apr 1906 in Waterloo, NSW, d. 30 Jul 1985 in Blacksmiths, NSW (near Lake Macquarie).

1. **John Meskell**, b. 29 Aug 1930 in Taree, d. 4 Jan 2019 in Tweed Heads, NSW. He married Betty Robb, 24 Jan 1959, b. 20 Nov 1929 in Mackay, Qld, , NSW, d. 8 Dec 2016 in Burleigh Heads, Qld.
 2. **Marcia Anne Meskell**, b. 3 Dec 1931 in NSW, Aust, buried in Belmont, Lake Macquarie City, NSW, d. 10 Feb 1991 in Nimbin, NSW, Aust. She married (1) **John Alexander Meyer**, 1957 in Camden, NSW, b. 21 May 1937 in Tullibigeal, NSW, d. APR 2007 in Wherrol Flat, (near Taree) NSW.
 - a. **Vicki Anne Meyer**.
 3. **Julie Ruth Meskell**, b. ABT 1934 in NSW. She married (1) Brian Edward Crosbie, b. ABT 1933. She married (2) Unknown Wilton, b. ABT 1933.
 - a. **Rachael Crosbie**.
 - b. **Unknown Crosbie**.
 - c. **Unknown Wilton**.
- B. **Henry George Meskell**, b. 26 Mar 1902 in Deep Creek, Grafton,, buried in Coffs Harbour, Coffs, d. 24 Sep 2002 Bellingen, He married (2) **Jessie Purvis**, 29 Dec 1932 Paddington, NSW, b. 16 Jun 1899 in Yan Yean (NE of Melbourne), Victoria, buried in NSW, d. 17 Feb 1985 in Coffs Harbour. His partner (1) **Clarice Edith Annie Sellers**, b. 2 Jun 1906 in Cangai, NSW, d. 14 Feb 1967 in Grafton.

A century for George

A CENTURY not out and still going.

Yesterday Woolgoolga Aged Care Centre resident George Meskell celebrated his 100th birthday, and judging by his health and sense of humour he will be celebrating his 110th as well.

Last Saturday George had an early celebration with all of his living descendants who travelled from as far as Tasmania, Melbourne and Canberra to be with him.

Yesterday it was a quieter affair with immediate family and fellow residents of the centre.

'I never thought I would make it,' George said.

'But thanks to the assistance from the girls here at the centre I'm still fighting fit.'

George surprisingly credits his longevity to gambling.

'I've been a gambler all my life and I've been a lucky one,' he said.

'The important thing though is to get in and have a go.'



George Meskell, centre, with his son Rex and sister Glad is looking forward to celebrating his 100th birthday, and it is an even bet that he will be there to do just that. Photo: TREVOR VEALE 02032703b

In the family notes above about Henry George Meskell his partners are in reverse order. That is because that is the order they were discovered. Just a few years ago it was discovered that George, as Henry was known, fathered two boys, twins, to **Clarice Sellers** in 1926. George had moved from Cangai to Canberra and may not have known about them. The twins were:

1. **Eric George Sellers**, b. 22 Jan 1926 in Cangai NSW, d. 8 Jun 1996 in Concord NSW. He married **Kathleen Ivy Shelton**, 1947, in South Grafton, b. 1925 d. 1987.
 - a. **Eric Barry Sellers**, b. 1947 in (Grafton) NSW, d 12 Dec 1952
 - b. **Diane Kay Sellers**, b. 1949 in (Grafton) NSW, d. 12 Dec 1952

Eric and Diane died in a traffic accident at Urbenville in 1952. They were just five and three year old kids. Both are buried in Urbenville Cemetery NSW. (Article from the Kyogle Examiner Dec 16th 1952)

2. **Henry Paul Sellers**, b. 22 Jan 1926 in Cangai NSW, d. 26 Jan 1996 in Grafton. He married *Eileen Ellen Meyers*, 1952, in South Grafton, b. 1924 d. 2017.

a. **Carol Sellers**, b.

Clarice Sellers named her twins with both of Henry George Meskell's first names "Henry" & "George"

Back to the family of Henry GEORGE Meskell and his wife Jessie Purvis, who he married 29 Dec 1932

1. **Joan Isabel Meskell**, b. 26 Jul 1933 in NSW, d. 30 Dec 2021 in Melbourne, Vic. She married *David Wellesley Purvis*, 10 Jul 1956, in Vic, b. 24 Nov 1926 in VIC, d. 8 Dec 2024 in Melb.
 - a. **Mark David Purvis**, b. in Melb. He married Candice Charles, 4 Mar 1994 in Melbourne?, b. ABT
 - b. **Kay Elizabeth Purvis**, b..... in Melbourne.
 - c. **Alison Brenda Purvis**, b. in Melb. She married Timothy Russell De Wan, 28 Mar 1992, b. ABT
 - (A) **Caroline Emma De Wan**, b.
 - (B) **Nicholas Russell De Wan**, b.
 - d. **Andrew Purvis**, b. in Melbourne.
2. **George Rex Meskell**, b. 26 Feb 1935 in Coolamon, NSW, d. 13 Sep 2010 in Coffs Harbour, NSW. He married (1) *Patricia Mary Todkill*, 21 Sep 1957 in St Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn NSW, b. 10 Oct, Goulburn NSW. He married (2) *Wendy Kempnich*, 18 Apr 1981 in Evans Head, NSW, b. 6 Oct 1941 in Coraki, NSW, buried 2013 in Coffs Harbour, NSW, d. 13 Feb 2013 in Woolgoolga, NSW, d. 13 Feb 2013.
 - a. **Peter John Meskell**, b. in Goulburn NSW. He married (1) *Helen Clare Payne*, 19 Apr 1987 in, Queanbeyan NSW b. in Amlwch, North Wales UK. His partner (2) *Luz Llenaresas*, b. in Butuan City, Philippines.
 - (A) **Petrina Kate Meskell**, b. in Canberra.
 - (B) **Jessica Clare Meskell**, b. in Canberra ACT. She married *Toby Irwin*, 19/10/2019 in Canberra.
 - (1) **Madeleine Cecily Irwin**, b. in Canberra
 - (C) **Matthew John Meskell**, b. in Launceston TAS.
 - (D) **Harrison David Meskell**, b. in Launceston TAS.
 - b. **Michele Joy Meskell**, b. in, Goulburn NSW.
 - c. **Julie Anne Meskell**, b. in Goulburn NSW.
 - d. **Keith Rex Meskell**, b. in Goulburn He married *Sandra Jeanene Smith* 10 Jan 1987 in Queanbeyan b..... Queanbeyan.
 - (A) **Samuel Keith Meskell**, b. in Canberra. He married *Taylor Dunlop*.

**URBENVILLE
FUNERAL**

**Children Killed
In Car Crash**

One of the largest funerals in the Urbenville district for some time took place at Urbenville on Sunday when the infant son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Sellers of Urbenville were buried.

The two children were killed in a car crash on Friday in which a man was critically injured.

They were Eric Barry Sellars, aged 5, and Dianne Kay Sellars, 3i. They were the only children of Mr. and Mrs. Sellers.

The driver of the vehicle, William George Reid, 23, of Urbenville, received a fractured skull. He is in Brisbane Hospital in a critical condition.

- (1) **Leni Louise Meskell**, b.
 - (2) **Noah Samuel Meskell**, b.
 - (B) **Ryan David Meskell**, b. in Canberra.
 - (C) **Olivia Frances Meskell**, b. in Canberra.
- C. **Stella M Meskell**, b. 1904 in Grafton, d. 23 Jul 1909 in Road to Dalmorton NSW.
- D. **John Meskell**, b. 13 Aug 1905 in South Grafton,, d. 3 Oct 1984 in Lismore, He married Bessie Gordon Mackenzie, 1951 in Chatswood, NSW, b. 1914 in Glebe, NSW, d. 11 Dec 1989 in Lismore
- 1. John Richard Meskell, b. ... in NSW. He married Janice Maree Unknown, b. in NSW?
 - a. **Luke Meskell**, b. ABT
 - b. **Paul Meskell**, b. ABT
- E. **Eleanor Ivy Meskell**, b. 31 Jan 1907 in Iluka, Maclean or Grafton, d. 9 Sep 1968 in Newcastle, NSW. She married Richard Irwin Palmer, 10 Aug 1932 in Anglican Cathedral, Grafton, b. 2 Jun 1909 in Grafton,, buried in Karangi, Coffs Harbour, NSW, d. 7 Feb 1993 in Coffs Harbour
- 1. **Gillian Eleanor Palmer**, b. 30 Jun 1938 in NSW. She married Eric James Finch, 22 Apr 1961, b. ABT 1935 in NSW, buried in Booral, d. 5 Dec 2017.
 - 2. **Barbara June Palmer**, b. ABT 1935 in NSW, buried in Camden, , d. 10 Sep 1952 in Camden NSW.
- F. **Gladys Esma Meskell**, b. 5 Mar 1918 in Grafton, buried in Newcastle, d. 16 Dec 2011 in Sydney She married **Norman Hadley**, 21 Oct 1941 in New Lambton, NSW, b. 27 Apr 1916 in Adamstown, NSW, buried in Newcastle, d. 2 Aug 2005 in Newcastle.
- 1. **Denis Norman Hadley**, b. in Martyr Hospital, Waratah, Newcastle. He married Judith Unknown, b. ABT
 - 2. **Gail Elizabeth Hadley**, b. in Waratah Newcastle NSW. She married Ronald James Onley, 11 May 1974 in Newcastle NSW, b. in Tongala VIC.
 - a. **Aaron James Onley**, b. in Caringbah NSW.
 - (A) **A J Onley**, b. ABT
 - b. **Shari Onley**, b. in Caringbah She married **Regan Webb**.
 - (A) **Boella Joy Webb**, b.
- VII. Arthur Ernest Meskell**, b. 7 Apr 1882 in Orara, South Grafton,, d. 12 Apr 1917 in Grafton. He married **Sarah Jane Casey**, 6 Feb 1907 in Lawrence near Grafton, b. 14 Jul 1887 in Maclean d. 4 Feb 1960 in Grafton.
- A. **Thelma Eleanor Meskell**, b. 8 Feb 1917 in Bellingen, NSW, d. 19 Jan 2010. She married Francis William Thomas, 1942 in Randwick, b. 1917, d. 12 Aug 2008 in Sydney.
 - 1. **Bruce THOMAS**, b. 22 Nov, d. 29 Mar 2007 in Sydney, NSW, Aust.
 - B. **Beatrice Irene Meskell**, b. 1907 in Maclean, d. 15 Mar 1999 in Maclan. She married John James Joseph Simpson, 1945 in Grafton,, 17 Jul 1945 in Seventh Day Adventist Church, South Grafton,, b. ABT 1905.
 - 1. **Kerry John Simpson**, b. ABT

- C. **Ernest John Meskell**, b. 29 Jan 1910 in Lawrence, NSW, d. 13 Jul 1973 in Grafton,. He married (1) Maisie Merle Lowe, 1934 in Grafton., b. 1917 in Ulmarra, NSW, buried in Lismore, d. 15 Feb 1986 in Sawtell, b. ABT 1915. He married (2) Dorothy Julia Jarrett, 1955 in Grafton, b. 20 Jul 1920 in Grafton, d. 31 Jul 2009 in Grafton,
1. **Ernest Vernley Meskell**, b. 12 Jan 1935 in Grafton., buried in South Grafton., d. 4 Feb 1982. He married Barbara Glen Chalmers, 1958 in Campsie, NSW, b. 6 Apr 1938 in NSW, d. 8 Nov 2021 in Caboolture, Qld,
 - a. **Sharon Leigh Meskell**, b. ABT
 - b. **Kevin John Meskell**, b 14 May 1959 Qld, d 30 Dec 1991 Casula, NSW
 - c. **Julie ? Meskell**, b. ABT
 - d. **Michael Wayne Meskell**, b. d. 8 Jul 1965 in Wagga Wagga, NSW,
 - e. **Christopher Meskell**, b. 17 Jan 1967 in d. 5 May 2021.
- D. **William Henry Meskell**, b. 19 Jan 1912 in Maclean. d. 25 Jul 1964 in Concord NSW.

Key: I to VII – Roman Numerals – are the 7 children of John Meskell Jnr *1836-1894* and Eleanor Daley *1842-1922*
 A to H – Capital Letters – are the grandchildren of John Meskell Jnr & Eleanor Daley
 1 to 12 – Numbers - are the great-grandchildren of John Meskell Jnr & Eleanor Daley
 a to ...h – Lower Case Letters; are the GG-grandchildren of John Meskell Jnr & Eleanor Daley
 (A) to ...(F) – Capital Letters in Brackets; are the GGG-grandchildren of John Meskell Jnr & Eleanor Daley
 (1) to ..(7) – Numbers in brackets; are the GGGG-grandchildren of John Meskell Jnr & Eleanor Daley

How are we related?

All of the people in these lists with numbers and letter in front of them (as in the key above) are descendants of John Meskell Jnr. John is degree of Uncle to all of Mary's descendants. The degree is called "Great".

For Example **Mary Meskell** is my *Great-Great-Grandmother* so **John Meskell Jnr** is my *Great-Great-Great-Uncle*. (There is no "Grand" in Uncles and Aunties as in Grandparents so an extra Great is needed to keep up with the generations).

Pete Meskell (2 pages back) as I have mentioned previously is my 4th cousin. Meaning we are of the same generation away from our common ancestor. **John Meskell Jnr** is Pete's *Great-Great-Grandfather*. John Meskell Jnr and Mary Meskell's children were 1st cousins and 3 generations after that you have 4th cousins.

Pete Meskell has an "a." next to his name, a lower case letter, he is a GG-grandchildren of John Meskell Jnr & Eleanor Daley so I must be a GG-Grandchild of Mary Meskell, John Meskell's sister.

My grandchildren are the 6th cousins of those in the lists above with "(2)" numbers in brackets before their names. (There are some on the previous page. They are Pete's grandchildren).

While that is all fairly logical scroll/turn back to **Peter John Meskell** (2 pages back) his name is in Red and note his father. **George Rex Meskell** now he is my 3rd cousin one removed.

Pete's grandfather **Henry George Meskell** well he is my 2nd cousin twice removed.

His father, that is Pete's great grandfather **Henry Meskell** is my 1st cousin thrice removed.

There is a trend here the cousins get closer (smaller) but further removed

Henry Meskell was the 1st cousin of Harriet Morgan (Mary Meskell's daughter) and Harriet is my Great-grandmother that is 3 generations away so Henry is my 1st cousin but removed by 3 generations. (Neville Maloney).

Research Note C - NOT Joseph Morgan 1811-1881

These are records that are **NOT** the Joseph Morgan in this family history. I have included this section because some of these documents appear in the records and family trees online in Ancestry and MyHeritage. It has been a task separating the many Joseph Morgans from the one born in Frome Somerset in 1811 and who died in Grafton in 1881 from the many other Joseph Morgans in the historical records.

The first of the Joseph Morgans who is often mistaken is a Joseph Morgan who was convicted in Somerset in December 1835 and transported in 1836. Just to confuse things the convict list below has him arriving in 1837, his convict ship, Strathfieldsaye, however arrived in February 1836. This Joseph appears in a number of convict records in Tasmania. **NOT** our Joseph.

K 21.																			
Incl. No.	Ranking No.	NAME	ARRIVAL		FREE or BOND	NATIVE PLACE	CRIMES	TRADE or CALLING	ADMITTED				BEHAVIOUR IN GAOL						
			By	Term					Year	Month	Year	Month		Days	Remarks				
584	Jr.	Thomas Bassett	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	27	April	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
585	Will	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	28	April	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
586	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	29	April	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
587	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	30	April	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
588	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	1	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
589	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	2	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
590	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	3	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
591	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	4	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
592	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	5	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
593	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	6	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
594	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	7	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
595	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	8	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
596	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	9	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
597	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	10	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
598	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	11	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
599	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	12	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
600	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	13	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
601	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	14	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
602	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	15	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
603	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	16	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
604	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	17	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
605	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	18	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
606	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	19	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
607	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	20	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
608	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	21	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
609	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	22	May	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12
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620	Thos	John P. Parker	1836	12	1836	London	Labourer	3	June	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12	1836	12

This information on the next two pages is from the Convicts Records website, the reference is:

<https://convictrecords.com.au/convicts/morgan/joseph/34948>

The information is about the same Joseph Morgan recorded in the list above

This information on this and the next page is from the Convicts Records website, the reference is:

<https://convictrecords.com.au/convicts/morgan/joseph/34948>

NOT our Joseph Morgan

The screenshot shows the profile page for Joseph Morgan on the Convict Records website. The page includes a navigation menu with 'Convicts' selected, and a breadcrumb trail: Convicts > M > Morgan > Joseph > Joseph Morgan. The main heading is 'Joseph Morgan' with an 'Edit' button. Below is a 'Summary' section stating: 'Joseph Morgan, one of 270 convicts transported on the Strathfieldsaye, 11 February 1836'. A timeline shows key events: Born Jan 1817, Conviction Theft - larceny, Departure Feb 1836, Arrival Jun 1836, and Death Unknown. Three information panels are displayed: 'Personal Information' (Name: Joseph Morgan, Aliases, Gender: Male, Born: 1st Jan 1817, Death: Unknown, Age: Unknown, Occupation: Unknown), 'Crime' (Crime: Theft - larceny, Convicted at: Somerset Quarter Session, Sentence term: 99), and 'Voyage' (Departed: 11th Feb 1836, Ship: Strathfieldsaye, Arrival: 15th Jun 1836, Place of Arrival: New South Wales). A 'Transportation' section lists: Ship: Strathfieldsaye, Departed: 11th Feb, 1836, Arrived: 15th Jun, 1836, Passengers: 272. A small image of a sailing ship is in the bottom right corner.

Convict Records Convicts Ships Voyages Crimes Occupations Search

Convicts > M > Morgan > Joseph > Joseph Morgan

Joseph Morgan

 Edit

Summary


Joseph Morgan, one of 270 convicts transported on the Strathfieldsaye, 11 February 1836

Born Jan 1817 Conviction Theft - larceny Departure Feb 1836 Arrival Jun 1836 Death Unknown

Personal Information	Crime	Voyage
Name: Joseph Morgan	Crime: Theft - larceny	Departed: 11th Feb 1836
Aliases:	Convicted at: Somerset Quarter Session	Ship: Strathfieldsaye
Gender: Male	Sentence term: 99	Arrival: 15th Jun 1836
Born: 1st Jan 1817		Place of Arrival: New South Wales
Death: Unknown		
Age: Unknown		
Occupation: Unknown		

Transportation

Ship: Strathfieldsaye
Departed: 11th Feb, 1836
Arrived: 15th Jun, 1836
Passengers: 272



The information above is **NOT** the Joseph Morgan 1811-1881 in this family history.

11/11/1835 Taunton Courier, and Western Advertiser Somerset, England:
Joseph Morgan, for stealing bonnets of James Beauchamp.

Joseph Morgan was 18 years old on arrival.

Occupation: Factory Boy.

Native Place: Somersetshire.

Joseph was illiterate, protestant, single, 5'3¼" tall, ruddy complexion, brown hair and eyes, small mole under right ear.

24/3/1842: Tried at Berrima Circuit Court for robbery - Life.

5/2/1843: Arrived VDL per 'Seahorse'

Joseph was then described as: A labourer, 5'5½" tall, 22 years old, fair complexion, brown hair and eyes.

11/3/1843: Absconding - 100 stripes.

16/3/1843: AWOL - 12 months hard labour in chains/Port Arthur.

5/3/1846: To be removed from Port Arthur, and to serve 2 months at Bridgewater.

27/1/1847: Absconding - to be sent to Port Arthur.

8/4/1850: TOL refused.

2/9/1850: TOL refused.

3/3/1851: TOL refused - to apply in 6 months.

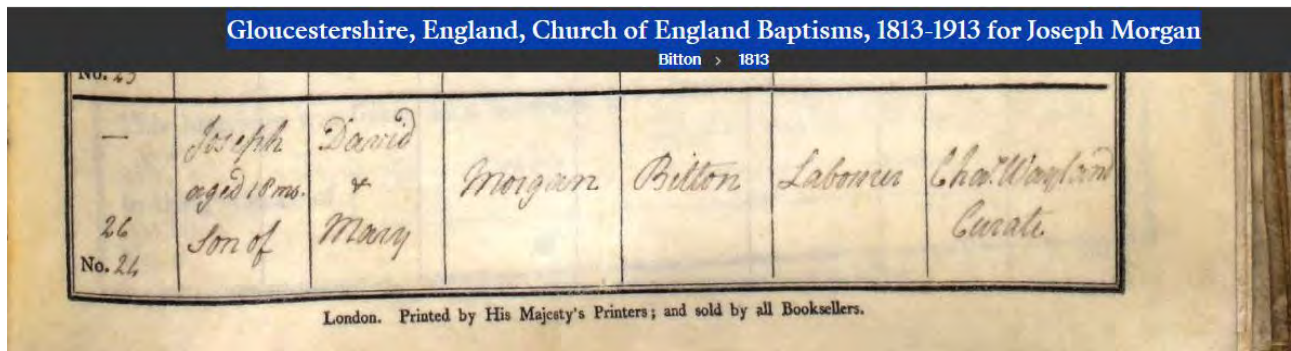
23/9/1851: TOL

28/10/1853: Recommended for a CP

25/7/1854: CP approved.

The information above is **NOT** the Joseph Morgan 1811-1881 in this family history.

This Joseph Morgan I have mentioned previously in the book notes. NOT our Joseph



This is **NOT** our Joseph Morgan baptised in Bitton near Bristol in 1813 however in some of the online genealogy programs researchers and descendants have included this event but this is NOT the same person as the Joseph Morgan who was born in Frome in 1811. (The Bitton in Gloucestershire baptism is another Joseph Morgan, in fact David Lewis Morgan 1770-1851 and his mother's name was Mary Morgan nee STRONG 1769-1851 (NOT Mary Lush). They had two children named Joseph Morgan, one lived 1808-1880 and the other 1811-1851 with both dying in the UK. (This is based on Ancestry family tree records and was completed by Pete Meskell in 2025 however he was still sceptical about some of the dates. It is clear however that this is not our Joseph.

Not this Joseph Morgan either transported on the convict ship Lord Lyndoch 15th April 1836

Sentence details: Convicted at Gloucester City Assizes for a term of 14 years on 15 August 1835.

Vessel: Lord Lyndoch.

Date of Departure: 15 April 1836.

Place of Arrival: Van Diemen's Land.

Source: Australian Joint Copying Project. Microfilm Roll 90, Class and Piece Number HO11/10, Page Number 251 (128)

Not this Joseph Morgan transported on the convict ship Emperor Alexander 6th April 1833

Notes

Sentence details: Convicted at Warwick Quarter Session for a term of 14 years on 31 December 1832.

Vessel: Emperor Alexander.

Date of Departure: 06 April 1833.

Place of Arrival: Van Diemen's Land.

Source: Australian Joint Copying Project. Microfilm Roll 90, Class and Piece Number HO11/9, Page Number 43 (23)

There were a lot of convicts with the name Joseph Morgan transported to NSW but only Joseph Morgan on the Charles Kerr fits the correct timeline and location for the Joseph Morgan who marries Mary Meskell in 1844.

All of the Joseph Morgans in this section **Research Note C** are **NOT** the Joseph Morgan of this family history.

Research Note D - Viola the daughter of Fanny Morgan - a story

The large newspaper article is a little hard to follow in the first few paragraphs and the language of the day doesn't help but if you persevere the story is one you will remember and puzzle over for a long time.

The family member involved is **Viola Frances Ivory 1904-1983**. Viola is the granddaughter of **Fanny Morgan 1858-1936**. Viola is my, (Neville Maloney) 2nd cousin one removed. She is my dad's, Jack Maloney's 2nd cousin. That is their grandmothers were sister and they share the same great grandparents of **Joseph Morgan** and **Mary Meskell**.

We will start with a summary of the story it actually helps if you know a little bit about what is going on.

Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW : 1931 - 1954) / Sat 29 Oct 1932



LITTLE 3-year-old John Brian Cassidy, the subject of an application before Mr. Justice Kenneth Street yesterday, when Timothy and Cecilia Cassidy, relatives of the mother, applied for his custody. His mother, who is now dead, left the boy with Joseph Linton when she went out to work. Linton and his wife are opposing the application of the Cassidys.

John Brian Cassidy Linton - born on 2 Aug 1929 in Balmain, died on 2 Apr 2023 in Forster, at age 93



IMMEDIATELY MR. JUSTICE STREET GAVE HIS DECISION allowing the Lintons to keep their baby, "Truth" cameraman snapped the trio in King-street. Their hearts sang with a splendid new hope.

The Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 - 1954) / Tue 1 Nov 1932 /

FOSTER PARENTS To Keep Motherless Child

Holding that it was in the best interests of the motherless baby boy of three years, **John Brian Cassidy**, that he should remain in the custody of his foster-parents, Edmond Linton, of Mullens-street, Rozelle, and his wife, Mr. Justice K. W. Street, in Chambers to-day, dismissed the application of Timothy Cassidy and Cecilia Hannah Cassidy, of Percy-street, Gladesville, relatives of the mother of the child, for his custody.

The judge said the applicants were desirous of placing the child in an orphanage but he thought it would be more in the interests of the child, who knew no other guardians, than the respondent and his wife, that he should remain in their custody, and continue to receive the love and affection which, it was admitted, he had received since being left with them by his mother, now dead.

The foster parents of the child will now apply to adopt it under the Child Welfare Act.

Mr. Studdart (instructed by Messrs. Murphy and Maloney) appeared for the applicants, and Mr. John Kestin (instructed by Mr. P. C. Sinclair) for the respondent Linton.

Truth (Sydney, NSW : 1894 - 1954) / Sun 13 Nov 1932.

Anonymous Gift To Help Baby

THE publication in "Truth" last week of the fight for the custody of three-years-old **John Brian Cassidy** by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edward Linton, of Mullins-street, Rozelle, aroused widespread sympathy. Mr. Justice Street heard the case, and upheld the Lintons against the uncle and aunt of the baby.

So touched was one of "Truth's" readers that he forwarded to this office a cheque for £10 to be handed over to Mr. and Mrs. Linton. The reader wishes to remain anonymous "for obvious reasons, although if you make the fact of the gift known, it may induce others to help the couple in a like manner."

The money has been paid over to Mr. and Mrs. Linton by

Above: A result after the trial

Next pages: The trail

LOVE TRIUMPHS OVER RIGHTS OF AUNT AND UNCLE

Dead Girl's Death-Bed Trust In Friends Upheld By Judge

AGAINST a tragic background of doubt Chance has placed three-years-old John Brian Cassidy, a parentless Sydney waif; and in his little world for two weeks past strange legal and human forces have been warring over his destiny.

THIS chapter in the budding life of what the law calls an Unknown Child is poignantly affecting. In the midst of a mother's shame and nameless dread of the future, with fingers jibing at her baby, a young childless couple came like angels of comfort and hope, and brushed away those blistering tears that fell on the poor wisp of life.

AND THIS FRAGMENT OF A TURBULENT, UNWEDDED PASSION, THE COUPLE EVENTUALLY ADOPTED, AND CROONED OVER AS THOUGH IT WERE THEIR OWN, ONLY TO FACE THE OTHER DAY IN DISMAY AND FEAR A CLAIM BY THE CHILD'S SPINSTER AUNT AND BACHELOR UNCLE FOR CUSTODY OF THE WAIF.



BENDING from that austere realm of the Judge's seat last week in Chambers in the Supreme Court Mr. Justice Street waved back the aunt and uncle who sought to place the child in an orphanage, and allowed the foster-

parents to care still for the baby they had lifted from the arms of the girl who later died, and whose little pale fists had played such havoc with their heartstrings.

THE idle crowds that drift in and out of these cold chambers and stone courtyards in the King-street pile might have seen a little chap wearing always a puckered brow in the arms of a wisp of a woman who hugged the youngster to her with ill-suppressed yearning. There was something hungry in the way she mothered the child, something over-wrought, too, in the endless attentions the worried little man with the woman paid to the baby.

For three mornings they had sat in the back of the court, the child the unwitting, uncomprehending centre of strange legal phrases. And finally they went away with the baby they might have lost, crooning foolishly, humanly happy that the love and care they had lavished upon it meant something to that grave-faced, unwigged gentleman who said: "I think I would be doing wrong if I took the child from those to whom the mother so trustingly gave it, and who have honored that trust. . . ."

Go back three years when Miss Annie Cassidy lay in St. Margaret's Hospital for women, brooding on the tragedy of unmarried motherhood,

SMILES OF GREETING

As she lay in the institution a woman who often visited her ward to see a friend cast kind, encouraging glances at her, and life took on a happier tinge for the wan girl with the babe she loved. Those fleeting glances grew into open smiles of greeting, and soon the caller from the outside world was sitting often in friendly, happy exchange of confidences. Perhaps they wept together; as women do when they lay bare their souls on such matters, and the wee, chortling thing between would bind their swift sympathies and interests as nothing else in life could.

When Annie Cassidy left St. Margaret's Hospital with her babe she went to the home of her chance friend, Mrs. Viola Frances Linton, and her husband, Joseph Edward Linton, in Wells-street, Annandale. That was three years ago. To-day the Lintons live at Mullens-street, Rozelle.

The Lintons gave the young mother and her baby all they wanted; in poor circumstances themselves, they were the first to recognise and help one struck by adversity, but it was as much the dear appeal of that waif for the couple who had no children as consideration for the forlorn mother that was the mainspring of their great-heartedness.

At the end of three months' stay with the Lintons Annie Cassidy got a job as a domestic servant. She went gladly, in a way, feeling that the Lintons would be more valuable to her child than she ever could be. Moreover, by this time, Mrs. Linton had almost usurped the position of the mother in the everlasting attentions she lavished on the little tot.

While she was in service Miss Cassidy sent the Lintons weekly sums ranging from 10s to 12s for the care of her child.

Then last September Annie Cassidy died, and the infant which should have been most keenly affected knew least about it. And now three years of age, it played on with the two it had come to look to for all it needed.

Picture the happiness this little group had developed and imagine what effect this letter must have had, sent as it was one day by Miss Cecelia Hanna Cassidy, almost-forgotten sister of the mother of wee Johnnie:—

"Dear Mrs. Linton.—Just a note to let you know that I have made arrangements for my sister's little boy, John. I am going to place him in St. Michael's Orphanage, Baulkham Hills. It is a very good home and John will be happy in good hands. I will come to your place on Wednesday morning for John, and if you like you can come with me to the home.

"Hoping you will not take this to heart, as I know you have been very good to John.

"I will close now with every good wish.
—Cecelia Cassidy."

How the soul of Mrs. Linton must have been stung at the fear of parting from her baby . . . the baby of the woman she had befriended in the moment of her

most heartwring need. So the legal war for the custody of the baby had started, and for three days last week it was waged before Mr. Justice Street.

Mr. J. C. G. Kevin, instructed by Mr. F. C. Sinclair, appeared for the Lintons, and Mr. H. Studdert, instructed by Messrs. Murphy and Mahoney, preferred the claims of the spinster and bachelor to the baby.

The Cassidy brother and sister, who live in Percy-street, Gladesville, in affidavits set out their relationship, and the latter contacted his moderate affluence

with the unemployed state of Mr. Linton. Mr. Cassidy said that he owned five cottages and was buying another, and his equity in these was about £3000.

There was a rather pathetic note of aspiration in Linton's affidavit. Admitting that he was unemployed at the moment and drawing Government assistance, he said, "I am engaged mending children's toys, which I hope to sell over the Christmas period. In addition, I obtain a small income from the sale of clothes pegs which I make."

A religious undercurrent rippled across the main emotional stream. The Cassidys said they wanted the child to be brought up in the Roman Catholic faith, as it had been baptised in that faith.

To this in her affidavit the foster mother said she would readily undertake to give little Johnnie a Catholic rearing if such were directed.

Mr. Kevin argued at first on a question

of law contending that under common law an illegitimate child was *natus filius*—that is, no one's child. He cited a long list of authorities to prove that in common law the courts would not recognize the rights even of the mother to such a child's custody unless the child were taken from the mother by force or fraud. The only cases in which the courts would interfere to protect custody of the child was in such a case, and courts would only interfere then to restore what was called the status quo ante—the original position.

Mr. Kevin said the courts of equity always recognized first the rights of the mother, then those of the putative father, and then the right of relatives on the mother's side. But this was subject always to the welfare of the child being the primary consideration. To have established their claim in the right direction, Mr. Kevin said, the applicants should have applied in equity.

Answering this, Mr. Studdert said that the courts of common law did have jurisdiction to determine custody of an illegitimate child and he cited authorities to prove this.

RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINT

"I do urge," said Mr. Studdert, "that consideration of the religious viewpoint should be considered. The respondents—the Lintons—say they will bring it up a Catholic. But, your Honor, the atmosphere would not be there. I do not know what religion the respondents are, but I know they are not Catholics."

Mr. Justice Street called the case "one of those difficult and very painful ones."

"Whatever may be the legal position in respect to jurisdiction I will leave it to some other court to decide," he said.

"I think that, viewing the best interests of the child and considering all the circumstances of the case, the position will best be served by leaving the child in the custody of those to whom the mother gave it. They have not violated that trust.

"I feel little doubt that the mother had implicit confidence and trust in the respondents, and Mr. Studdert himself fairly admits that the child has been well and carefully looked after. On the other hand I do not deny that the applicants want to do their best for the child.

"Considering the tender years of the infant, and considering the original suggestion of the applicants that it should be placed in an orphanage, I am not satisfied that it would be in any better hands than it is in now. There is no doubt that the worldly circumstances of the applicants are better than those of the respondents, but money is not everything.

"It seems to me in this case that the care and affection bestowed on it by the ones it has now come to regard as its parents entitle them to its custody. I therefore make the order along these lines, and I do hope that the amicable relations which have existed between the two families will continue."

Research Note E - Assorted Notes

This work is as accurate as I can chase up information, recollect stories and interpret and try to believe the unbelievable that is sometimes dished up on the Internet or reported by well intentioned fellow researchers.

The random collection of screen dumps, cuttings and other items that did not make it into the book notes are here for future research or those wanting more specific source material.

Also some extra copies of documents to compare and better interpret.



Biographical report for Joseph MORGAN

Person ID: U#12191035801
Birth: circa 1810 SOM ENG
Arrival: per Charles Kerr

Date	Biographical record	Source
1839 Mar	Morgan Joseph, Charles Kerr, 29, Somerset, laborer and soldier, 5 feet 1¼ Inch, ruddy and freckled comp., sandy brown hair, light grey eyes, red whiskers, round scar right cheek, anchor inside lower right arm, breast a little hairy, from Michael Magner, Raymond Terrace, since March 7; Original Source: Ref. NSWGG Wed 20 Mar 1839 [Issue No.400] Page 342 signed 19 March 1839; Event Year: 1839 [Biog Item No. 121910358]	Absconded Convicts 1839

Date	Group	Biographical record	Source
1837 Oct		Joseph Morgan, Arrived: per Charles Kerr 9 Oct 1837; at Sydney NSW; Age: 27 years; Education: Reads; Religion: Protestant; Marriage Status: Single; Born at Somerset [SOM ENG]; Employment: Labourer, soldier; Trial Crime: Buying stolen goods, Trial Court: Wilts Quarter Sessions, Tried at [WIL ENG], 3 Jan 1837, Trial Sentence: 14 years; Previous convictions: None; Height in feet & inches: 5 7.75; Complexion: Ruddy and freckled; Hair: Sandy brown; Eyes: Light grey; Marks or Scars: Yes [Biog Item No. 170712252]	Convict Indents & Ship Musters, 1832, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837 ABOUT »
1843		Ticket of Leave Number: 43/2596 Year: 1843; Allowed to remain in the District of Paterson; Name: Joseph Morgan; Place of Trial: Wiltshire [WIL ENG], Quarter Sessions, Ship: Charles Kerr, Year: 1837. [Biog Item No. 120141861]	Tickets of Leave Index 1810-1844 ABOUT »
1847		Joseph Morgan, Arrived per ship Charles Kerr, Recommended date 1847; Original Remarks: Conditional Pardon [Biog Item No. 113615416]	Pardons Recommended for Convicts 1826-1856 ABOUT »

A story that includes Harriet Maloney (Morgan) written in November 1908.

I included a small piece of this article in the section about Harriet Morgan from 1900 to 1912 earlier in this book. The article is an interesting description of the families in the region from Maclean-Grafton to Casino. The article is very long and this is still just a small edit from it. "Round the District" was in "The Grafton Argus and Clarence River General Advertiser" newspaper on 5 November 1908.

It is also interesting because it gives us dates for some of Harriet's sons leaving Grafton and starting the family migration north.

Who are the Maloney boys?

Most likely: Daniel (28), Charles (24) and Clarence (21), these three were lifelong bachelors and went on to be fencing contractors so cutting timber for rail sleepers would have been similar work. Martin (Tom) married in May 1909 in Grafton and settled in Casino so he may have been working with them but maybe not. John, James and William (Bill), the first two with families, were still living in Solitude was their older step-brother Michael. The youngest Fred was only 17 and I don't think the tree cutter type.

Migration of the family north did not include the two eldest siblings: the sisters Ellen and Mary. Ellen lived in Winegrove near Copmanhurst and Mary lived in Coutts Crossing and South Grafton.

The mistake in the article is that the "many grand-children of Mrs Maloney are in fact her children. In 1908 Harriet's eldest grandson was Arthur Hunter Jnr, son of Ellen, and he was 10 years old.

The word "**bhoys**" especially because it is in inverted commas is a reference to them being regarded as Irish. It is the way the Irish pronounce "boys" and at the time it signified being something of a larrikin. It was a common endearing way of referring to the Irish with and derogatory context.

Below the fire at the Maloney share farm at Bungabee in 1916. More details are in the book "From Shamrocks to Gumleaves – The Maloney Story –

NSW: 1876 - 1954) / Tue 11 Jan 1916 / Page 2 / FIRE AT BUNGABEE.

FIRE AT BUNGABEE.

The inquiry was concluded at the Lismore Court House yesterday by Mr. A. J. Peisley (coroner for the district) concerning the origin of a fire on the 20th December last, which caused the destruction of a house in the occupation of James Maloney, at Bungabee. The only further evidence taken was that of Charles Stewart Rowland, a boy employed by Clarence Maloney, at Bungabee. He stated that at about 5.40 o'clock on the morning of the fire he was with Clarence Maloney at the latter's milking yard, when he noticed smoke coming from James Maloney's house. He drew Clarence Maloney's attention to it, and was told by him to go and tell Bill Maloney. When witness told Bill Maloney, the latter told Clarence Maloney, junior, to go and tell Mr. Dight, whereupon witness went to the fire. The Coroner returned a verdict that the premises were destroyed by fire, but how the fire originated, whether accidentally or otherwise, the evidence adduced did not enable him to say.

The Grafton Argus and Clarence River General Advertiser (N

Round the District.

GRAFTON TO RAPPVILLE AND
WYAN.

By R. GEDDES CRAWFORD.

(For the "Argus").

8; 1892; 1899 - 1922) / Thu 5 Nov 1908

"the settler's wife." The ring of the axe can be heard as the engine ruses on toward this city of saw dust and sawn timber, and logs of immense length and girth, and also the many still standing forest giants. Standing amongst these are the homes of Maloneys and Macleans, Camerons and Murrays, O'Connors and McMahons, Gleasons, Lyons, Hastlys, Hastleys, Powells, Johnsons, Farmers, Patononi (the Italian, as witness his name), Flynn and Cavanagh (whose parents hail from the land where potatoes came from), Crawley, Clarkes Pringle, Baker, Townsend, Pearce, White, Howard, Richards, Hayes, Perkins, Pringle and Farmer, (these are surely names from the land of the rose.) A reminder of the well-known Salvation Army general is here present in the person of the proprietor of one popular rest house. Writing of rest-houses recalls the fact that there are here, Miss McKay and her brothers, who are already popular in this town among the timber. "Don't forget, Ma'am, our Hibernian teacher, Mister Fitzgibbons, tho' he is a bachelor, he has a warm corner in his Irish heart for the children," says a local celebrity; "and our stationmaster, Mr. Appel, many's the man he saves from fallin' from the train." But let me not omit Mrs. Muir, one of the oldest residents. There is also the indefatigable Mrs. Rapp, who may be well-named, the mother of the district. Children are in almost every home. In some homes there are eight, and five and four are common numbers, so one may easily imagine the size this town will probably be in twenty years or more. In one of these little homes I stay, amongst many Maloneys, grand-children of Mrs. Maloney, of Gerymberryn, a settler of nearly forty years, and the mother of several fine "bhoys."

The mill of which Mr. Murray is the proud proprietor is in full swing, and, like the water mill, is constantly going "all the livelong day."

John Meskell arrival in Sydney NSW 1840

From the immigrant arrival documents of the ship the Thomas Lowry in Sydney 1840. The page here is a different copy to one I used on page 22. On this copy you can read the name of John's father "John" very clearly, as his mother "Mary Murphy". The name of the village "Crohane" is also very clear.

The ship name "Thomas Lowry" and the agents who bought him to NSW is clear "AB Smith & Co"

John Meskell

MARRIED MALE IMMIGRANT.

Arrived by the *Thomas Lowry*
Brought out by *A. B. Smith & Co*

A Native of *Co. Tipperary son of John
Harman & Mary Murphy his wife*

Calling *Harman*

Age on Embarkation *34 years*

Person certifying Registry of }
Baptism } *certified to be 39 years of age
by James Keating of Crohane*

Character, and Person certifying the same }
} *God. James Maudsley
Minister of Crohane
John Blackmore Harman*

State of bodily health, strength, and probable usefulness } *Good*

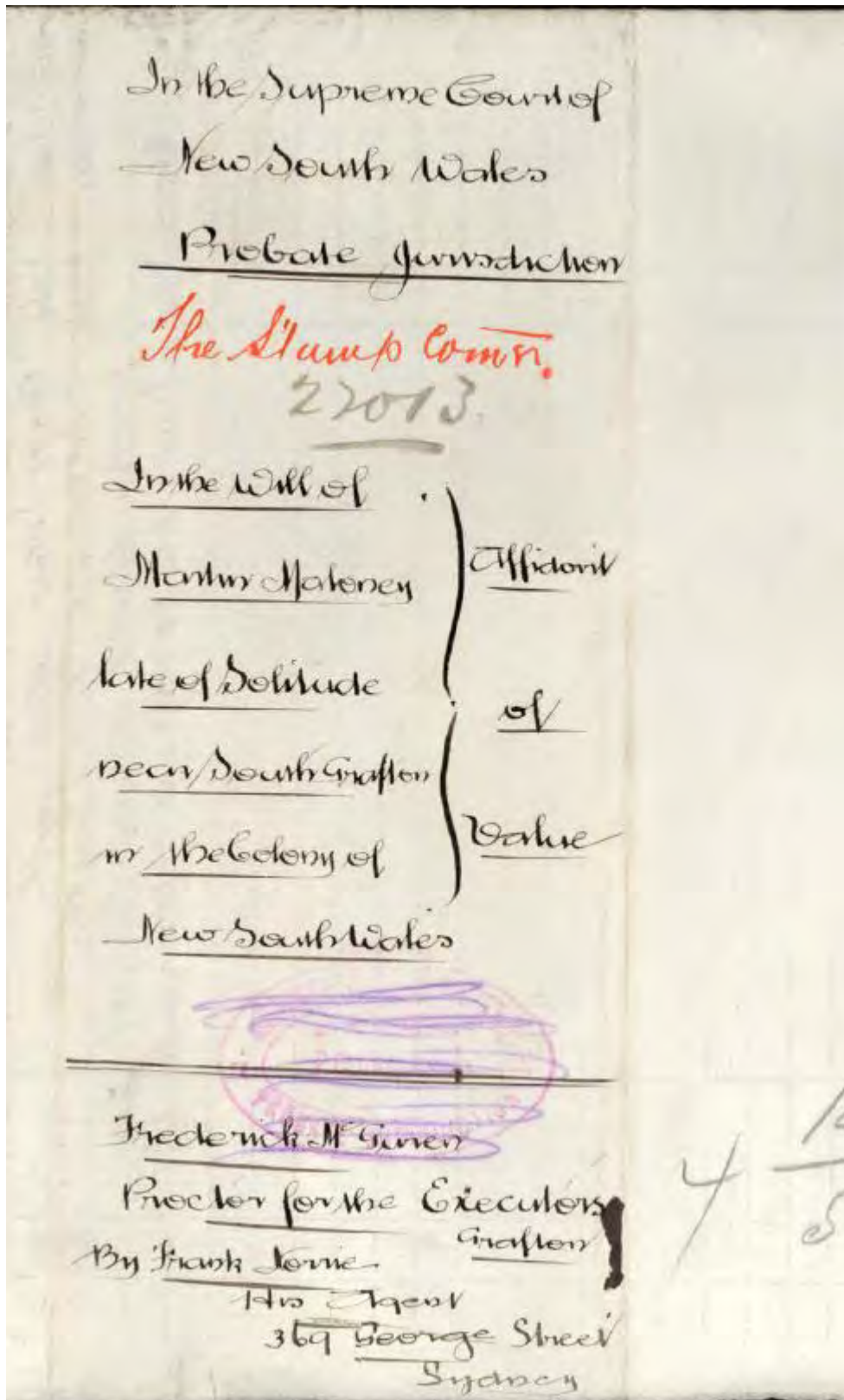
Religion *R Catholic*

Remarks *Went on to the ...*

Research Note F - Probate Documents of Harriet Morgan's Husband M. Maloney

The Probate Documents 1901 of **Martin Maloney** 1837-1900 the husband of **Harriet Morgan**.

This is a valuable historical document in particular the assets, the goods that were valuable in 1900. The value of items from beds to pigs is listed. Some points I have observed Martin still owed £90 for his farm, his total assets were £637 most of it in livestock. The land lots 145 and lot 153 are confirmed as the land owned.



"I."

FORM of Affidavit to be sworn and lodged with the application for obtaining any Probate or Letters of Administration relating to the Estates of deceased persons for the purpose of getting such Probate or Letters of Administration stamped under the Probate Duties Amendment Act, 1898, and the Probate Duties Amendment Act, 1899.



NEW SOUTH WALES, }
TO WIT.

In the Will [or in the Goods] of Martin Maloney
late of Sehilude near South Grafton, in the Colony aforesaid,
deceased.

ON the 21st day of January
one thousand nine hundred and one James Maloney of
Sehilude aforesaid farmer and job
Walden of the same place farmer
being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows:—

If more than one applicant, the form to be filled up accordingly.

1. ~~That~~ the party making application for the purpose of obtaining Probate of the Will [or Letters of Administration of the Goods, Chattels, Credits, and ~~Effects~~] of the abovenamed deceased.

2. That the annexed inventory contains a true statement of all and singular the Real and Personal Estate of or to which the abovenamed deceased was possessed or entitled; and that the values thereof, as therein set forth, are the present true and full values of the said properties therein mentioned respectively, and includes the whole of the accruing income in the Estate up to the date hereof, and that the debts therein stated were actually due and owing at the date of the death of the deceased, and are such debts as may be deducted under section 53 of the Act No. 27, 1898.

Words in full

3. The total net value of the Estate on which duty is payable in respect of the Estate of the deceased is Three hundred and seventy seven pounds eight shillings

If any such transfer, conveyance, gift was made dependent to state date thereof, nature of transfer, amount or value of consideration, and description of property.

4. That to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the said deceased did not, within the space of twelve months preceding his death, convey or otherwise dispose of, otherwise than by way of bona-fide sale, any real or personal property of which he was seized or possessed.

State whether passing to widow, child, or grandchild.

5. The net value of the Estate of the deceased being under the sum of fifty thousand pounds, I claim an assessment of the duty payable at one-half of the Schedule rates set forth in the Schedule to the Probate Duties (Amendment) Act, 1899, on the properties set out in the annexed Schedule marked "A" after deducting the proportion of the debts chargeable thereon, as the said properties pass to the lawful lawful widow and children of the deceased.

If the net value is over £50,000, strike out this clause.

SWORN by the Deponent on the 21st day first above mentioned at South Grafton before me,—
James Maloney
Job Walden

James Maloney
Job Walden

A Commissioner for Affidavits.

[EXTRACTS FROM ACT No. 27, 1898.]
Persons fraudulently misstating property or debts.
64. Whosoever makes or assists in making any false statement, or any fraudulent alterations in any statement or document required under this Act, with intent to evade the payment of duty, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and on conviction thereof shall be liable to imprisonment for any period not exceeding three years, and to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.
Affidavits and penalty for false oath.
67. (1) Every affidavit required by this Act shall be made before a Justice of the Peace, or a Commissioner for Affidavits.
(2) Whosoever knowingly and wilfully makes a false oath or statement concerning any matter in this Act shall be liable to the same punishment as for wilful and corrupt perjury.

Inventory referred to in

FULL Particulars and Value of the Estate and Effects chargeable with duty under the Act No. 27, 1898, and Act No. 45, 1899.

B1 1007

Assets.	Value.		
	£	s.	d.
REAL ESTATE.			
Real Estate possessed by the deceased at the time of his death, and Real Estate liable to duty under the various sub-sections of section 49 of the Act No. 27, 1898, as per valuations and Schedule No. 1	195	0	0
PERSONAL ESTATE.			
Specialty debts. Vide section 51, sub-section (a) of the Act No. 27, 1898, as per Schedule No.		Nil	
Shares in Mines situate in New South Wales, registered or incorporated outside the said Colony. Vide section 51, sub-section (b) of the Act No. 27, 1898, as per Schedule No.		Nil	
Dividends since date of death, as per Schedule No.		Nil	
Share in public companies other than the above, as per Schedule No.		Nil	
Dividends since date of death, as per Schedule No.		Nil	
Landed property held under lease, as per Schedule No.		Nil	
Live stock, as per Schedule No. 2, 3 and 3a 10	386	2	0
Crops, as per Schedule No. 8	70	7	6
Farming implements, as per Schedule No. 5	27	15	0
Carriages, as per Schedule No. 4	16	15	0
Harness and Saddlery, as per Schedule No. 7	13	17	6
Furniture, as per valuation and Schedule No. 9	44	17	0
Watches, trinkets, jewellery, &c., as per Schedule No.		Nil	
Rents, as per Schedule No.		Nil	
Money in hand or house	15	0	0
Money on current account—Bank of		Nil	
Money in banks or financial institutions on deposit } as per Schedule No.		Nil	
Interest accrued on same		Nil	
Debentures ... } as per Schedule No.		Nil	
Interest accrued on same		Nil	
Mortgages ... } as per Schedule No.		Nil	
Interest accrued on same		Nil	
Life Policies... } as per Schedule No.		Nil	
Bonuses		Nil	
Plant, &c., as per Schedule No. 6		Nil	
Tools, as per Schedule No.		15	0
Debts due to Estate, as per Schedule No.		Nil	
Stock in shop or business, as per Schedule No.		Nil	
Goodwill		Nil	
Interest in a partnership, as per balance sheet and valuations		Nil	
Interest in a deceased person's Estate, as per Schedule No.		Nil	
Other personal property not coming under any of the above headings, as per Schedule No.		Nil	
TOTAL ASSETS	743	9	0
Total debts that may be deducted under the Act No. 27, 1898, section 53	166	1	0
Net Value upon which duty is chargeable	577	8	0

NEW SOUTH WALES.
As net value of the Estate does not exceed One Thousand Pounds, it is not liable to Stamp Duty. (Vide Act No. 45, 1899.)

Commissioner Stamp Duties.

To be signed here by Executors or Administrators making

David Maloney
John Widdon

637. 8. 0

F. Mc GUREN
SOLICITOR
Grafton

Grafton 13 Sept 1901

F. Worne Esq

369 Snags St

Dear Sir

re Evolution dec^d

In reply to your questions

herein

1. There are no debts due to J Evolution.
2. There were two pieces of land one of 40 acres Parish of Southampton City Clarence Patent 153 for this the purchase money was £40 of which £15 has been paid

The other piece contains 79 acres of same Parish and County Patent 145 for this the Purchase money was £120 and it was mortgaged to the Estate of the late John Cameron for £110

The balances due are shown in the enclosed memo from the Estate of John Cameron dec^d viz £94.12.

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GEORGE FOOTT.
SOLICITOR.

Copy

GRAFTON,

26th Feby 1901

Dear Sir,

re Maloney deceased



Mr. Lowe has handed me your letter of the 25th Inst.

The Amount due by the late Martin Maloney to the Estate of the late John Cameron is as follows:-

Balance of principal	£60 0 0
Interest to 1 st July 1900	7 10 0
" on £60 ⁰ 1 st July to 31 st Dec ^r 1900 @ 6 ¹ / ₂ %	2 2 0
Balance of purchase money (Gales land)	25 0 0
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	94 12 0

Faithfully yours
George Foott
Solicitor

J. Welgaren Esq^r
Solicitor
Grafton

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Estate of Martha Hobrey dec'd.
 Late of Catmonville



Cattle.

6hd)	1 Steer ^{15/-}	2 heifers ^{£2}	1 heifer ^{1/4}	2 heifer ^{£0}	6	✓	
5	2 calves ^{£1}	1 Cow ^{£2}	1 heifer ^{15/-}	1 calf ^{15/-}	4 10	✓	
6	2 calves ^{£1.10/-}	1 Stag ^{15/-}	1 Cow ^{£3}	1 calf ^{£2}	7 5	✓	
6	1 Steer ^{£1}	4 Store Cows ^{old}	1 heifer ^{£2.10/-}		12 10	✓	
7	2 heifers ^{2.10/-}	1 Bull ^{£1}	1 calf ^{£3}	2 Steer ^{£4.10/-}	11	✓	
7	1 Cow ^{1.10/-}	2 Steer ^{£3}	2 heifers ^{£2.10/-}	2 old Cows ^{3.5/-}	11 15	✓	
11	3 Cows ^{6.15/-}	3 heifers ^{5.15/-}	4 calves ^{2.00}	1 heifer ^{£2}	16 10	✓	
9	3 cows ^{7.5/-}	3 calves ^{1.15}	2 heifers ^{£2}	1 cow ^{2.5}	13 5	✓	15
9	2 heifers ^{£3}	2 Cows ^{4.10}	4 heifers ^{£2}	1 Steer ^{£1}	12 10	✓	15
18	3 heifers ^{£6}	4 cows ^{£9}	6 heifers ^{£9.10}	5 Steer ^{7.10/-}	32	✓	
38	7 cows ^{£21}	1 Cow ^{£1.10/-}	30 head various various		52 10	✓	15
1	1 heifer				1 10	✓	5
1	1 Bull				2		
30	30 milking cows @ 3. 10/-				105	✓	
14hd							
✓ £ 288 5							

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referred to in the annexed affidavit of James Buchanan and John Walden.
 This is the Schedule marked B^o 2, sworn before me this
 eighth day of January 1901.

James Buchanan

Estate of Arthur Holroyd Sale of Catonsville



Report of in the amount of £8910, enclosed and not valid
This is the sale and marked £8910, correct before the 15th day
7 January 1907.
J. W. L. Roberts

Horses

5 18 months old Colts & 2 fillies	21
1 3 year old Colt	4 10
1 Mare	2 10
1 Hack	4 10
1 old Mare	4
1 18 months old Colt	5
1 Brown horse	4
1 Grey horse	3
1 Pony 7	4
1 Brown Horse	4
1 Brown Mare	10
1 Black Colt	8 2
1 Black Mare	7 10
1 Black Colt	7 10

£ 8910 ✓

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4. 5. 6.

Estate of Martin Moloney Sale of Catalogue

16-9-31
Q

This report is in 174 pages of Ireland, James Enghay and 2000 Waldron before one ten
This is the schedule made 4. 5. and 6. above before one ten
27th day of January 1901. J. T. Bawden

1	Carrage & vehicles	
1	Dray.	4
1	Dray.	2
	Pair wheels.	15
1	Buggy.	10
		<hr/>
		£ 16 15 ✓

Farm Implements

	Chaff cutter ^{£2} & yauker ^{£2} & scuffler ^{£2}	4	✓
1	Machine & horse power ⁸ 1 Orsell ⁴	12	✓
1	Plow & harrow ^{£1. 5/} 10/	1 15	✓
2	Sets ^{£1.} 10/ & plow ^{7.} 10/	8 10	✓
1	Harrow ^{10/} 1 Harrow ^{£1}	1 10	✓
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		£ 27 15 ✓	

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Lundus Look.

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This is the schedule made by 7 and 8 referred to in the annexed
 affidavit of 7 James Swainley and Job Walker sworn before me this 21st day
 of January 1901.

Dressed & Wharfedale

7. 8.

Estate of Mathew Motony
 Park of Catonswill



Harness & Saddlery

5 Sep Plow Harness	6
1 Set Plow Harness 2.10p.	1
1 Dray Saddle 11/6, 1 Set Dray H. 1.10	2 17/6
1 Set Cart Harness 2.10p. Saddle	4

£ 13 17/6

Crops

Small lot Hay & Straw
 30 acres of corn. very
 poor crop & gradually
 declining in value owing
 to drought.

70

70 7/6

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This is the schedule marked 209 referred to in the annexed affidavit
 of James Buchanan and J. Walden promulgated by the court on the 14th day of
 January 1904.

9
 Estate of Martin Mahoney
 late of Calonsus
 Furniture



1	Boiler	5f.	1	5f.	2
3	Chairs	7 1/2	2	Chairs	2 10
1	Boiler	7 1/2	1	Boiler	9 6
	Table	7 1/2		Chair	5
	Double Bedstead	10 1/2		Chop drawer	3
	Queen	5f.		Table	15
	Chair	5f.		Safe	15
	Single Bedstead	10 1/2		Table	1 10
	Couch	10 1/2		Table	2 10
	Old table	7 1/2			26

£ 147 ✓

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Estate of Martin Maloney dec^d
Late of Calrosswell



This is the schedule made by me in the amended schedule
of James Maloney and of William Brown before me this 8th day of
January 1901
James Maloney

Pigs	
7 Store Pigs	10/-
1 old Sow	15
1 Boar	1
2 Sows	1 10
8 Suckers	4/-

£ 87 ✓

7



Estate of Martin Moloney dec^d
of Calonswill

Reports in the amount of £1000 to the Survey and Valuation
This is the total amount of £1000 before the King's Rights Act of January 1901.

James Robert Lyle

Land



40 acres Parish of Southampton
County of Clarence being
Tithing 153 of said Parish.
This land is occupied grazing
is covered with undergrowth
and the improvements of mil
I value it at £1 per acre

40

79 acres same Parish &
County being Tithing 145
This land is occupied grazing
with the exception of about
1 acre which is under
cultivation. The land
is now under grass & is
partly divided & fenced
I value the land @ 2 pence

~~TRANSMISSION APPLICATION:
This Property was included
amongst the Assets of the
Deceased.~~

55/16

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£ 198.

Stamp Duties Office,

Sydney, New South Wales,

15 2 1901

Sir,

RE ESTATE OF

M. Moloney



I do myself the honor to forward you herewith, the valuations filed in the estate of the abovenamed deceased, and to request that you will be so good as to let me know whether you consider the valuations represent the fair present market value of the property.

If you have no personal knowledge of the property, I shall be pleased if you will enquire, and let me know whether the values are fair.

Please have the papers returned, together with your report, with the least possible delay.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. H. Johnson

Commissioner, Stamp Duties.

Repts
16.2/01
15.2/01

THE

District Surveyor
Grafton

AT

REPORT

Portion 145 has frontage to the Clarence River in the Parish of Southampton. It is grazing land. In my opinion it is worth about £2 per acre, without improvements, for dairy farming for which it is suited. Dairying is a common use for lands in the locality.

Portion 153 is forest ridge land worth from £1 to £1.5 per acre in its present condition.

Edw. Eborworth

District Surveyor

22 Feb 1901

End Note

Some 170 pages more than I intended this addition to the Maloney Family book. I thought I would add a few pages to the 10 pages about Harriet Morgan in that family history. And a year longer than I thought, I started in January 2025 and now in April 2026 the last edits are closing in.



I researched and wrote some of this in Paris in April and May 2025, visiting our daughter, Amber and her children, Jude (2015) and Freya (2018). This photo is a goodbye at the airport as Barbara and I leave for home. A week Vietnam on the way back gives us time to contract another dose of COVID19 a few days after we get home.

Below: Six of the hundreds of great-great-great-grandchildren of Joseph Morgan and Mary Meskell. My three children and their cousins: Lisa, Reeanna, Stuart, Tanya, Amber and Andrew Maloney.



Left: Cyndi Maloney (Castro Batacan), Caleb (2020), Carter (2021) & Jack Andrew Maloney

Jude, Freya. Caleb and Carter, my grandchildren, are the 5th great grandchildren, of Mary Caesar. That's 8 generations since Mary arrived from Ireland in 1840, with her husband John Meskell.

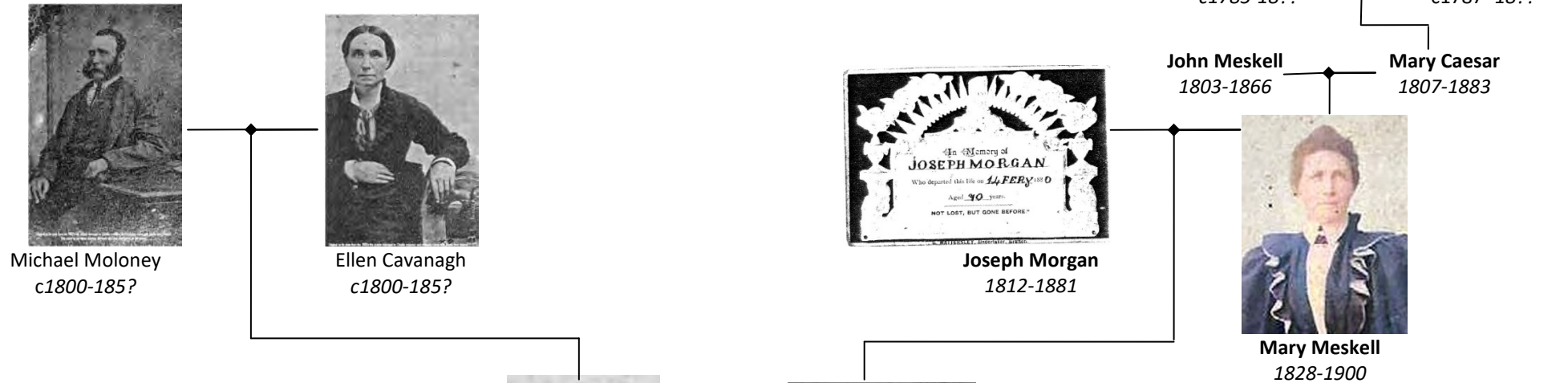
We have lost so much of the Irish and the English family history in this story but of the Morgan Family, I am sure, there is more to be discovered the same applies to those villages in Tipperary where the Caesar sisters grew up.

The previous 14 pages – The Probate Documents of Martin Maloney – I found as I was completing this book and they answered and proved so much about the farm he owned with his wife Harriet Morgan. They are worth a careful read: what was valuable in 1900, how much things cost and proof that “paperwork” has been around for quite a while.

So much of this story happens just west of Grafton in what is now a 10 minute drive from downtown. In the past it was more remote but full of potential: towns were planned, ferries crossed the river, farms, homes, roads, fences, schools and halls were built. The community celebrated, they helped each other, they fought there was heartbreak and despair, insolvency and disease stalked them all. The Meskell, Morgan and Maloney families were involved in all of this. They married into a dozen other families and those choices and a small piece of their stories are told in these pages.

*Neville Maloney
April 2026*

Morgan Family Line



I have detailed the families of my grandparents; John Mary, Pat and Annie in 4 books:

1. *Shamrocks to Gumleaves – John Maloney*
2. *A History of the Waughs – Mary Waugh*
3. *The Bradfield Book – Pat Bradfield*
4. *The Pringle & Ensby Families – Annie Pringle*
5. *1840 The Meskell and Morgan Families – Harriet Morgan*

Harriet Morgan is my (Neville's) great-grandmother the grandmother of Jack Maloney



Neville Maloney



Jack Maloney



John Maloney
1875-1922

Morgan Family

Harriet Morgan the 2nd wife of Martin Maloney. Harriet had 10 children, John Maloney was the 4th.

Harriet's father **Joseph Morgan** was transported to Australia in 1837 his crime was buying stolen goods or stealing them, depending on which report you read. He was, maybe, a shoemaker he married **Mary Meskell** in 1844 and Harriet was the 4th of 15 children. Mary Meskell's mother was **Mary Caesar** and with that information the list of the 4 names; *Maloney Morgan Meskell & Caesar* from Charlie Maloney in the 1960's was proven to be true and a more complete picture created.

Mary Caesar and her sister **Eliza Lydia Caesar** arrived in NSW in 1840 with their husbands **John Meskell** and **James John McKee**.

John Meskell, **Mary Caesar** and **Martin Maloney** who marries their granddaughter all come from Tipperary in Ireland. **Joseph Morgan** is an Englishman.

Martin Maloney arrived in NSW in 1860. Harriet Morgan's grandparents arrived in NSW in 1837 - Harriet was born in the Hunter Valley in 1849.

(Neville Maloney 2026)