# Kerr Family History Compiled By **Gerard Kerr**

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## **About The Author**



My name is Gerard Kerr the youngest son of Raymond from the first family. I was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 1960. I have been married to Leanne since October 1987, a few months before my father died. I have three children (Ben, Haydn and Brittany) and have lived in Cranebrook, NSW, since 1988. My life revolves around my family. I was the President of Cranebrook Little Athletics for three years (2001/2002, 2002/2003, 2003/2004) and its Publicity Officer in 2004/2005 as well as being on the committee of Cranebrook United Soccer Club (2002 & 2003). I am now the Vice-President in 2005. I do the family history as a hobby but I require help from our family to one day complete it. Our family history is like a jigsaw. It gives quite a buzz when you find another piece. I come from a family of three. My brother is Michael and I have a sister Carmel. We grew up in Wollongong until my father moved the family to Lakemba in 1974 and then Homebush in 1975. I met Leanne, my wife, in 1978 and finally got married in 1987. Just a note. Patrick lived for a short while in Riverstone (5 years) which is just up the road. Also I used to catch the train at Kingswood Railway station which was the station he was going to transfer to before Elizabeth died in 1922.

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## **My Introduction**

#### **Return To Index**

This quest has really only begun seriously in 2000. I am writing this now about someone I have never met. Patrick Kerr was someone who, until recently, I never thought much about as I went about my daily life. My uncles, aunts and cousins were people I never really associated with except our paths in recent years have crossed paths at the funerals which are now becoming too frequent as the years roll on. It was because of this reason I thought that really my knowledge of my family background was so limited. Sure I had a letter from George Kerr which sought to detail our family history but still I thought there were many things missing. I knew I had many cousins but it dawned on me that if I passed them in the street we would continue walking without knowing we had something in common, namely Patrick Kerr, a man who died before I was even born or conceived. A man who went through life in a new country with a wife who, 12 years after they settled here, would die soon after child birth. A man who quit his respectable job in the railways and moved his seven kids to a pub at Cadia near Orange. A man who, 13 years after remarrying, would tragically lose his second wife. In those 25 years he would also have to bury 3 children as well as his 2 wives. His lot in life went from having the licenses' of 4 hotels to being made bankrupt soon after the depression began and then rebuilding his life again until his death in 1960 the year of my birth.

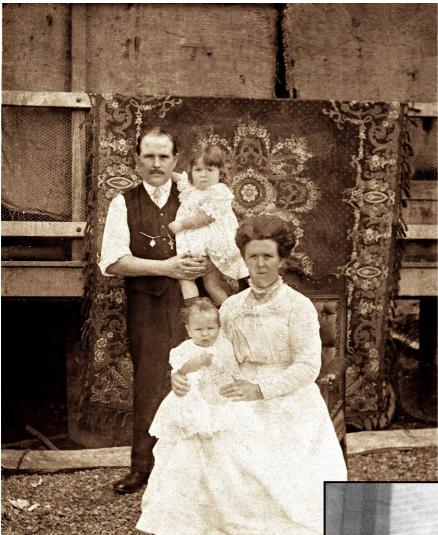
I am not intending this to be a definitive biography but what I am attempting is to use the letter from George Kerr as a road map. I must stress from the outset that I am a product of the first family so I have concentrated a little more on that period but I have also endeavoured to find out as much as I can about the second and third family. Maybe in future one of you reading this can use it to add more to this hopefully interesting piece of your family history. I will allow you to now read the family history as recalled by George Kerr written in 1988. As far as I can recall it was his son Dennis who asked George to put down on paper the history because George's retention and telling of facts was incredible. The former Pick A Box champion had a sponge for a brain and could speak or provide an answer on any subject asked of him. Let the story begin. George Kerr's letter is at the back of this book.

As time and my investigation has continued I have dug deeper into the lives of the Colvins. Being born into, getting married at and dying in the same area seems part and parcel of Colvin life. True it made my searching easier but seems a touch sad. Maybe Patrick and Elizabeth saw this and that is why they left in 1909. At this point of time Daniel Colvin was born around 1837 in Shettleston at Lanark, he was married in 1860 in Shettleston at Lanark, his children were born between 1862 and 1883 in Shettleston at Lanark and he died in 1917 in Shettleston at Lanark. I suppose that was the times. Most of his children died in Shettleston at Lanark. Actually Mary Costello one of his grand daughters still lives in Shettleston at Lanark. A problem encountered is determining ages. Daniel Colvin is a classic example. On his marriage certificate he listed his age as 23 which meant he was born in 1837. In the 1881 census he listed his age as 42 which meant he was born in 1839. On his death certificate his age was listed as 73 which meant he was born in 1844. How old was Daniel Colvin and what year was he born? A big breakthrough came in November 2004 when I was just looking at a site where people ask and answer questions about particular topics. On this forum I found an answer from Josh Reynolds about St Paul's in Shettleston but the last sentence caught my attention "Interested in COLVIN, McGEE & McHALE in Lightburn circa 1880" I knew our grandmother was a Colvin and that her mothers maiden name was McGee so I took a punt and bingo. Josh is a second cousin. His

mother was brought up by Elizabeth's sister Sarah Rogan nee Colvin who incidentally, died the same year as Elizabeth. Josh has been able to provide a treasure chest of information as well as photos which would be of more importance to the first family descendants. But do not despair I will endeavour to piece all the families as time permits.



Patrick & Four Of His Kids In 1955 (Jim, Elizabeth, George & Raymond) In Top Photo With the Same Four In 1980.



#### Patrick & Elizabeth With Mae & Jim Cc 1914 (Note Fob Watch)

#### Windsor And Richmond Gazette 9th **March 1923**

J. B. JOHNSTON & CO.
Have received instructions from P. KERR.
Esq., to self by PUBLIC AUCTION at his
residence, MILL-STREET, RIVERSTONE,

SATURDAY, MARCH 17th, AT 2 P.M. The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNI-TURE, Etc.

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Etc.

Included in the list are: Very fine Oak Dining Sulte of Chairs, 8 pieces (lift out seats); Superior Oak Sideboard, Beautiful Oak Table on Casters (fit. x 3ft. 6in.), Very fine Upright Planoforte (rich toned instrument), Carpet Square, Hearth Rug, Bamboo Easel, Gipsy Table, Curtains, Poles and Fittings, Window Blinds, Large Lamp, several lots of Lineleum, Oak Bedroom Suite of 3 pieces (Wardrobe with beveiled mirrors, table and washstand to mach), Brass Mounted Double Bedstead, Spring Mattress and Bedding complete; Mats, etc. Two Single Bedsteads, Bedding, Child's Cot, Dining Table, Couch, 6 Chairs, Pictures, Chilcett Refrigerator, Selecta Sewing Machine, Kitchen Dresser, Table, Chairs, Cooking Utensils, Bread and Flour Bins, Suiky, Harness, Bicycle, Gardon Tools, Cement Tubs, quantity Poultry, etc., etc.

NOTE.—Buyers are specially invited to attend the above sale, as Mr. Kerr is leaving the district immediately. The goods will be found a good lot and FOR ABSO-LUTE SALE.

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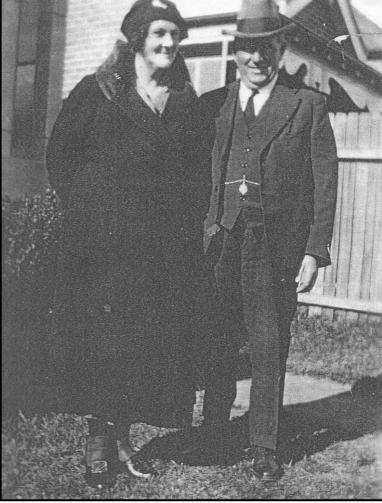
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of an amicable settlement. The whole district sympathises with Mr. The whole district sympathises with Mr. Kerr in the heavy bereavement that has befallen him, by the death in distressing circumstances of his wife, which took place at their home in Riverstone on Monday night. A baby boy was born a little time before the mother's death, and in addition to this child, there are six other children, the eldest being 12 years. The deceased, who possessed a gentle and charitable disthe eldest being 12 years. The deceased, who possessed a gentle and charitable disposition, was beloved by all who knew her, and her untimely death is greatly deplored. The bereaved husband occupied the position The bereaved-husband occupied the position of leading night-officer at the local railway station for the past five or six years, and had only recently been advised of his promotion to Kingswood. He expected to leave for his new sphere of activities very soon, but now he will have to leave the people of Riverstone without his life's partner, and with seven little ones. Deceased was a native of Scotland, and the only repartner, and with seven little ones. Deceased was a native of Scotland, and the only relative she and Mr. Kerr have in this country is a brother of the latter. The funeral took place on Wednesday, and was largely attended by sympathising friends, the remains being laid to rest in the Roman Catholic portion of the general cemetery. Rev. Father McDonnell performed the last sad rites, and Mr. Chandler was the undersad rites, and Mr. Chandler was the undertaker.

Patrick & Mollie Cc 1934 (Note Fob Watch Again)

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#### Grandfather

## Patrick Kerr (16/1/1881-31/3/1960)

## Return To Index Siblings Of Patrick Kerr

**Patrick** was born on Sunday, **January 16** Meaby, NewtownStewart, Strabane to James Kerr, Labourer and Sarah Kerr m.s. Sproule who married on ?????? at ??????. His birth was registered No.104 at NewtownStewart, Strabane on January 31, 1881 by James Kerr, "his X mark", Father.

He was baptised by ???? in the parish of ????? on ????? with sponsors ????? and ?????.

James Kerr father of Patrick (Born approx 1851 Died before 1915 as was dead when Sarah married William Connor. Was alive in 1909 when Patrick married Elizabeth. Sarah Sproule mother of Patrick (Born approx 1849 Died 1933 aged 84)

1933 Sarah Kerr, widow of James Kerr, Farm Labourer, died at 2h40m p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, aged 84 years at St Joseph's House, Gardgadhill, Glasgow .Shettleston (Usual residence 1002 Shettleston Road, Glasgow), of Cerebral Haemorrhage as certified by W.J.Davil, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.. Joseph Sproule, Farmer (deceased) & Isabella Sproule m.s. Brown (deceased). Her death was registered 1933 644/5 (Garngadhill) No.359 by S Connor, Daughter, 82 Springfield Road, Glasgow. [on] 1933 July 5th at Glasgow, John Reilly, Registrar

## <u>The Children Of Patrick Kerr (16/1/1881- 31/3/1960) And Elizabeth Colvin (22/12/1883-18/7/1922):</u>

Elizabeth Colvin married Patrick Kerr in on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 1909 at St Pauls in Shettleston in Scotland

#### First Family

Children	Born	Died	Marriage Partner	Married
Margaret Mary (Mae)	4/8/10	2/7/74	John A M Ellis	1932
James Joseph (Jim)	21/2/12	1986	Marjorie	1942
John Daniel	1914	1915		
<b>Elizabeth Catherine (Betty)</b>	14/4/16	1985	Neil Hanley (d 1979)	1940
George Vincent	23/12/17	1997	Patricia	1943
John Aloysius	30/08/20	1924		
Raymond Leo	14/7/22	29/2/88	Alida Van Gestal	1955

## <u>The Children Of Patrick Kerr (16/1/1881- 31/3/1960) And Mary "Mollie" Hunt (2/1/1897 – 9/12/1936):</u>

Married at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Orange on Tuesday 29/5/1923 (Marriage Cert 8449/1923)

**Second Family** 

Children	Born	Died	Marriage Partner	Married
Rita Monica	16/11/23		Stan Butel (d 4/96)	1944 At Hurstville
Patrick Benedict	21/03/25		Lola May Greenfield (d 1996)	1946 At Rozelle
Aubrey James	11/04/27			
Reginald Ronald	23/06/28		Margaret Kane	1952 At
				Hurstville
<b>Anthony William Phillip (Joe)</b>	6/05/30		Anne Maureen Ellis (d 199?)	1956 At
				Rockdale
<b>Lawrence Henry</b>		199?	Phyllis (d 2004)	
Anne	1933	1933	Blue Baby (10 Days Old)	
<u>Frank</u>	17/09/34	24/12/00	Shirley Davis (d 1999)	

#### The Children Of Mary Elizabeth Pettigrew (6/12/1899 – 30/4/1970):

Married in Canterbury in 1948 (Marriage Cert 1944/1948)

**Third Family (These Children Were Not Patricks)** 

Children	Born	Died	Marriage Partner	Married
John	9/07/33		Coral (Alan, Jenny, Peter)	
Pat	4/07/37		Ann	

## Life Of Patrick Kerr (16/1/1881-31/3/1960):

Born:	16 <sup>th</sup> January 1881 at Stabane, Tyron in Ireland
Married 1st Time	26 <sup>th</sup> October 1909 at St Pauls, Shettleston in Scotland
Emigrated To Australia	December 1909-January 1910 (Voyage took about 2 months)
Started At Railway Service	14 <sup>th</sup> January 1910 (Sydney)
	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 1916 (Towrang)
	1 <sup>st</sup> June 1918 (Riverstone)
	11 <sup>th</sup> April 1923 Written Off Books
First Wife Died	18 <sup>th</sup> July 1922 at home in Riverstone
Married 2nd Time	29 <sup>th</sup> May 1923 at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Orange.
Hotels	21 <sup>st</sup> March 1923 to 21 <sup>st</sup> August 1923 (Cadia at Cadia)
	Destroyed by fire 27/2/29. Surrendered to Board. Closed 5/7/29
	14 <sup>th</sup> September 1923 to 24 <sup>th</sup> March 1924 (Paragon at
	Helensburgh) License transferred from Helensburgh to
	Wollongong on 18/9/37 by Welch Family with a name change of
	Grand Hotel.
	7 <sup>th</sup> July1924 to 15 <sup>th</sup> August 1927 (Royal at Gloucester)
	Surrendered to Board. Closed 15/11/34
	26 <sup>th</sup> September 1927 to 13 <sup>th</sup> November 1928 (The Royal
	Exchange at Temora) Destroyed by fire 23/2/31. Surrendered to
	Board. Closed 30/6/32
Other Business	Ham and beef shop in Bankstown South Terrace. Called "The
	Maxwell"

Second Wife Died	9 <sup>th</sup> December 1936 at Marrickville District Hospital
Died	31 <sup>st</sup> March 1960

#### **Riverstone:**

Riverstone was named after the birthplace of Maurice Charles O'Connell, one of the first land holders in the district. O'Connell was granted 2,500 acres (approx 1,012 hectares) in 1810 by Governor Lachlan Macquarie. He called this property Riverston Farm, and it covered the area from Garfield Rd to Bandon Rd, Vineyard and from Windsor Rd to Eastern Creek. O'Connell received a further grant of 1,000 acres (approx 405 hectares) which stretched from Garfield Rd to Kensington Park Rd, Schofields. This property O'Connell named Mount Macquarie Farm.

In 1840 about 200 acres (80 hectares) of the Riverston Farm were auctioned off and in 1856, after the death of O'Connell, his widow had the estate divided into 59 farms and auctioned.

Most of the area was used for grazing cattle and horses, and orchards and vineyards were planted (hence the suburb 'Vineyard'). The vineyards were ruined in 1892 by a phylloxera attack (an insect which attacked the grape vines).

Until 1928 Riverstone was part of Windsor Council, ceding to Blacktown Council in the hope of improving services to the townspeople. In 1933 mains water was available and the electricity supply followed in 1934. In celebration of this event, a 'Back to Riverstone' week was held, with the proceeds of the events going to the purchase of 16 acres (6.4 hectares) of land to be developed as a park and sportsground.

#### **Railways**

The railway line from Blacktown to Richmond opened in 1864. The first station was a timber platform with a brick building which housed the waiting room, ticket office and residence for the stationmaster. In 1879 a siding known as Richards Siding was built to service the abattoirs. In 1886 a new station office was constructed, and the platform was enlarged and bricked. The line was electrified in 1975.

#### Meatworks

The Meatworks was established by Benjamin Richards in 1878 on 2,300 acres (930 hectares). A beef-house was erected, where the killing took place at night, due to the lack of refrigeration facilities. In 1879 a mutton house was completed, where 30 butchers were employed. An average of 2,000 sheep and 100 bullocks were processed daily, according to a newspaper report of 1893. The meatworks was acquired by W. Angliss in 1919 and the industry was expanded with the construction of freezers, a cannery and a large area to treat sheepskins. Dairies were developed and a margarine department introduced.

## **Hotels:**

Patrick was the licensee of four ragon At Helensburgh



Paragon At Helensburgh

#### ANNUAL LICENSEES OF THE PARAGON HOTEL

1890 - 1903	George Welch	
1904 - 1907	Thomas C. Hawkins	
1907 - 1908	William Stubbs	
1908 - 1909	Justinian Johns	
1909 - 1911	Patrick W. Murray	
1913 - 1918	Charles Johnson	
1918 - 1919	Laura McDonald	
1919 - 1920	Thomas J. Hargraves	
1920 - 1923	Janet E. Hargraves	
1923 - 1924	P. Kerr	
1924 - 1925	David Davies ·	
1925 - 1926	E. Whybarn	
1926 - 1929	H. Stockdale	
1929 -	W.G. Slocombe	
1929 -	A. E. Orchard	
1929 - 1930	Charles P. Drake	
1930 - 1931	John Seery	
1931 - 1932	Mr Grey	
1932 - 1937	Rupert C.J. Floyd	

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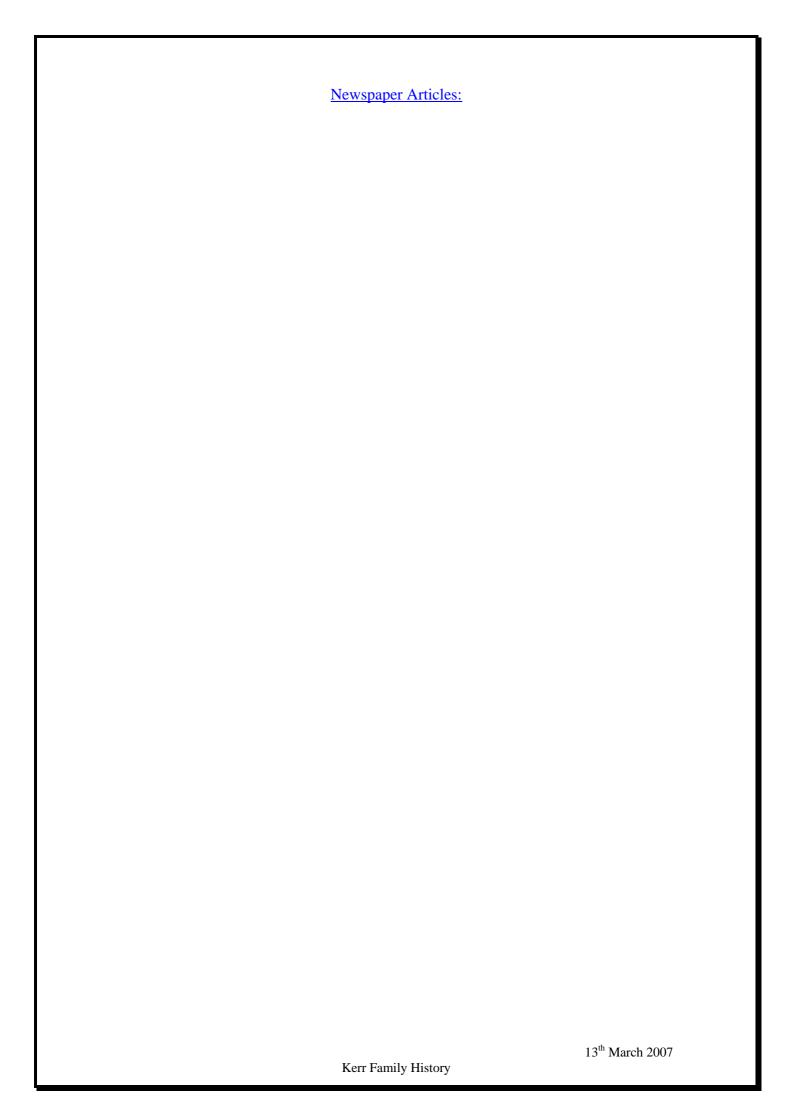
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## Margaret Mae (4/8/1910 - 2/7/1974)

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Margaret Mae Kerr (4/8/10 – 2/7/74) And John A M Ellis (11/1/05 – 11/7/83):

Mae and John married on (8541/1932)

Children	Born	Died	Marriage Partner	Married
John	3/8/1932	27/8/1997	Eileen Crozier	28/5/1955
Margaret	31/8/1938		Earl McMamus	
Gwendaline	13/11/1941		Greg Murphy	

Name	Born	Died	
John	3/8/1932	27/8/1997	
Married Eileen Crozier a			
Partner Na		Died	
Eileen Croz	ier 30/9/1936		
	Children	Born	Died
	Kim	14/12/1955	Dicu
	Elizabeth	19/6/1962	
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		Kim	
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Margaret	31/8/1938		
Married Earl McMamus		D'. 1	
Partner N		Died	
Earl McMa	imus		
	Children	Born	Died
	David		
	Michael		
	Caroline		
Name	Born	Died	
Gwendaline	13/11/1941		
Married Greg Murphy A			
Partner N		Died	
Greg Mur	phy		
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	Children	Born	Died
	Bradley		
	Michelle		
	Sean		
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## James Joseph Kerr (21/2/1912 - 1986)

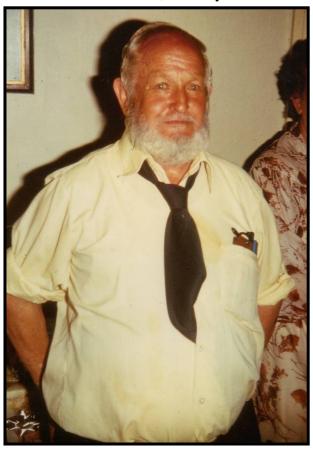
#### **Return To Patrick Kerr**

James Joseph Kerr (21/2/1912 – 2/7/74) And Marjorie June Harding ( –1959):

Jim and Marjorie on (3914/1942)

Children	Born	Died	Marriage Partner	Married
James Patrick	1/4/1947		Fay Brooks 8/6/1947	27/9/1969

#### 3 The River Rd, Revesby



#### SERVICE RECORD

Name
Service
Service Number
Date Of Birth
Place Of Birth
Date Of Enlistment
Locality Of Enlistment
Place Of Enlistment
Next Of Kin
Date Of Discharge
Rank
Posting At Discharge
WW2 Honours and Gallantry

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Kerr, James Joseph
Royal Australian Air Force
36121
21 Feb 1912
Gosford, NSW
17 Apr 1941
Beverly Hills
Sydney, NSW
Kerr, Marjorie
7 Nov 1945
Leading Aircraftman
5 AIRCRAFT DEPOT
None

Prisoner Of War	No	
	Kerr Family History	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2007

## Elizabeth Catherine (14/4/1916 - /85)

#### **Return To Patrick Kerr**

Elizabeth Catherine Agnes Kerr (14/4/16-/85 ) And Owen O'Neil Hanley (- //79):

Elizabeth and Owen married on 1940 (25645/1940)

Children	Born	Died	Marriage Partner	Married
Kevin	24/1/1942		Therese Pope	1969
Lorraine	28/9/1944		Bruce Franklin	1971
Maureen	24/3/1949		Lynden Ball	1981
Francis	11/6/1953		John Miranda	1983





Betty In 1980

Betty, Patsy (Love The Hair) & George

Name	Born	Died	_
Kevin			
Married at at on			
Partner Na	me Born	Died	_
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	Children	Born	Died
	David		
	Jane		
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Lorraine			
Married at at on			
Partner Na	me Born	Died	_
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	Children Christopher Josephine Elizabeth	Born	Died
Name Maureen Married at at on	Born	Died	
Partner Na	me Born	Died	
	Children Bronwyn Alexis Cameron	Born	Died
Name	Born	Died	
Francis			
Married at at on Partner Name Born		Died	
	Children Thomas Catherine Patrick Isabelle	Born	Died

Bruce & Lorrainne Franklin 42/20 Eve St, Erskinville 2043 9516 0028 0407 941936

## George Vincent (23/12/1917 – 28/9/1997)

#### Return To Patrick Kerr

#### **George Vincent Kerr (23/12/17-28/9/97) And Beryl Aldenhoven (8/12/22-):**

George and Patsy married on 20/3/1943 at St Declan's at Penshurst. George was called Patrick on marriage certificate.

Children	Born	Died	Marriage Partner	Married
Dennis Patrick	01/02/1944		Barbara Owers	1968
Barry Francis	31/07/1947		Shirley Owsnett	

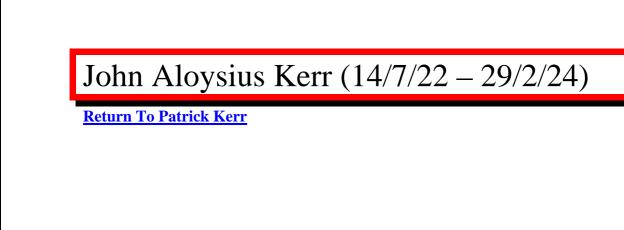


## Patsy And George About 1976 At 9 Hercules St In Padstow.

As a child Patsy & George were very important figure in my life. My family were closest to Patsy & George more so than any other of the families. Stays during the school holidays was the normal. Patsy would take me everywhere.

Name	Born	Died	
Dennis Patrick	01/02/1944		
Married at at St Therese	e on 9/11/1968		
Partner Na	me Born	Died	<u></u>
Barbara Ow	ers		
	Children	Born	Died
	Leanne	11/5/1973	
	Darren	15/9/1974	
	Sheridan	22/1/1981	
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Name	Born	Died	$\neg$
Barry Francis	31/07/1947		
Married at at on	_		
Partner Name Born		Died	$\neg$
Shirley Owsnett			
		<b>.</b>	D. 1
	Children	Born	Died
	Kieran		
	Christopher		

Thomas			
Homas			
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## Raymond Leo Kerr (14/7/22 - 29/2/88)

#### **Return To Patrick Kerr**

Raymond Leo Kerr (14/7/22- 29/2/88) And Alida Maria Van Gestal (12/9/28-14/5/03):

Ray and Alida married on 19/2/1955 at St Declan's at Penshurst

Children	Born	Died	Marriage Partner	Married
Michael John	12/1/1956		Kay Watson	29/12/1979
Carmel Elizabeth	22/11/1957		Geoff Searle	27/10/1990
Gerard Patrick	8/10/1960		Leanne Fussell	31/10/1987



Alida, Raymond, Leanne, Jim, Carmel, Gerard, Kay And Michael In 1980

Name		Born	Die	d	_
Michael John		12/1/1956			
Married Kay Watson	ıt Wollor	ngong 29/12/79			
Partner N	lame_	Born	Die	d	
Kay Wa	son	24/11/1958			
		<u>Children</u>	Born		Died
	A	Alison Lea	7/6/1980		
	Re	enae Louise	3/12/1982		
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Name Born Died
Carmel Elizabeth 22/11/57

Married 1/12/1980 At St Declans, Penshurst Divorced 27/09/1989

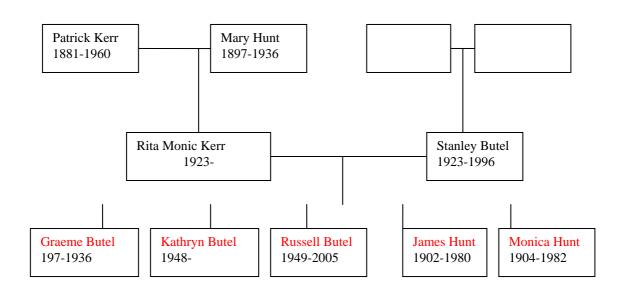
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James D	avid Rees	24/08/1	957 30/01/	1994
	Chil	dren	Born	Died
	Daniel	James	1/11/1981	
	Am	anda	26/11/1982	26/11/1982
	Carr	ianne	7/12/1983	
	Nicole	Marie	7/12/1983	
Married At 27/10/19		Burwood		
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Geoff	f Searle	6/4/1949	)	
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		dren	Born	Died
	Chris	topher	15/5/1996	
Name	ī	Born	Died	
Gerard Patrick		0/1960		
Married At St George				
•	ner Name	Bor		Died
Leanne A	Alice Fussell	10/05/	1964	
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	Haydn Ashl	ey 1	6/05/92 (Penrith)	
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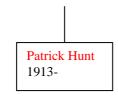
## Rita Monica Kerr (26/11/23 - )

## Return To Patrick Kerr Rita Monica Kerr (26/11/23- ) And Stanley Butel (12/8/1923- 2/4/96):

Rita and Stan married on 12/6/1944

Children	Born	Died	Marriage Partner	Married
Graeme Stanley	5/8/1946	28/1/1949		
Kathryn Elizabeth	23/2/1948		Grahame Thomas Smith	23/5/1970
Russell August	5/12/1949	1/10/2005	Julie Mason	4/1/1978
Jennifer Anne	28/6/1951		Knud Jacob Soerenson	17/12/1994
Stewart Anthony	8/1/1956		Toni Ann Semfil	8/8/1981
David Gerard	8/1/1956		Jannette O'Brien	24/1/1981
Marie Therese	21/11/1959		Luis Simoes	30/11/1985





Name	Born	Died	
Graeme Stanley	5/8/1946 (Hurstville)	28/1/1949	

Name Born Died 23/2/48 (Hurstville) Kathryn Elizabeth

Married Grahame Thomas Smith at Muswellbrook 23/5/70

Partner Name	Born	Died
Grahame Thomas	26/11/47 (Scone)	

Children	Born	Died
Mandy Louise	7/7/77 (Bathurst)	
Michael Brendan	29/12/81 (Scone)	20/9/96 (Muswellbrook)
Emma Felicity	13/1/89 (Muswellbrook)	

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Rita now lives in Port Macquarie Lourdes Village, 9 Boronia St, Port Macquarie since May 2004 Ph 6583 4663

Marie

Kate Smith lives in Muswellbrook (02)6543 3284

Stewart lives in WA 0419 027337 or his wife Toni 0419 658913 or (08) 9734 2766 kes@cnn.net.au

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#### Media Release



#### Statement from family

#### Saturday 1 October 2005 (2030 hrs CST)

The following statement is forwarded on behalf of the family of Russell Butel, the victim of Thursday's crocodile attack at Cobourg Peninsula:

Russell came from a large and loving family growing up in New South Wales. As a young man he enjoyed camping and shooting trips with his mates as well as motorbikes and hotted up cars.

He always enjoyed the water and sailing. He learnt to scuba dive a little later in his life and found his passion in his scuba diving activities. He progressed on with further diving education and achieved a PADI Master Scuba Dive Trainer qualification.

An opportunity in the late 80s to install fire protection at Nabalco (Now Alcan) Mine in Nhulunbuy, Gove Peninsula brought Russell to the Top End. He absolutely fell in love with tropical waters and he and his partner Lorraine moved from Townsville and opened a Dive Shop from which

Russell taught several thousand of the local residents, contractors and visitors to Scuba Dive.

Russell was in his element with a boat full of divers where he would boisterously sing tunes such a the Beatles "In an Octopus' Garden" - It was jokingly claimed the divers suited up in record time so they could jump in the water and avoid Russell's tunes. The smarter ones bribed him with chocolate bars to be quiet.

Russell and Lorraine's business expanded to include Fishing Charters, Wilderness Safaris and Aquarium Fish Collection. Their business was known as Gove Diving and Fishing Charters.

Russell made friends from all walks of life in the time he spent in Nhulunbuy and most people knew Russell as he was always the first to say "Gidday". He was known and respected throughout North East Arnhemland by many of the Aboriginal Communities and had a very special friendship with the Yumbulul family from Wigram Island.

Russell was known for his generosity and willingness to assist other people in difficulties, particularly in the boating fraternity. Whilst in Gove he assisted the NT Police and Emergency Services with on the water rescue and searches and was ready to help out anyone needing boat assistance.

After meeting Russell, very few people ever forgot him, whether for his intensity to forge the boundary for change, his outspoken manner or his mischievous behaviour in

just stirring the pot.

In 2004, Russell and Lorraine sold their charter business and relocated to Darwin, which offered better airfreight services to improve the growth of their Aquarium business and to also enjoy more of the social activities Darwin had to offer.

Russell purchased and motored his present vessel Aquatica from Newcastle in July, 2005 and spent several weeks at Fisherman's Wharf refitting the vessel to accommodate the harvest requirements.

Russell's experience in Northern Territory waters was extensive both above and below the surface. He knew the risks of the waters here and wasn't foolhardy where the safety of his crew and himself were concerned.

The family is deeply saddened by the loss of Russell and his memory will be in our hearts forever. We can only be consoled by the fact that Russell's death would have been quick and hopefully painless. Russell will be sadly missed by his loving family, his dive buddies and his many friends and associates. A service will be held at Resthaven Chapel, Darwin Funeral Services, Amy Johnston Drive, Marrara on Thursday at 1pm. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Thank You

No further statements or interviews will be given by the family.

Ends

The family will make some photos available to media tomorrow. They will be distributed via the email listing.

Media contact: Sandra Mitchell 0417 770 686

## Patrick Benedict Kerr (21/3/25 - )

#### **Return To Patrick Kerr**

#### Patrick Benedict Kerr (4/25- ) And Lola May Greenfield (-2/11/96): Pat and Lola married in 1946 (BDM 25174/1946) Pat Benedict Kerr – 9724 3351 Born Died Their Marriage Partners Patrick's Great Grandchildren Michael Patricia Sharon Name **Born Died Michael** Married at at on **Partner Name Born Died** Children **Born Died** Name **Died Born Patricia** Married at at on **Partner Name Born Died** Children **Died** Born Name **Born Died** Sharon Married at at on **Partner Name Born Died** Children Born **Died**

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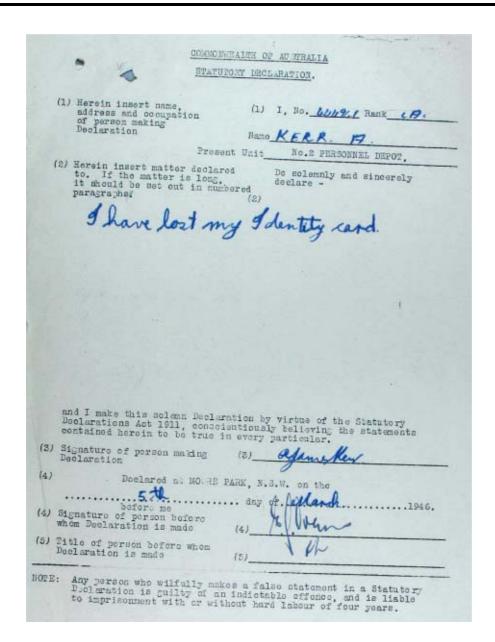
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Locality Of Enlistment
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Next Of Kin
Date Of Discharge
Rank
Posting At Discharge
WW2 Honours and Gallantry
Prisoner Of War

Kerr, Patrick Benedict
Royal Australian Air Force
139578
21 Mar 1925
Sydney, NSW
28 Jan 1944
Beverly Hills
Sydney, NSW
Kerr, Patrick
21 Aug 1946
Leading Aircraftman
2 Aircraft Depot
None
No

## Aubrey James Kerr (11/4/27 - )

Aubrey is to many the unknown Kerr. Not seen since the late 1950's. Many stories abound. One was that he acquired many debts while driving interstate trucks. There is a belief that he got a woman pregnant and was the father of a baby girl. He enlisted in the air force as Aubrey James at the Town Hall Recruiting Depot on 15<sup>st</sup> March 1944. His birth was listed as

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Kerr, Aubrey James
Royal Australian Air Force
444941
11 Apr 1927
Victoria
20 Apr 1944
Unknown
Sydney, NSW
Kerr, Patrick
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Leading Aircraftman
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None
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## Reginald Ronald Kerr (23/06/28 - )

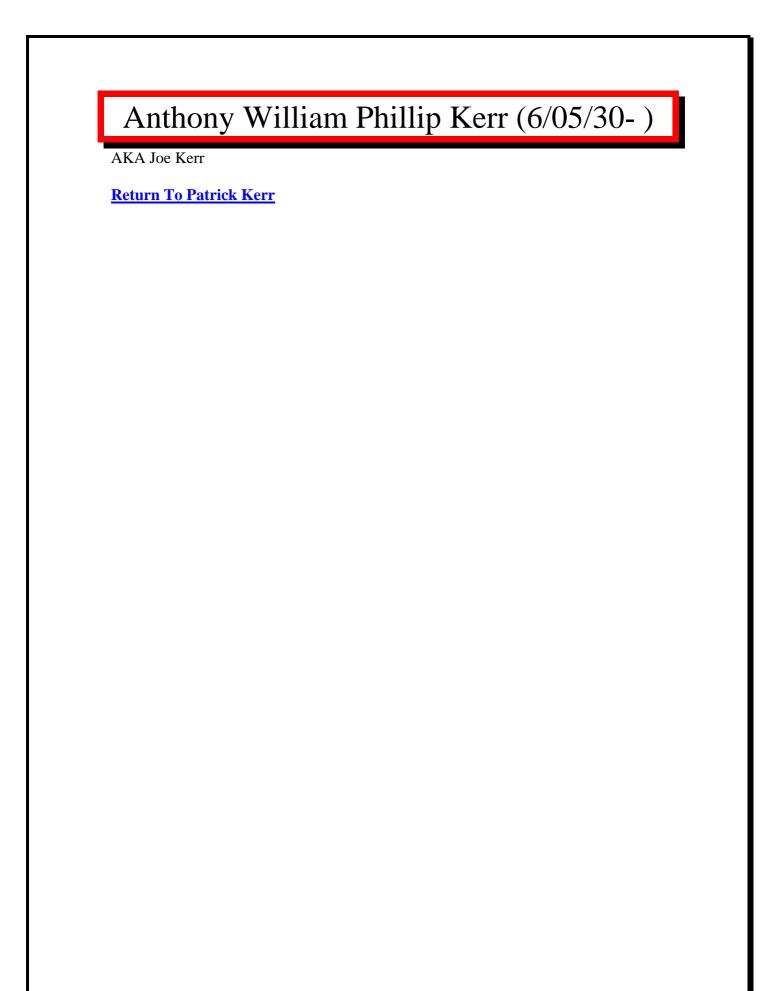
#### **Return To Patrick Kerr**

## Reginald Ronald Kerr (23/06/28- ) And Margaret Kane (-):

Reginald and Margaret married in 1952 (BDM 19355/1952) 9771 0509

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	Michael		
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Benjamin		



# Lawrence Henry (20/7/1931 - )

### **Return To Patrick Kerr**

Lawrence Henry (20/7/	1931 - / ) And Phyllis (-	23/5/2004):	
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Alan	Franklin		
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**Return To Patrick Kerr** 

# Frank Kerr (17/9/34-24/12/2000)

### **Return To Patrick Kerr**

Warren Greg

Colin



#### Frank Kerr (17/9/34- 24/12/2000) And Shirley (-1999):

Frank and Shirley Davis married on ???? at ???? at ????

Born Died Their Marriage Partners

\*\*\*\* Sally

\*\*\*\* Mary

\*\*\*\* Paula

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Paula			
	Children	Born	Died

Greg 9580 3886 Colin 4389 3722

### Suspected Boat Entry Into Australia

**Return To Index** 

Orvieto a Mr Pat Kerr aged 28 arrived in Melbourne 1910 (Port-British Fiche-796 Page-011) (http://www.prov.vic.gov.au/access.htm)

He started working at NSW railways on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 1910

#### **Records From Ports In Scotland**

From 1890-1960 there are only three choices for Scottish departures. The passenger lists are boxed as follows:

- LEITH holds the lists for Edinburgh departures
- DUNDEE holds those for departures further north on the east coast.
- GLASGOW holds west coast departures for Greenock and Glasgow

Scottish emigrants can sometimes be hard to find. It is very tempting to assume that Scottish emigrants left from Scottish ports - even when they lived quite near to a suitable port in fact they often travelled south by train and picked up one of the larger, faster and perhaps more comfortable ships leaving from Liverpool, London or even Southampton. There are, on occasion, exceptions to these rules. It is often easier to find your passenger arriving at their final destination on trans-Atlantic and Australia voyages rather than in the British departure records.

## **History of the Orvieto**

### http://www.the-orvieto.co.uk/index.php?page=rmsorvieto

The Orvieto was built by Workman Clark & Company of Belfast. She was launched on Tuesday July 6th, 1909 and delivered to the Orient Line on November 6th of that year. Her maiden voyage began from London on November 26th, the beginning of four years of service on the mail run to Brisbane, and service as a passenger cruiser. In 1913 she became the first Orient Line vessel to berth at the newly opened New Farm Wharf in Brisbane, an occasion celebrated by a lunch on board attended by the Governor of Queensland, Sir William Macgregor and the State Premier, Mr Denham. She returned to London in February 1914. Her last return trip to Australia to be completed before the outbreak of war began on March 13th.

Her second passage of 1914 began from Tilbury on July 3rd under the command of Captain P.N Layton. She reached Australia soon after the start of the First World War, and was immediately requisitioned by the Commonwealth Government of Australia. After two months in Sydney dock being fitted out as a troop transport, she sailed for Egypt with 91 officers and 1,347 men of the AIF (Australian Imperial Force), as part of a convoy of 36 ships escorted by Royal Navy and Japanese cruisers, including HMAS Melbourne and HMAS Sydney. On board the Orvieto were Major General W.T. Bridges and his staff of the 1st Division. This included his chief of staff, Lieutenant Colonel (later General) C.B.B. White, Major (later Major General) J. Gellibrand, Lieutenant (later Lord) R.G. Casey and official correspondent C.E.W. Bean. The ship also carried the 5th Infantry Battalion and 2nd Field Company. Orvieto was the first ship of the convoy to leave Sydney and the first to set sail from Perth for Europe and led the transports all the way to Egypt.

While calling at Colombo on November 15th, the Orvieto took on board a number of prisoners from the German cruiser Emden which had been disabled and grounded by HMAS Sydney after 70 days marauding in the Indian Ocean. The prisoners included the ship's captain (von Müller) and torpedo officer (Prince Franz Josef von Hohenzollern). The Australian troops and German POWs were disembarked on arrival at Suez and the Orvieto proceeded to London, arriving in January 1915.

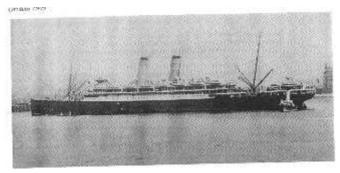
Although scheduled to sail again for Australia on February 12th 1915 (and shown in The Times sailing lists for that date), soon after her arrival she was requisitioned by the Admiralty as an armed merchant cruiser and fitted out at Millwall, being armed with eight 6-inch guns. On March 8th she was commissioned as HMS Orvieto, and commanded by Captain Smyth RN who joined the ship on that date. A week later she was drydocked at Tilbury for two days before leaving for Scapa Flow where she arrived on March 21st. The ship remained at Scapa for two months, spending very little time at sea, and on June 8th she departed for Immingham which was to be her base for the next ten months.

Her duties as a minelayer during the next ten months took her all along the east coast between Sheerness and Rosyth, often accompanied by HMS Princess Margaret, a 6,000 ton vessel built as a coastal ship for the Canadian Pacific. On February 18th 1916 Orvieto suffered slight damage when she collided with the Swedish Abiska at Immingham. On March 20th she went aground for a time off Sheerness. Her guns were fired in anger for the first time when she engaged enemy aircraft on April 24th, but no hits were scored. Her first commission came to an end on May 25th 1916 and the ship's company was paid off at the Royal Albert Docks in London.

She was, however, quickly recommissioned and at the end of July 1916 left London for the Northern Patrol, and over the next six months intercepted over 30 foreign merchantmen, sending them into northern ports to be searched. In September she spent a week in dock in Glasgow, and saw in the New Year undergoing gunnery trials with Vice Admiral Tupper on board.

On February 28th 1917 she was at Busta Voe when she collided with a fishing vessel, which lost it's masts and funnel, but suffered no casualties.

During July and August of 1917 Orvieto was refitted on the Tyne, and left Hebburn on September 21st, again for the Northern Patrol, being based at Liverpool, where she put in for another refit in the Queen's Graving Dock on January 9th 1918. There was a series of mysterious small fires on board during the refit, the first being on January 16th, when a blaze was discovered in number three lower hold, which took three hours to extinguish, and the last being ten days later, which also took three hours to put out.



On March 23rd 1918 she left Liverpool and spent the rest of the war engaged on trans-atlantic convoy duties. Her first two such voyages were to Rio de Janeiro, and

on her return she berthed at Cardiff on August 13th. The next two passages were to Canada, sailing to Quebec and Halifax. She arrived in Devonport at the end of her second journey on October 28th, and was visited by HRH Prince Arthur of Connaught, a son of Queen Victoria, accompanied by the Japanese ambassador. It had been her final voyage as a Royal Naval Auxiliary and at the end of the year she was paid off and returned to the Orient Line.

She sailed for Brisbane on November 1st 1919 and remained on the mail run for eleven years without serious mishap, apart from running aground in the Brisbane River, and made her last return voyage to Australia in August 1930. Not having been converted to burn oil, she was by then outdated and surplus to requirements, and remained at Southampton for five months before being sold to Scottish shipbreakers. She arrived at Bo'ness at the end of her final voyage on April 3rd 1931.

Gross tonnage: 12,133 tons

Net tonnage: 7,421 tons

Length overall: 528 feet 7 inches (161.15 metres)

Breadth: 64 feet (19.51 metres)

Depth: 38 feet 7 inches (11.76 metres)

Main engines: Twin screws, two sets of quadruple-expansion engines, 14,100 ihp, 18

knots

Boilers: Coal-fired, steam pressure 215 psi

Passengers: First class 235, second class 186, third class 696

#### THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GLOUCESTER

The Catholic Parish of Gloucester has the boundaries of Limeburners Creek to the south and Belbora to the north-east. The main Church, St Joseph's, is situated at Gloucester (Denison Street) with another Church, St Columbanus', situated in the township of Stroud. The Presbytery (Parish House) is located next to the Church at Gloucester with the Parish Priest residing there. The Parish Primary School (St. Joseph's Primary) is also located on the Gloucester site.

Mass (the main Catholic Church Service) is celebrated each weekend at St Joseph's Gloucester while the Stroud parishioners have Mass celebrated for them every second weekend. Because the Parish Priest also has charge of the neighbouring Parish (Krambach-Nabiac) the time of the weekend Mass alternates between Saturday evening and Sunday morning. The time of the weekend Mass is indicated near the Church entrance.

The Parish House was built in 1918, which became the home of the Sisters of Saint Joseph who took up residence in the parish in that year. They worked (taught school and music) in the Parish until their departure in 1987.

St Joseph's Parish: Telephone 65 581290 St Joseph's School 65 581555

# **Scotland (The Colvin Side)**

### **Shettleston & Glasgow**

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How did the name Shettleston originate? I have been doing a fair bit of research and came across a diary on the internet by Dan McAleer called "A Sketch Of Shettleston" written in October 1930. I found it at the following website on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2004 http://homepage.ntlworld.com/gordon.adams1/Books&Articles.htm

#### **HISTORY OF SHETTLESTON** (Thomas M. Waugh 1986)

A Papal Bull dated 1179 addressed to the Bishop of Glasgow refers to "villam filie Sedin" — the residence of Sedin's son or daughter, and a later reference records a "Schedinestun", a place name which throughout the Middle Ages appears in the rental book of the diocese of Glasgow spelt in 48 different ways.

A charter granted by Alexander II in 1226 to the Bishop of Glasgow prohibited the Provost, baillies and officers of Rutherglen taking toll or custom in Glasgow but permitting legal dues to be collected at "the cross of Schedenestun".

Most authorities seem to agree that the "Schedenestun" in such old records is the place now known as Shettleston, although the site of "the cross of Schedenestun" may not be the location of what in modern times became known as Shettleston Cross.

However, it has also been said that being an old weaving village, the name was derived from "Shuttles-town", and there are records with this spelling of the name. In Ross's map of Lanarkshire of 1773 it is spelt "Shuttleston", and the parish church has in its possession five pewter communion vessels each inscribed "Shuttlestoun Kirk—1783".

Both derivations of the name seem acceptable, the ancient form of "Schedinestun" becoming over the centuries the modern Shettleston, whilst "Shuttlestoun" was more probably the colloquial pronunciation of the name in the local dialect at the end of the 19th century and is not too unlike the way it is pronounced by some older residents even to this day.

Although a church was built at Eastmuir in 1752, initially it was only a preaching station and Shettleston did not become a separate parish until 1847. Consequently in the Statistical Account of 1795 there is only a brief reference to the building of houses to accommodate two to six families in the thriving villages of Shettleston and Middle Quarter, which at that period had a joint population of 766 inhabitants.

At the start of the 19th century and for the next hundred years, Shettleston could be described as a group of four small and separate villages with the farmland stretching northwards to the Monkland Canal and to the village of Tollcross to the south. From the west Low Carntyne ran from the Sheddings to Wellshot Road, Old Shettleston from Wellshot Road to McNair Street, then Middle Quarter from McNair Street to Annick Street, Eastmuir from Annick Street to Fingask Street and then Sandyhills (not the housing scheme) running eastwards to Barrachnie.

Pigot's Commercial Directory of 1837 records Shettleston as a considerable village situated on the high road from Glasgow to Edinburgh chiefly inhabited by weavers and through which passed six stage coaches per day bound for Edinburgh — the "Express" at 6 a.m., the "Telegraph" at 9.45 a.m., the "Regulator" at 12 noon, the

"Enterprise" at 4 p.m., the "Red Rover" at 5.45 p.m. and the "Royal Mail" at 10.30 p.m.

Coal was mined in the area as far back as 1600 and the Grays of Carntyne and the McNairs of Greenfield owned and operated coal-mines in the area over several generations, and, together with the Dunlop's of Tollcross who established the Clyde Iron Works in 1786, were mainly responsible for the introduction of heavy industry into this rural area.

By the middle of last century numerous coal-mines were in existence between the Sheddings and Sandyhills and their locations can be found on the map forming the endpapers of this book.

The North British Railway opened a railway line through Shettleston to Edinburgh in 1871 with an extension to Hamilton in 1878. By the end of the century the main industries were a weaving mill near Pettigrew Street, J. & T. Boyd's Foundry in Budhill Street (now Old Shettleston Road) and Thompson Black's Ropework with its long ropewalk shed running behind the houses on the north side of Eastmuir Street and extending from Station Road (Annick Street) to Gartocher Road.

Between 1890 and 1900 the parish doubled in population and the parish minister writing of Shettleston in 1893 recorded that there were no trams or buses. One or two people set out to secure for the folk of Shettleston some of the comforts of the city and got horse buses as a great favour then horse trams. After much agitation they got street lighting, and then pavements instead of mud walks, which enabled workers to get to their factories with dry feet.

The thirty years up to the outbreak of the Great War were a period of great change and expansion with the building of tenements with shops on the ground floor on both sides of Main Street (now Shettleston Road). The North British Bottle manufacturing Co. was established in 1904, and Shettleston Co-operative Society founded in 1882 opened a creamery in Pettigrew Street in 1910. A new school — Eastbank Academy — was opened in 1894 and an extension for primary pupils opened in 1912. A number of local institutions still active to this day were founded during this period, The Boys' Brigade Company in 1894, Shettleston Football and Athletic Club in 1903, followed by Shettleston Harriers in 1904 and the opening of Shettleston Bowling Club in 1907. All this expansion led to Shettleston being incorporated into the City of Glasgow in 1912.

Shortly after the end of the Great War the rural aspect of the district began to change with the building, on open land to the north, of the Carntyne Housing Scheme and on the land to the south, the Sandyhills Housing Scheme. With the building of such facilities as public-baths and wash-house in Elvan Street and a public hall and library in Wellshot Road, a more urban appearance replaced the old rural scene.

Similar changes continued after the Second World War with the building of houses on the old Greenfield estate, the multi-storey blocks on the Sandyhills estate and the large housing schemes of Barlanark, Garthamlock, Ruchazie and Easterhouse erected on the outlying parts of the old parish of Shettleston.

More recently the productive industries on which the community was based have undergone a drastic recession and some of the sub-standard houses removed by clearance schemes, To halt the decline in housing stock and to retain communities previously dispersed to peripheral housing schemes, community housing associations were formed to initiate the renovation of older type housing and bring them up to acceptable tolerable standards.

The Shettleston Housing Association was established in 1977 and since that date has carried out various improvement contracts and encouraged the building of new houses including sheltered accommodation for the elderly on selected sites in the Shettleston Area.

New houses and the renovation of older property do much to re-vitalise an area, and the work of the association has halted the population drift, and along with some improved facilities offers new hope to the whole district.

Population (According to the Census):

1861 - 1947

1871 - 2418

1881 - 3608

Shettleston may not be an area familiar to many from outside the city but one part of the seat certainly is - the Gorbals. Notorious as one of the worst slums in Europe, the Gorbals quickly became synonymous with urban decay, want and deprivation. But the razor gangs of old have now departed and the Gorbals, like many other east-end tenement districts, is undergoing a successful refurbishment programme. However, poor housing is still a problem here: this seat contains 25 tower blocks, the most of any seat in Scotland. This constituency also includes Queen's Park, Govanhill, Dalmarnock, the "Barras" (a famous market area), Parkhead, Tollcross and Shettleston itself.

One good thing I noticed is that it is a labor seat.

Glasgow Shettleston		LAB Wins
Electorate - "47,990"		Top-up region:Glasgow
Candidates		
Frank McAveety	LAB	11078
Jim Byrne	SNP	5611
Rosie Kane	SSP	1640
Colin Bain	CON	1260
Laurence Clarke	LD	943
	Maj:	5467
	Turn-out:	40.3%

Glasgow provides the perfect illustration of why a Scottish Parliament hoping to be seen as legitimate by all sections of the community had to be elected by other than simple first past the post. In both the 1992 and 1997 general elections Labour won all ten seats in Glasgow, leaving some four in ten voters feeling that their visit to the polling booth had been wasted. The SNP will be a threat to Labour in the still divided Govan constituency, and the nationalists could also win four of the seven 'top up' seats if their share of the total vote in the city reaches 25%. Both the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats are likely to secure representation in Glasgow for the first time in decades thanks to the Additional Member System. Nor should the Scottish Socialist Alliance be completely discounted. In the 1994 European Parliament elections Tommy Sheridan came third and would have won a 'top up' seat."

Refer

http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/static/vote\_99/scotland\_99/html/region/202.stm

http://www.phis.org.uk/info/profiles/glasgow/shettleston2.pdf

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Glasgow is believed to have grown up round a Christian settlement established in the late 6th century by St Mungo, whose church was probably on the site of the present cathedral.

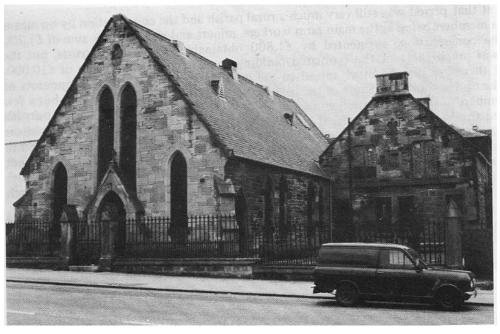
Glasgow University was founded in 1451, making it the fourth oldest in the United Kingdom and the second oldest in Scotland (St. Andrews was founded in 1411). Glasgow's commercial prosperity dates from the 17th century when the port on the River Clyde began importing tobacco, sugar, cotton and other goods from the Americas. A large percentage of these goods were then re-exported to France, Germany, Italy, Holland and Norway. After the inventions of James Watt and Richard Arkwright, Glasgow became involved in the textile industry when cotton mills were built in the city.

Glasgow became involved in shipbuilding and by 1835 half the tonnage of steam ships produced in Britain were built on the River Clyde. The centre of the city was not accessible to shipping until improvements were made to river navigation in the 1840s. The economy of the city was benefited by the development of the railway system. Important lines included the Garnkirk & Glasgow (1831), the Edinburgh & Glasgow (1842) and the Caledonian Railway (1845) that linked the main industrial centres of England with Glasgow.

In the 19th century the population of Glasgow grew rapidly going from a population of 77,000 in 1801 to 420,000 in 1861. Low standard working-class housing was built quickly to meet this increase in demand. By the early 1860s the city centre was an unhealthy, overcrowded ghetto, with population density levels of 1,000 people per acre. In 1865 the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway was taken over by the North British Railway.

## St Paul's Roman Catholic Church

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About the middle of the last century a small wooden church was erected in Eastmuir under the protection of St. Paul with Father Patrick McLaughlin as the priest in

charge. At that time it was the only Roman Catholic Church between St. Mary's, Abercrombie Street, and St. Patrick's, Coatbridge, and had to serve the needs of about 3000 souls, scattered over a wide area including Shettleston, Tollcross, Carmyle, Mount Vernon, Sandyhills, Baillieston, High Carntyne, Lightburn, Provanmill and Ruchazie.

Father McLaughlin built a school opposite the church and a few years later the wooden church was replaced by a stone built church which was to serve the parish for just over a hundred years.

At the start of his ministry Father McLaughlin was involved in an incident which bound the parishioners of St. Paul's in a firm bond of unity in defence of this "hero of the confessional", as Father McLaughlin was acclaimed at the time. He was approached in the Confessional by a penitent thief who, desiring to return the money he had stolen but wishing to avoid detection, asked Father McLaughlin to address the envelope wherein the money was returned. This was done and the money returned to the rightful owner.

Inquiries were made to trace the thief, and it soon became known that the envelope had been addressed by Father McLaughlin. When challenged on the matter he made no denial and in the subsequent trial he refused to give any evidence or make any statement that could be at all construed into breaking the seal of the Confessional, and rather than do so, he submitted to a sentence of thirty days' imprisonment for contempt of court. Father McLaughlin went to prison, but through the efforts of Bishop Murdoch was set free after serving half the imposed sentence. This brave priest was held in high esteem by many Catholics in the city for standing out against all the power the magistrate could inflict, rather than be guilty of a breach of priestly duty.

It was no uncommon sight to see Catholic and Protestant miners of the district escorting him part of the way, with their pit lamps alight when he had to go some distance on foot in answer to a sick call. He presented a picturesque figure, on these occasions, wrapped in a shepherd's shawl which he always wore on a distant sick visit.

In 1905 St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church, Carntyne, was formed as a daughter church of St. Paul's, and over the years St. Paul's and St. Mark's have been a great support to each other, and from 1912 until 1945 the priests of St. Paul's had their home in St. Mark's Presbytery as the joint parish was administered from St. Mark's.

Father James Kearney came to St. Paul's in 1923 and was to become one of the best-loved priests in the Archdiocese, serving the combined parishes of St. Mark's and St. Paul's fro twenty-two years until his death in 1945.

After his death the combined parishes were divided into separate parishes and Father George Conlon, after his service as an Army Chaplain, became the parish priest of St. Paul's and was given the task of preparing the way for the building of a new church.

On the site where once stood the farm steading of Crownhall, the foundation stone of the new church was laid by Archbishop Campbell in February 1958 and seventeen months later on Sunday 12 July 1959, the new church was opened when Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by the Most Rev. Donald A. Campbell, D.D., Archbishop of Glasgow.

**St Paul's Clergy (1857 – 1959)** 

Fr. Patrick McLaughlin

1857 - 1871

Canon George McBrearty	1871 - 1885
Fr. Joseph Van Hecke	1885 - 1893
Fr. Patrick Gaule	1893 – 1902
Canon Peter O'Connor	1902 - 1904
Fr. Joseph O'Brien	1904 - 1923

### Fr. Patrick McLaughlin

The first Parish Priest of St. Paul's, Shettleston. Known as a "hero of the Confessional" for his refusal to break the seal of the Confessional. While in charge of St. Paul's he was approached in the Confessional by a penitent thief who wished to make restitution of the money he had stolen but also wanted to avoid detection by the authorities. He asked Fr. McLaughlin to address the envelope and returned the money.

When inquiries were made there was no problem in identifying that the envelope was addressed by the Catholic priest of Shettleston. Fr. McLaughlin, when asked, did not deny the fact but he refused in the trial to give any evidence or make any statement which could be construed into breaking the seal of the Confessional. As a result he was sentenced to 30 days imprisonment for contempt of court. Fr. McLaughlin went to prison, but when the sentence was half-way through, he was liberated through the efforts of Bishop Murdoch, who took the case in hand and spared no effort to obtain the release of the priest.

In 1851 after being ordained he was appointed to St. Patrick's, Anderston before being transferred to St. Paul's. From there he went to St. Margaret's, Ayr until his retirement towards the end of 1890. He retired to Rothesay where he died in April 1895, at the age of 74. He was buried in St. Peter's Cemetery, Dalbeth.

One of the first things Fr. MeLaughlin did on coming to St. Paul's was to build a school. Ten years later, in 1857, the little wooden church was replaced by a more permanent fine Gothic building with seating for 400. It took just over six months to build and the actual cost was much below the original estimate. A gallery was added 8 years later. Mass was offered in the chapel on Sundays at 9.00 a.m. and 12 noon.

### **Canon George McBrearty**

Fr. (later Canon) McBrearty had been a curate at Wishaw before succeeding Fr. McLaughlin at St. Paul's. There had been few Catholic day schools at this time but Archbishop Eyre, who foresaw that without them many of the rising generation would be lost to the Faith, sounded the war-cry: "Schools first, churches afterwards". Fr. MeBrearty did his full share by establishing Catholic schools within the bounds of Shettleston, Baillieston and Tollcross. One advantage Fr. McBrearty had over his predecessor was in the matter of transport, for, to help him get around, the parishioners bought him a pony, which went under the name of "Shamrock". At the formal opening of St. Joseph's, Stepps, the Mass was sung by Fr. McBrearty in the presence of His Grace Archbishop Eyre on Sunday, 14th November 1875. Fr. McBrearty left St. Paul's for St. Anthony's, Govan where he died on 22nd July 1918 after 56 years in the priesthood.

St Paul's: 1653 Shettleston Rd, Glasgow

#### Grandmother

# Elizabeth Colvin (22/12/1883-18/7/1922)

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Clockwise from top left Daniel Colvin, John McGee, Margaret Colvin nursing my grandmother Elizabeth, Margaret's mother Sarah McGee (Dunigan) nursing Susan (Sister Josephine) around 1884.

Comments from Josh Reynolds

Who are the children? If we accept a 2 year difference in ages, if the older is a boy, then it's Thomas and Susan in 1882. If the older is a girl, then it's Susan and Bessie in 1884. (I know small boys wore skirts in those days but a 2½-year-old boy in a dress like that?). Plus Margaret (McGee) and Dan Colvin (left) and my guess would be John McGee.

This picture was taken by William Hall, 21 Argyle Street (opposite Virginia Street), Glasgow who first appears in the Glasgow Post Office Directory for 1880 - 1881.

#### **Elizabeth Colvin Facts:**

Her father was <u>Daniel Colvin</u> born approx in 1837 and died 5/6/1917 Her mother was <u>Margaret McGee</u> born approx 1839 and died 26/9/1905 Daniel Colvin & Margaret McGhee were married 29 November 1860 at Shettleston, Lanark, Scotland

**Elizabeth** was born at 1h0m p.m. on Saturday, **December 22** at Lightburn, Shettleston to Daniel Colvin, Salt Storeman and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGee who married on November 29, 1860 at Shettleston. Her birth was registered No.11 at Shettleston on January 10, 1884 by Margaret Colvin, "her X mark", Mother.

She was baptised by Fr. George McBrearty in the parish of St Paul's, Shettleston on December 30 with sponsors Henry Lynch and Jane McCallum.

Elizabeth married Patrick Kerr on October 26, 1909. (q.v.)

1909 On Tuesday, October 26, Elizabeth married Patrick Kerr at St. Paul's, Shettleston after Publication according to the Forms of the Roman Catholic Church. The marriage was registered No.113 at Shettleston on the same day.

**Elizabeth** was a Spinster, gave her age as 24 [she was 25], no occupation recorded, usual residence Lightburn, Shettleston. Her parents are recorded as Daniel Colvin, Road Surfaceman and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGhee, deceased.

**Patrick** was a Bachelor, gave his age as 28, occupation Railway Signalman and usual residence as 3 William [now Ardholm] Street, Shettleston.

The celebrant was Daniel Colvin, RC Clergyman [the bride's brother] and the witnesses were James Kerr and Margaret Rogan. [This could be her 18 year old niece, daughter of Sarah and William Rogan or possibly William's 23 year old half-sister.]

1922 On sday, July 18, Elizabeth died at Riverstone

### **Siblings Of Elizabeth Colvin:**

#### The Children Of Daniel Colvin And Margaret McGhee:

Sibling	Born	Married	Died	Spouse
Sarah	26/1/1862	2/1/1888	2/9/1922	William Rogan
<u>Cecilia</u>	13/7/1863	27/2/1906	9/3/1940	Michael Connelly (No children)
<u>James</u>	7/4/1865		24/5/1866	
Mary	3/12/1866	29/9/1897	>1917	Patrick Taggart
Ann	15/9/1869	1/1/1895	9/9/1933	Michael Mullen
Catherine	27/4/1870		13/3/1872	
Margaret Hendry	14/11/1871	21/4/1897	6/9/1900	William Coyle
<u>James</u>	12/8/1873	1/4/1907		Jane MacNee
Catherine	28/4/1875	2/7/1897	8/4/1952	James McIIhatton
<u>Daniel</u>	25/1/1877		8/12/1951	Father Dan (Canon)
<u>Thomas</u>	16/9/1879	14/7/1910	24/3/1961	Helen Donnelly
Susan (Sr Josephine)	16/9/1881		31/1/1955	Daughters Of Charity
Elizabeth	22/12/1883	26/10/1909	1922	Patrick Kerr (81-60)

**Josephines\_Letters** 



Elizabeth's Children From left and clockwise: Jim, Mae, Elizabeth, Raymond & George taken about 1925-1926

Elizabeth's Maybe taken before her wedding day in 1909



13<sup>th</sup> March 2007

#### Sarah Colvin (26/1/1862-2/9/1922) And William Rogin ():

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# Below is some comments from Josh Reynold's to explain his relationship to me

That makes you a second cousin of my late mother Rosa McGee, sometimes known as Queenie Rogan. She was the grand-daughter of Margaret McGee's brother Thomas who went to Manchester. My mother came to live with the Rogans (Sarah Colvin & William Rogan) in Tollcross in 1918 when a few months old, following the death of her own mother.

# Below is some comments from Josh Reynold's to me to explain how his mother Rosa McGee came to be with the Sarah Colvin nee Rogan in 1918.

My mother's mother died a few months after my mother was born, leaving seven children, the oldest (Maggie McGee) being about 13. My grandfather (James McGee) decided it would ease the strain to offload the baby for a few months until they got things sorted out and his cousin Kate (Mrs McIlhatton) volunteered. So, the baby came north.

However, Kate was off on holiday shortly after and left the baby with the Rogans for the two weeks. Now the Rogans household was full of

young adults and they were fair taken with the new arrival. The baby had only to whimper and they were fighting to cuddle her.

Kate came back, collected the baby and that was that -- for a few days -- until she reappeared with the baby under one arm and her belongings under the other, dumped the lot on the floor and said "You have spoilt this baby rotten, you can keep her." And there she stayed. Every time James suggested she go back to Manchester, the Rogans had a plausible reason why she should stay a bit longer. And James did not press the point, after all, he had six other weans to cope with.

#### And who looked after all the kids after Sarah died.

Basically, the oldest girl, Maggie, took over the household, but the "kids" were all in their twenties so she had plenty of time to look after my mother, which she continued to do until she died in 1943

- **Sarah** was born at 3h0m a.m. on Thursday, **January 26** at Lightburn, Shettleston to Daniel Colvin, Farm Servant and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGee who married on November 29, 1860 at Eastmuir, Lanarkshire. Her birth was registered No.16 at Shettleston on January 31 by Daniel Colvin, Father.
  - She was baptised by Fr Patrick McLaughlin in the parish of St Paul's, Eastmuir on February 2 with sponsors Patrick Monahan and Catherine Mooney.
- 1888 On Monday, January 2, Sarah married William Rogin at St. Paul's RC Church, Shettleston. Registered No.10 at Shettleston on January 6. [See Section RG-7-1 for further information.]

In addition to raising at least 5 children of their own (Margaret McGhee Rogin (1891), Cecilia (1895), Sarah (1897), Daniel (Dan) (1899) and Fr. John (1901)), they brought up Mary Wood Colvin (1909) and Rosa McGee (1917).

**1922** Sarah died at Tollcross on September 2, 1922, aged 60.

Child	Born	Married	Died	Spouse
James	6/11/1888		31/05/1889	
William	4/04/1890			
Margaret (Maggie)	9/09/1891		10/10/1943	
Mary (Polly)	1893			Tommy MacNamara
Cecilia (Cissie)	12/06/1895		18/02/1961	
Sarah	18/03/1897		1/11/1925	
Daniel	1899		12/04/1958	Jean Docherty
John	24/11/1901		30/12/1940	Became A Priest

#### Socilia Colvin (13/7/1863- ) And Michael Connelly ( ):

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Cecilia Colvin (daughter of Dan & Margaret) and Michael Connelly married in 1906 when he was 36 and she was 42.

No family, she died before 1939, he died after the war.

1863 Cecilia was born at 5h30m a.m. on Monday, July 13 at Lightburn, Shettleston to Daniel Colvin, Coalminer and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGee who married on November 29, 1860 at Eastmuir, Shettleston. Her birth was registered (as Socilia) No.149 at Shettleston on July 16 by Daniel Colvin, Father.

She was baptised by Fr Patrick McLaughlin in the parish of St Paul's, Eastmuir on July 19 with sponsors John McGee and Cecilia Colvin.

Cecilia married Michael Connolly on February 27, 1906. (q.v.)

1906 On Tuesday, **February 27**, **Cecilia** married **Michael Connelly** at St. Paul's RC Church after Publication according to the Forms of the Roman Catholic Church. The marriage was registered No.24 at Shettleston on the following day.

**Michael** was a Bachelor, gave his age as 33, occupation Iron Dresser and usual residence as 4 Cyprus Place [a tenement on the north side of Old Shettleston Road near Annick Street], Shettleston. His parents are recorded as James Connelly, Hammerman and Mary Connelly m.s. Clark, both deceased.

Cecilia was a Spinster gave her age as 38 [she was 42!], occupation Domestic Servant and usual residence Lightburn, Shettleston. Her parents are recorded as Daniel Colvin, Road Surfaceman and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGhee.

The celebrant was Daniel Colvin, RC Clergyman [and bride's brother] and the witnesses were James Donnelly and Catherine Colvin.

#### **1940** 644/1 (Shettleston GLW) No.422

Cecilia Connelly (Married to Michael Connelly, Armour Plate Scaler) died at 7h20m a.m. on Saturday, March 9 at 41 Crail Street, Glasgow, aged 76 years, of Chronic Bronchitis, 2 years, Senile Myocarditis as certified by Marie Louise McAllister, L.R.C.P.&S. Her parents are recorded as Daniel Colvin, Coal Miner and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGee, both deceased. Her death was registered No.422 at Glasgow (District of Shettleston) on the same day by Michael Connelly, Widower, Present.

#### James Colvin (7/04/1865-24/05/1866):

Born 7 April 1865 Shettleston, Lanark, Scotland

**James** was born at 6h0m p.m. on Friday, **April 7** at Lightburn, Shettleston to Daniel Colvin, Coal Miner and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGee who married on November 29, 1860 at Eastmuir, Shettleston. His birth was registered No.71 at Shettleston on the following day.

He was baptised by Fr Patrick McLaughlin in the parish of St Paul's, Eastmuir on April 9 with sponsors James Colvin and Mary Colvin.

**James** died at 7h15m a.m. on Thursday, **May 24** at Lightburn, Shettleston, aged 13 months, of intermittent fever after three months (no medical attendant). His death was registered No.72 at Shettleston on the same day by Daniel Colvin, Father, who gave his occupation at that time as Coal Miner.

### Mary Colvin (3/12/1866-) And Patrick Taggart ():

**Mary** was born at 9h31m a.m. on Monday, **December 3** at Lightburn, Shettleston to Daniel Colvin, Coal Miner and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGee who married on November 29, 1860 at Eastmuir. Her birth was registered No.263 at Shettleston on December 8 by Daniel Colvin, Father.

She was baptised by Fr Patrick McLaughlin in the parish of St Paul's, Eastmuir on December 9 with sponsors Thomas McGee and Celilia Colvin.

Mary married Patrick Taggart on September 29, 1897. (q.v.)

1897 On Wednesday, September 29, Mary married Patrick Taggart at St. Paul's RC Church, Shettleston after Publication according to the Forms of the Roman Catholic Church. [See Section TG-7-1 for further information.]

Mary was listed as 26 while Patrick was listed as 32 on the marriage certificate. I think Mary blew her age out as if she was born in 1866 she would have been 31 on her wedding day.

Patrick was listed as a brick work labourer born in Milncroft, Shettleston.

Mary was listed as a steam loom weaver born in Lightburn, Shettleston.

Patrick's father was Michael Taggart and was listed as a brick work labourer.

Patrick's mother was Eliza Taggart nee Boyle.

Brother-In-Law William Rogan, Sarah's husband, was a witness as well as Helen's sister.

They were married by Fr Patrick Saule, who was listed as RC Clergyman.



Maggie Taggart with the twins, Philomena & John circa 1902

### **Children Of Mary & Patrick**

Born

Philomena

Their Marriage Partners A Man Called Died

Children

John Margaret Return To Elizabeth Colvin

Daniel

#### Ann Colvin (15/09/1868-) And Michael Mullen ():

Ann (Annie) was born at 5h45m a.m. on Tuesday, September 15 at Lightburn, Shettleston to Daniel Colvin, Carter and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGee who married on November 29, 1860 at Eastmuir, Shettleston. Her birth was registered No.188 at Shettleston on October 1 by Daniel Colvin, Father.

She was baptised by Fr Patrick McLaughlin in the parish of St Paul's, Eastmuir on September 20 with sponsors William Taylor and Ellen McCormick.

Annie married Michael Mullen on January 1, 1895. (q.v.)

On Tuesday, **January 1**, **Annie** married **Michael Mullen** at St. Paul's RC Church, Shettleston after Publication according to the forms of the Roman Catholic Church. [See Section MN-7-1 for further information.]

1933 652/1 (Old Monkland West) No.181
Ann Mullen, Widow of Michael Mullen, Colliery Underground Fireman, died at 5h0m a.m. on Saturday, September 9 at 107 Causewayside Street,
Tollcross, aged 64 years, of Carcinoma of Colon, 6 months, as certified by Joseph Dunn, MBChB. Her parents are recorded as Daniel Colvin, Road Surfaceman and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGhee, both deceased. Her death was registered No.181 at Baillieston (District of Old Monkland West) on

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#### Catherine Colvin (27/4/1870-13/3/1872):

September 11 by Daniel Mullen, Son, Present.

**1870 Catherine** was born at 7h30m a.m. on Wednesday, **April 27** at Lightburn, Shettleston to Daniel Colvin, Coal Miner and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGee who married on November 29, 1860 at Eastmuir, Shettleston. Her birth was registered No.79 at Shettleston on April 30 by Daniel Colvin, Father.

She was baptised by Fr Patrick McLaughlin in the parish of St Paul's, Eastmuir on May 1 with sponsors James McGee and Sarah Dunigan [her grandparents].

Catherine died before her second birthday on March 13, 1872. (q.v.)

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# Margaret Hendry Colvin (14/11/1871-6/9/1900) And William Coyle ():

1871 Margaret Hendry Colvin was born at 2h0m a.m. on Tuesday, November 14 at Lightburn, Shettleston to Daniel Colvin, Brusher in Coal Pit and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGee who married on November 29, 1860 in Shettleston Parish. Her birth was registered No.231 at Shettleston on November 25 by Daniel Colvin, Father.

The Hendry probably comes from her mother's paternal grandmother who was Margaret Hendry. A William Hendry stood Godfather to Sarah Rogan (Sarah's daughter) in 1897.

Margaret was baptised by Fr. George McBrearty in the parish of St Paul's, Eastmuir on November 26 with sponsors John McGhee (her uncle) and Mrs James McGhee (probably her grandmother). There is no Hendry on the baptism record.

She married William Coyle on April 21, 1897 (q.v.) and died on September 6, 1900. (q.v.)

On Wednesday, **April 21**, **Margaret** married **William Coyle** at St. Paul's RC Church, Shettleston after Publication according to the Forms of the Roman Catholic Church. The marriage was registered No.20 at Shettleston on April 24.

**William** was a Bachelor, gave his age as 25, occupation Steam crane Driver and usual residence as 2 Station (now Annick) Street, Shettleston. His parents are recorded as William Coyle, Coal Miner and Bridget Coyle previously Healy m.s. McAvoy.

**Margaret** was a Spinster aged 25, occupation Dressmaker and usual residence Lightburn. Her parents are recorded as Daniel Colvin, Road Surfaceman and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGhee.

The celebrant was Patrick Gaule, RCC., and the witnesses were John Nugent and Catherine Colvin.

1900 Margaret Coyle, married to William Coyle, Steam Crane Driver, died at 8h10m a.m. on Thursday, September 6, aged 28, at 23 Rae Place, Shettleston, of Puerperal Septicaemia [blood-poisoning following childbirth] after 10 days as certified by Thomas Bird Tierney, MB.,ChB. Her parents are recorded as Daniel Colvin, Road Surfaceman and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGhee. Her death was registered No.286 at Shettleston on the same day by William Coyle, Widower, Present.

There is an entry in the records of St. Peter's Cemetery, Dalbeth on September 8 for the burial of Margaret Coyle, aged 28, cause of death Inflammation, Daughter of the lair owner, Title No.4072, Lair 239 [the same title elsewhere refers to Lair 240 so I presume Daniel bought a double lair], Section 14W at a depth of 8ft [which I think means she was the first burial in this lair]. A fee of 14/6d was paid.

I did not find any birth registration for a child of Margaret and William so assume the child was stillborn.

#### James Colvin (12/08/1873- ) And Jane MacNee ( ):

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1873 A second James was born at 8h0m a.m. on Tuesday, August 12 at Lightburn, Shettleston to Daniel Colvin, Brusher in Coal Pit and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGee who married on November 29, 1860 in Shettleston Parish. His birth was registered No.165 at Shettleston on August 16 by Daniel Colvin, Father.

He was baptised as James Caulkin by Fr. J Brendan Bretti (or Butti), OSF in the parish of St Paul's, Eastmuir on August 17 with sponsors George Noagh(?) and Mary Lavisin.

1907 On Monday, April 1, James married Jane MacNee at St. Paul's RC Church, Shettleston. [See Section CL-7-1 for further details.]



Mary Woods Colvin circa 1916

Daughter of James Colvin and Jane McNee who married in 1907

#### Catherine "Kate" Colvin (28/4/1875- ) And James McIIhatton ( ):

A second **Catherine** was born at 3h0m a.m. on Wednesday, **April 28** at Lightburn, Shettleston to Daniel Colvin, Brusher in Pit and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGee who married on November 29, 1860 at Shettleston Parish. Her birth was registered No.150 at Shettleston on May 6 by Daniel Colvin, Father.

She was baptised by Fr. George McBrearty in the parish of St Paul's, Eastmuir on May 9 with sponsors James Taylor and Sarah Monaghan.

This Catherine married James McIlhatton on July 2, 1908. (q.v.)

1908 On Thursday, July 2, Catherine married James McIlhatton at St Paul's Shettleston. The marriage was registered No.77 at Shettleston on the same day.

**Catherine** was a Spinster, aged 33, there is no occupation recorded but we think she was a teacher and her usual address was Lightburn. Her parents are recorded as Daniel Colvin, Road Surfaceman, and Margaret Colvin, m.s. McGhee, deceased.

**James** was a Bachelor, he gave his age as 36, occupation Coal Miner living at 97 Eastmuir Street [now Shettleston Road, east of Killin Street]. His parents are recorded as William McIlhatton, Coal Miner and Mary Jane McIlhatton m.s. McCormick.

The celebrant was Daniel Colvin [bride's brother] and the witnesses were Thomas McCormick and Elizabeth Colvin.

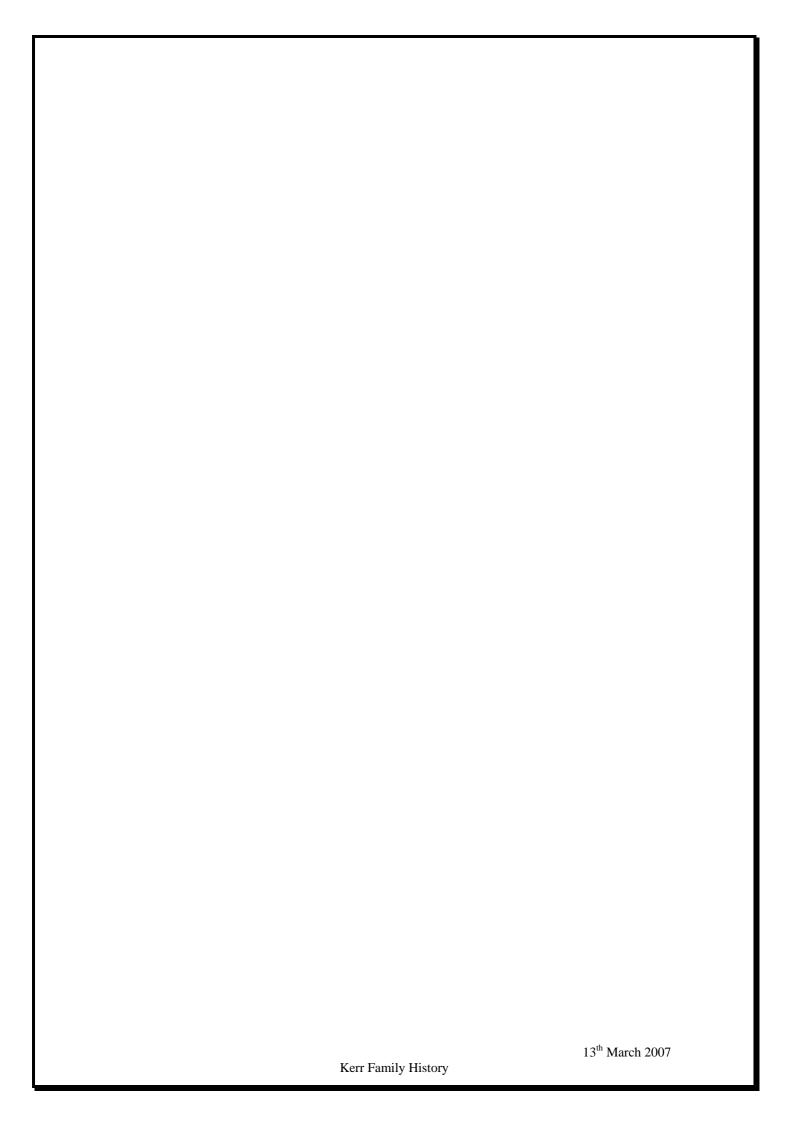
There is no sign of the McIlhattons in the 1881 Census.

#### **1952** 652/1 (Old Monkland West) No.65

Catherine McIlhatton Married to James McIlhatton, Coal Miner (Retired) died at 11h40m p.m. on Tuesday, April 8 at 1 Buchanan Street, Baillieston, aged 76 years, of Cerebral Arterio Sclerosis as certified by Michael J Flaherty, MBBCh. Her parents are recorded as Daniel Colvin, Coal Miner Brusher and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGee, both deceased. Her death was registered No.65 at Baillieston (District of Old Monkland West) on April 9 by William Doyle, Nephew, 56 George Street, Baillieston.

#### **1952** 652/1 (Old Monkland West) No.162

James McIlhatton (formerly McIlhutton), Coal Miner (Retired) died at 8h0m a.m. on Thursday, October 23 at 1 Buchanan Street, Baillieston, aged 78 years, of Myocarditis Acute Cardiac Failure as certified by Michael Flaherty, MBBCh. His parents are recorded as William McIlhutton, Coal Miner and Mary (J)ane McIlhutton m.s. McCormick, both deceased. His death was recorded No.162 at Baillieston (District of Old Monkland West) on the same day by William Johnston, Nephew, 80 Bredisholm Road, Baillieston.



#### **Daniel Colvin (24/01/1877-8/12/1951):**

**Daniel** was born at 5h0m am on Wednesday, **January 24** at Lightburn, Shettleston to Daniel Colvin, Brusher in Pit and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGee who married on November 29 at Shettleston Parish. His birth was registered No.21 at Shettleston on February 2 by Daniel Colvin, Father.

He was baptised by Fr. George McBrearty in the parish of St Paul's, Eastmuir before the 14th of Febraury with sponsors William & Mrs Taylor.

Daniel was ordained in 1903 and died on December 8, 1951.

**1951** 652/2 (Old Monkland) No.432

**December 8** Canon **Daniel** Colvin died aged 74 in the 49th year of his priesthood. Died at 5.00pm on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1951 at 28 Weir St, Coatbridge, Lanark, Scotland. He was listed as 74 years.

Daniel Colvin, Canon, Roman Catholic Church, (Single) died at 6h30m p.m. on December 8 at 28 Weir Street, Coatbridge aged 74 years, of Myocardial degeneration, Broncho-pneumonia, Cardiac Failure as certified by P. McKillop, MBChB. His parents are recorded as Daniel Colvin, Roadman and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGhie, both deceased. His death was registered No.432 at Coatbridge (District of Old Monkland) by Thomas Colvin, Brother, 1318 Shettleston Road, Glasgow, Present. [Thomas's signature is so weak as to be barely legible. I have assumed that it is not James.]

He was Parish Priest at St. Augustine's, Coatbridge and also a Canon, one of the Bishop's advisors (Motherwell Diocese). I don't think there is any particular finery associated with either job. There is a photograph of him in street dress (albeit before he was a Canon I think) on the CD in Rogan1.htm#Mary (BFS086).

He was a Canon of the Roman Catholic church.

His cause of death was listed as Myocardial degeneration, broncho pneumonia 7 cardiac failure by P McKillop.

His informant was signed ??? Colvin, a brother from 1318 Shettleston Rd, Glasgow. Return To Elizabeth Colvin

He was called the Canon by his sister in her letters so I define the word Canon. A **Canon** is a member of the Christian clergy who was responsible for administering a cathedral or collegiate church. It is still used as a largely honorary title in many dioceses to senior parish priests. This is usually awarded as a recognition of long and dedicated service to the Diocese. These priests are entitled to call themselves Canon and still have a role in the administration of the cathedral.

#### **Information I have determined from Sister Josephine's letters:**

"The Canon is much better than he was & able to say Mass every day. He now pays me an occasional visit" Sister Josephine's letter to Patrick December 1949

"The anniversary of the Canon's Ordination is on the 29<sup>th</sup> June. He was ordained in 1902" Sister Josephine's letter to Ray May 1950

"Your uncle died 8<sup>th</sup> December on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of our Immaculate Mother. I think I told you in previous letters that his health was not at all

good and that many times during the last few years he had received the Last Sacraments. He rallied however each time and was able to say Mass and manage his parish business. Last August he went to Lourdes and said Holy Mass there 4 times also at Our Lady's altar in Westminster Cathedral London. In September he came up to see me and to tell me of his visit to Lourdes. He seemed very very frail but was in excellent spirits. That was a Sunday. He had been to see Aunt Kate on the Saturday. She is a complete invalid. On Monday he fell down 5 steps in the Rectory and was found unconscious. He rallied and insisted on paying some visits. He was anointed on the Friday and on the following Wednesday I was phoned for to go that day if possible. I found him breathing very heavily but alert. For 3 weeks he was in a critical condition, then the Doctor pronounced him out of danger but still very ill. Eventually he was able to get up but he never left his room. On the  $8^{th}$  December I got a phone message saying he was very low. I went with St Francis and found him in his agony. Your Uncle Tom was there but went home after saying the Rosary. He has blood poisoning in hands and arms and has to get them dressed. I prayed all the afternoon. Father Lempest S.J came in gave him Absolution and said he thought the Canon wants to sleep away and wake in Heaven. Fr McG\*\*\* Senior urate said the prayers for the dying and both priests gave him Absolution again. Then again the 3 Curates gave him Absolution before going to hear Confessions. I think he was conscious but did not speak to him. He seemed to be trying to say the Rosary with us. He developed pneumonia about the middle of the week and on Friday the Doctor said he could do no more for him. I got to see him on Monday and do the Mass on Tuesday. Two sisters who came with me on Monday said they will never forget how he looked. God rest him.

He was always interested in Bessie's children and always asked after you all. It will be your mother's birthday on Saturday. I wonder will they be together in Heaven for it. He came down all the way to Dumphries. To tell me of your mothers death and we cried together as your Aunt Susan had been buried the day before. Well we can only hope and pray they will all be reunited now. I have - no feelings - just a heavy ache at the heart". Sister Josephine's letter to Ray December 1951



Father Daniel  $2^{nd}$  from right along with Father John Rogan. The wedding is for Sarah's daughter Mary (Polly) who married Tom MacNamara. Her sister Cecilia (Cissie) is also pictured.

John Rogan, son of William and Sarah (Colvin). Only 39 when he died in 1940, I don't know the cause. At that time he was a curate at St Augustine's, Coatbridge where Daniel Colvin was parish priest. John Rogan was a parishioner of St Joseph's which was split off from St Paul's in the 1890s.

# Thomas Colvin (30/9/1879 - ) And Helen "Nellie" Donnelly (): Return To Elizabeth Colvin



#### Helen Donnelly With John, Margaret, Dan & Mary (L to R)

**Thomas** was born at 7h30m a.m. on Tuesday, **September 16** at Lightburn, Shettleston to Daniel Colvin, Storeman and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGee who married on November 30 (sic), 1860 in Shettleston Parish. His birth was registered No.234 at Shettleston on September 20 by Daniel Colvin, Father.

He was baptised by Fr. George McBrearty in the parish of St Paul's, Shettleston on September 20 with sponsors John Brady and Catherine McCallum. This record has been annotated to show Thomas's marriage to Helena Donnelly in the same church on July 14, 1910. (q.v.)

1910 On Thursday, July 14, Thomas married Helen Donnelly at St. Paul's Shettleston after Publication according to the Forms of the Roman Catholic Church. The marriage was registered No.85 at Shettleston on the following day..

**Thomas** was a Bachelor, aged 30, occupation Joiner (Journeyman) and usual address Frames Land, Lightburn, Shettleston. His parents are recorded as Daniel Colvin, Road Surfaceman and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGhee (deceased).

**Helen** was a Spinster, aged 25, occupation dressmaker and usual address 6 Budhill Avenue, Shettleston. Her parents are recorded as John Donnelly, Plumber (Master) and Mary Donnelly m.s. Thompson.

The celebrant was Daniel Colvin, RC Clergyman [and groom's brother] and the witnesses were William Rogan [who went to America] and Sarah Donnelly.

**Josephine** Colvin was born at 5h30m a.m. on Wednesday, **September 4** at 52 Eastmuir [Street], Glasgow to Thomas Colvin, Joiner (Journeyman) and Helen

Colvin m.s. Donnelly who married on July 14, 1910 at Shettleston. Her birth was registered No.519 at Shettleston on the same day by Thomas Colvin, Father.

Sadly, Josephine lived only 45 minutes.

**Josephine** Colvin (Single) died at 6h15m a.m. on Wednesday, **September 4** at 52 Eastmuir [Street], Glasgow due to Premature Birth as certified by H.J.G. Davidson, MBChB. Her parents are recorded as Thomas Colvin, Joiner (Journeyman) and Helen Colvin m.s. Donnelly. Her death was registered No. 214 at Shettleston on the same day by Thomas Colvin, Father.

There is an entry in the records of St. Peter's Cemetery, Dalbeth for the burial of Josephine Colvin, age ¾ hours, cause of death Premature Birth, Grandchild of the lair owner, in Lair 239, Section 14W (Title No.4072).

#### **1961** 500/1 (Bearsden) No.41

Thomas Colvin, Joiner (Retired) Married to Helen Donnelly died at 4h45m p.m. on Friday, March 24 at Canniesburn Auxiliary Hospital, Bearsden (Usual residence 1318 Shettleston Road, Glasgow), aged 81 years, of Carcinoma of Bladder as certified by M. Jean Lunn, MBChB. His parents are recorded as Daniel Colvin, Road Surfaceman and Margaret Colvin m.s McGhee, both deceased. His death was registered No.41 at Bearsden the following day by Brian Costello, Son-in-law, 1318 Shettleston Road, Glasgow.

#### **1961** 644/? (????) No.595

Helen Colvin (Widow of Thomas Colvin, Joiner) died at 6h45m p.m. on Saturday, August 5 at 63 Possil Road (Usual residence 1318 Shettleston Road, Glasgow), aged 76 years, of Cervical Spondulosis, Spastic Paraplegia, Chronic ??bumary Infection as certified by A.R. McGowan, MBChB. Her parents are recorded as John Donnelly, Plumber and Mary Donnelly m.s. Thompson, both deceased. Her death was recorded No.595 at Glasgow (District of ???) on August 7 by Mary Costello, Daughter, 1318 Shettleston Road, Glasgow.

"Tom comes down to see me. He holds his years well & Nellie is still going strong. Dan, the eldest boy pays them occasional visits. He is a wanderer. John is at home & engaged to be married but can't get a house. Mary is in Baillieston Co-Op in very responsible job & Helen is in an office" Sister Josephine's letter to Patrick December 1949

"Tom was telling me that Helen his youngest girl is engaged and that the young man wants to go out to Australia. He is not keen on their going but I suppose will give in. John Colvin is also engaged but they cannot get a house and so have to wait. The house shortage is very acute here and I think it is a great pity for young married people to have to live with their relations" Sister Josephine's letter to Ray May 1950

"Your Uncle Tom was there but went home after saying the Rosary" Sister Josephine's letter to Ray December 1951

Child	Born	Married	Died	Spouse
Dan				
Mary	4/8/12		30/3/2004	Brian Costello
Margaret				
John	1917			Margaret (Peter), Donald
Josephine	4/9/1918		4/9/1918	45 Minutes Old
Helen	1927		Oct/2000	A Man Called McLean
				Thomas, Anne, Gerard, Neil

# Susan Colvin (Sister Josephine)

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**Susan** was born at 3h0m p.m. on Friday, **September 16** at Lightburn, Shettleston to Daniel Colvin, Store Keeper and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGee who married on November 30 [sic] in Shettleston Parish. Her birth was registered No.249 at Shettleston on September 24 by Daniel Colvin, Father.

She was baptised by Fr. George McBrearty in the parish of St Paul's, Shettleston on September 25 with sponsors Henry Lynch and Margaret Lavery.

#### **1955** 648 (Lanark) No.6

Susan Colvin, Sister of Charity, Single died at 10h30m p.m. on Monday, January 31 at St Mary's Hospital, Lanark (Usual residence Smyllum Park School, Lanark), aged 73, of Cardio Vascular Degeneration as certified by Lau Cummings, L.R.C.P.&S. Her parents are recorded as Daniel Colvin, Roadman and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGee, both deceased. Her death was registered No.6 at Lanark on February 1 by Sister Agnes Egan, Friend, Present, St Mary's Hospital, Lanark.



# Life Of Susan Colvin (Sister Josephine) (16/9/81-21/1/55):

PERSON NAME: Colvin, Susan

**BIRTH DATE:** 16.9.1881

PLACE: Shettleston, Glasgow, Scotland

**BAPTISED: 25.9.1881** 

**BAPTISED BY:** Parish Priest, Canon McBrearty **GODPARENTS:** Henry Lynch and Margaret Lavery

PLACE: St. Paul's Church, Shettleston, Glasgow (1675 Shettleston Road)

**FATHER:** Daniel Colvin **ROLE:** Craftsman

MOTHER: Margaret Colvin, nee McGee

ENTERED ORDER: Dec. 1904

POSTULATED AT: Dumfries, Scotland

**HABIT TAKEN:** 18.11.1905 **FIRST VOWS:** 8.12.1909

PLACEMENTS: 1905: Dumfries, Scotland

1946: Smyllum Park Orphanage, Lanark, Scotland

**DIED:** 21.1.1955

PLACE: St. Mary's Hospital, Lanark BURIED AT: Lanark Cemetery

This came from Sister Judith Greville the Provincial Archivist from London Daughters Of

Charity

Phone 0018 44) 208 9063777 I spoke to her 19/4/01.

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Susan (Sitting) & Elizabeth

Return To Elizabeth Colvin

## **My Attempt Of First Family**

1828 From the Register of marriages in St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow — "James Colvin born in Glasgow & Cecilia Murray born in the parish of *?Toale?* County Down, Ireland having produced from the Session Clerk a certificate bearing that they have been regularly proclaimed in the Established Church & no objection offered & having been likewise proclaimed in this chapel were married by me according to the rite of the Catholic Church on the 4th day of September 1828 in the presence of Patrick Murray & Sarah McLuskie.

Jas Kyle"

**1841 June 6 James Colvin** and **Cecilia Murray** were living in the village of Lightburn in the Parish of Shettleston (a subdivision of Barony Parish) in the County of Lanark. Note that in the 1841 Census only, the age of adults was rounded down to a multiple of five.

	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
James Colvin	35	Cotton H.L.W.	County of Lanark
Cecilia do.	35		Ireland
Mary do.	10		County of Lanark
Margaret do.	8		County of Lanark
Catherine do.	8		County of Lanark
Peter do.	6		County of Lanark
Daniel do.	4		County of Lanark
Cecilia do.	1		County of Lanark

On Thursday, **November 29**, **Daniel** and **Margaret** were married at Eastmuir, Shettleston by P McLaughlin, Pastor of St. Paul's RC Church, after Banns according to the Forms of the Roman Catholic Church. The marriage was registered No.37 at Shettleston on December 1.

**Daniel** was a Bachelor, gave his age as 23, occupation Farm Servant and usual residence Lightburn, Shettleston Parish. His parents are recorded as James Colvin, Weaver and Secelia Colvin m.s. Murray, both deceased.

Margaret was a Spinster, gave her age as 19 [I've a sneaking suspicion she might have been 20], occupation Farm Servant and usual residence Lightburn, Shettleston Parish. [The McGees had moved there from Shettleston between 1851 and 1855.] Her parents are recorded as James McGee, Road Labourer and Sarah McGee m.s. Dunaghan.

The witnesses were James Colvin [probably Daniel's brother] and Catherine Mooney [a lodger with Margaret's parents in the 1861 Census].

The marriage is also recorded in the register of St Paul's, Eastmuir —

"Daniel Colville & Marg. McGee, after due proclamation of Banns, were married by me in the presence of James Colville and Catherine Mooney. Patrick McLaughlin."

1909 On Tuesday, October 26, Elizabeth married Patrick Kerr at St. Paul's, Shettleston after Publication according to the Forms of the Roman Catholic Church. The marriage was registered No.113 at Shettleston on the same day.

**Elizabeth** was a Spinster, gave her age as 24 [she was 25], no occupation recorded, usual residence Lightburn, Shettleston. Her parents are recorded as Daniel Colvin, Road Surfaceman and Margaret Colvin m.s. McGhee, deceased.

**Patrick** was a Bachelor, gave his age as 28, occupation Railway Signalman and usual residence as 3 William [now Ardholm] Street, Shettleston.

The celebrant was Daniel Colvin, RC Clergyman [and bride's brother] and the witnesses were James Kerr and Margaret Rogan. [This could be her 18 year old niece, daughter of Sarah and William Rogan or possibly William's 23 year old half-sister.]

- 1910 On Friday, **January 14**, **Patrick Kerr** started working for NSW Railways as a Porter in the Sydney District in Traffic Branch earning 6/6 per day.
  - On Monday, April 4, Margaret May was born at
- 1912 On Wednesday, February 21, James Joseph was born
- 1919 On Monday, , John Daniel was born
- 1916 On Friday, April 14, Elizabeth Catherine was born
- 1917 On Sunday, December 23, George Vincent was born
- 1920 On Monday, August 30, John Aloysius was born

He was baptised by Fr McDonnell in the parish of St Matthews's, Windsor on Sunday, September 12 with sponsors Thomas Kerr and Josephine Ludelle. Church registration 1665. Birth place listed at Riverstone.

1922 On Tuesday, July 11, Raymond Leo was born

He was baptised by Fr Park J Whelan in the parish of St Matthews's, Windsor on Wednesday, August 2 with sponsors Monica Maud Daly. Church registration 1715. Birth place listed at Schofiels.

## Letters Written By Sister Josephine (Susan Colvin):

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# Letter From Sister Josephine To Patrick written on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1949 (Original With Gerard)

Letter Addressed to Mr P Kerr 46 Central Road Beverly Hills New South Wales Australia Sister Joseph Smyllum Park School Lanark Christmas 1949

Stamped at Lanark 16<sup>th</sup> December 1949

My dear Pat, we are neither of us very good correspondents, but I feel I must send you, Mary & all the family my very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. You will be celebrating while we are in bed but I am so pleased to hear about you all. Time brings many changes & friends we know pass beyond our ken into Eternity. We are all getting nearer. Yes like you I was born in '81(1881). But thank God my health is better than when I was younger although age takes its toll. Sometime when you are not too busy you might send me some snaps of your grandchildren. You have them all near you & that is a blessing. I often wonder why Mae stopped writing to me I do hope Betty's rheumatism has left her. With a young family she needs the full use of her limbs. I am glad your sisters write to you. I tried to find out about them for you but could not. I seldom see any Shettleston folk though I'm often in Tollcross, I never go to Shettleston. I did go to Lightburn one day to see Philomena Taggart but oh! Pat

such a change. I was quite dazed, Philomena had been in bed for nearly a year with rheumatism. Then she was in Duke St Hospital for heart. About a month ago she was in St Mary's, Lanark for 3 weeks & I went to see her often. She is at home now with her 2 brothers. John has a garage & Dan works in Lightburn Hospital. Maggie McKeaney lives in one of the new houses in the Old Engine Road. She has a big family, 7 I think. John 3<sup>rd</sup> in order is in the Army at present out in Egypt. When I go to Tollcross I usually manage to see some of the family. All are married & some widowed. Tom comes down to see me. He holds his years well & Nellie is still going strong. Dan, the eldest boy pays them occasional visits. He is a wanderer. John is at home & engaged to be married but can't get a house. Mary is in Baillieston Co-Op in very responsible job & Helen is in an office. Kate and her husband are still living in Baillieston but with his sister. Kate got old all at once & is losing her memory more or less. I had a note from her last week with her Christmas wishes but she does not write often. She was at Lourdes in July & still goes to the Taggarts. Tom calls to see her every week.

The Canon is much better than he was & able to say Mass every day. He now pays me an occasional visit. Your visit to New Zealand must have been very interesting. I am still waiting to hear all about it. You will be enjoying summer weather now while we are frozen with cold. We had a warm summer thank God & the children hiked out. Over 200 of them went to Camp for a fortnight at Aberfoyle and had a splendid time. Trying to cater for so many children is no easy matter. I often wonder how the Sister Superior makes ends meet – if she does. Just now the difficulty is to get toys & presents for each child. The prices are prohibitive. Purchase takes from 66 2/3% to 100% added on to the already high price of production. Now, I must finish. Write soon & I shall try to answer within a reasonable time.

With renewed good wishes to self, each & all downunder

Yours Affectionately
Sister Joseph Colvin
Sister Of Charity

# Letter From Sister Josephine To Raymond written on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1950 (Original With Gerard)

Letter Addressed to Mr R.L.Kerr 46 Central Road Beverly Hills New South Wales Australia

Smyllum Park School Lanark 22/5/50

Stamped at Lanark 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1950

My Dear Raymond

When I got your letter I said I must answer it at once and now it is two months since. However, better late than never. I am always glad to hear news of you so whenever the Spirit moves you sit down and write. Your letter will be welcome. I am sorry to hear of your Uncle George's death RIP. You have all much to be grateful for that he died in the Church. By the time this letter reaches you I shall be in Retreat. It begins here on 24th June. I hope the weather keeps fairly fine. We have had very little summer so far, one day fine and a week of cold and rain. This is a very lovely place when the weather is good and as there are 40 sisters coming from other houses the weather means a lot. Now the children are on holiday from school and it is very hard on them to have to stay indoors. I don't suppose you have made your way to Eastwood yet. You have not told me what work you do. Have you given up all thought of being a brother? I suppose the war stopped that. You would have a full house at Christmas but it would be nice to be all together. May's eldest child must be well grown up now. I would appreciate a letter from May or Betty but I can quite understand it would be hard to begin again to write. Do you know I don't even know their married names. I am glad your father's people keep in touch with him. I knew Mary I think best of all. Your two uncles here are over 70 and Aunt Kate well over and I was the only one who kept up with your mother RIP. It was a great blow to me when God took her but soon we shall meet again where there are no more partings. I have had Mass said for her every anniversary, although I am sure she is in Heaven. The anniversary of the Canon's Ordination is on the 29<sup>th</sup> June. He was ordained in 1902 and I left home 1904. I am just writing to him before I go into Retreat. Since I began this letter yesterday an Australian Sister has arrived in Smyllum. She was born near Edinburgh and the family emigrated to Australia when she was quite young. She seems very nice and is delighted to have been chosen to come to Scotland. I believe she is going to the Mother House in Paris to train before going back to Sydney. One of the sisters who went out with the first set of sisters is also over. Tom was telling me that Helen his youngest girl is engaged and that the young man wants to go out to Australia. He is not keen on their going but I suppose will give in. John Colvin is also engaged but they cannot get a house and so have to wait. The house shortage is very acute here and I think it is a great pity for young married people to have to live with their relations.

About that book "\*\*\*\* In Exile" I am sure it is out of print so don't bother about it. I shall be pleased to get the magazines etc and a food parcel if you care to send it. Did you get the book I sent. Your father will be interested I think. I have a big photo of your uncle which I will send you if you care to have it. Now as time is passing I must stop. Give all my love to all the family especially the babies. I should love to see them. We have nearly 50 babes here from 2 years to \* among them two

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# Letter From Sister Josephine To Raymond written on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1951 (Original With Mick)

Smyllum Park School Lanark Scotland 20<sup>th</sup> December 1951

My Dear Raymond

I did mean my letters for Christmas to make up for my long silence, but as you will see from the cutting my news is sad. Your uncle died 8<sup>th</sup> December on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of our Immaculate Mother. I think I told you in previous letters that his health was not at all good and that many times during the last few years he had received the Last Sacraments. He rallied however each time and was able to say Mass and manage his parish business. Last August he went to Lourdes and said Holy Mass there 4 times also at Our Lady's altar in Westminster Cathedral London. In September he came up to see me and to tell me of his visit to Lourdes. He seemed very very frail but was in excellent spirits. That was a Sunday. He had been to see Aunt Kate on the Saturday. She is a complete invalid. On Monday he fell down 5 steps in the Rectory and was found unconscious. He rallied and insisted on paying some visits. He was anointed on the Friday and on the following Wednesday I was phoned for to go that day if possible. I found him breathing very heavily but alert. For 3 weeks he was in a critical condition, then the Doctor pronounced him out of danger but still very ill. Eventually he was able to get up but he never left his room. On the 8<sup>th</sup> December I got a phone message saying he was very low. I went with St Francis and found him in his agony. Your Uncle Tom was there but went home after saying the Rosary. He has blood poisoning in hands and arms and has to get them dressed. I prayed all the afternoon. Father Lempest S.J came in gave him Absolution and said he thought the Canon wants to sleep away and wake in Heaven. Fr McG\*\*\* Senior Curate said the prayers for the dying and both priests gave him Absolution again. Then again the 3 Curates gave him Absolution before going to hear Confessions. I think he was conscious but did not speak to him. He seemed to be trying to say the Rosary with us. He developed pneumonia about the middle of the week and on Friday the Doctor said he could do no more for him. I got to see him on Monday and do the Mass on Tuesday. Two sisters who came with me on Monday said they will never forget how he looked. God rest him.

He was always interested in Bessie's children and always asked after you all. It will be your mother's birthday on Saturday. I wonder will they be together in Heaven for it. He came down all the way to Dumphries. To tell me of your mothers death and we cried together as your Aunt Sarah had been buried the day before. Well we can only hope and pray they will all be reunited now. I have - no feelings - just a heavy ache at the heart. I hope your father keeps well and all the rest of the family or families. I am interested in each one. Mary Colvin - Mrs Bradbin said if you would write to her she would love to hear from you. Her address is Mrs Bradbin, St Boden's Culduff Co. Donegal. She is your Uncle Jim's daughter. Helen Colvin, Tom's girl, gets married  $27^{th}$  January. There is no talk of her going to Australia now.

Well I really must stop. Give my warmest love to all my nephews and nieces and my best wishes for a happy Christmas. Thank you so much for the Messengers of the Sacred Heart etc. They are much appreciated. Pray for me.

Your affectionate Aunt Sister Joseph, Sister Of Charity

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## **Ireland (Kerr Side)**

## **Ireland**

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A county is a territorial division. There are six counties in the country of Northern

Ireland:

Antrim

Armagh

Down

Fermanagh

Londonderry

Tyrone

All but Antrim and Down were created in 1584. The origins of Antrim and Down as county units are uncertain. Northern Ireland is also known as Ulster

#### Facts On Ireland.

Ireland covers approximately 32,600 sq miles (84,500 sq km). For comparison Tasmania is 26,383 sq miles or 68,331 sq km. The island is comprised of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, which is part of the United Kingdom. The Republic is a parliamentary democracy with an elected president as its head of state. While electing members of Parliament to the UK Government in Westminster, Northern Ireland has its own devolved assembly responsible for certain local affairs. The total population of Ireland is around 5.6 million: over 3.9 million live in the Republic and around 1.7 million live in Northern Ireland. Over 50 percent of the Republic's population and 43 percent of Northern Ireland's are under the age of 30. The population of Dublin (Republic of Ireland) is 1,122,600 while that of Belfast (Northern Ireland) is around 277,000.

In the Republic the vast majority of people - around 3 million – are Roman Catholic. The figure for non-Christian people is around 70,000. In Northern Ireland around 40 percent of the population are Roman Catholic, and around 45 percent are Protestant and other Christian denominations.

Irish is the first language of the Republic – at least according to the constitution. Around 43 percent of the population can speak it, and in Irish-speaking areas (the Gaeltacht) around 76 percent of the population do; nevertheless, in effect, English is the first language. In Northern Ireland around 90 percent of people have no knowledge of Irish at all.

### **County Tyrone**

Tyrone, historic county of Northern Ireland, in the west of the province of Ulster, bounded by the former county of Londonderry to the north, Lough Neagh and Armagh to the east, Monaghan in the Irish Republic and the former county of Fermanagh to the south, and Donegal in the Irish Republic to the west. It had a land area of 3,263 sq km (1,260 sq mi) and was the largest of the six counties of Northern Ireland. The area has a mainly rural economy.

In the north the Sperrin Mountains rise to 683 m (2,240 ft), and in the south-west Bessy Bell rises to 423 m (1,387 ft). Sandstone and limestone are most frequently found in the south and west. The mountains and moorland are unproductive but the river valleys, especially those of the Blackwater and Ballinderry rivers, and that of the

Cloghan valley in the south, are extremely fertile. The central part is low-lying and boggy. There is excellent fishing in the rivers. Tyrone has a temperate climate with an average annual rainfall of more than 1,400 mm (55 in) on the high ground. County Tyrone was settled in the 17th century under the Ulster Plantation scheme. Important towns and villages include Omagh, the county town (population, 1991, 17,280), Strabane (1991, 11,981), Cookstown (1991, 10,472), Dungannon (1991, 9,420), Sion Mills (1991, 1,998), Newtownstewart (1991, 1,520), and Pomeroy (1991, 730). The six historic counties of Northern Ireland were reorganized in 1973 and divided into smaller administrative divisions known as district councils. The county of Tyrone was divided into four local government districts: Cookstown, Dungannon, Omagh, and Strabane.

The town of Omagh is said to have its origins in an abbey built there in AD 792. The Ulster History Park, at Lislap, illustrates the history of Ulster from around 7000 BC through a series of replicated buildings and monuments. The Ulster-American Folk Park in Castletown, Omagh, another open-air museum, details the history of the 18thand 19th-century pioneers who left for America. At the foot of the Sperrin Mountains, between Omagh and Cookstown, is the An Creagán Visitor Centre, an archaeological museum of the local area. Also near the mountains is Gortin Glen Forest Park, a picturesque public forest that offers many organized trails, some of which lead to wildlife enclosures. The Sperrin Heritage Centre at Gortin has an exhibition on the history and geological aspects of the region, including the discovery of gold there. Cookstown, the administrative centre for the district borough of the same name, was founded in the 17th century. East of Cookstown is Ardboe Cross, a well-preserved, 10th-century carved Celtic High Cross. Beaghmore stone circles are seven Bronze Age stone circles, located between Cookstown and Gortin. Four km (2.5 mi) west of Cookstown is Drum Manor Forest Park, which has a butterfly farm, lakes, and an arboretum.

The Sperrin Mountains lie in the Strabane area and there is salmon fishing in the rivers Mourne, Finn, and Foyle. Strabane town is a market town. The Wilson Ancestral Home is a thatched cottage that belonged to the grandfather of former US president Woodrow Wilson. It contains original furniture and is to be found in Dergalt, Strabane. Gray's Printers' Museum in Strabane is housed in a National Trust property and is a reminder of Strabane's importance in the 18th-century publishing world.

Tyrone Crystal is manufactured in Killybrackey, Dungannon, and visitors can take a guided tour of the factory to discover how crystal is made. At Fivemiletown is Blessingbourne Coach and Carriage Museum. Eleven km (6.8 mi) east of Dungannon is Peatlands Park, part of which is protected as a designated National Nature Reserve. The park also houses a restored narrow-gauge railway.

A mainly rural economy depending on beef and dairy cattle, with some crops of oats, barley, potatoes, and grass seed. There is light industry in the small towns. Tourism is being developed and greatly helps the local economy.

The area has been settled since prehistoric times. There are many Christian sites such as Dromore, where St Patrick is supposed to have founded an abbey for the first woman who became a nun by his inspiration. The towns are mainly the result of the Ulster Plantation scheme of the 17th century. Many of the settlers came from Scotland.

#### **Strabane**

The border town of Strabane looks north-west across the Foyle to Lifford, a mile downstream in County Donegal. James II made his base here in 1688-9 for the attack on Londonderry. Unlikely though it seems now, Strabane was an important printing and book publishing centre in the eighteenth century. The only relic of that humanistic tradition is a little shop with a Georgian front in Main Street - Gray's Printing Shop, rescued by the National Trust. Strabane (borough), district borough, Northern Ireland. The district council of Strabane was created in October 1973, when the six historic counties of Northern Ireland—previously divided administratively into 73 separate councils—were replaced by 26 single-tier district boroughs. County Tyrone was divided into four local government districts: Cookstown, Dungannon, Omagh, and Strabane.

Strabane administrative district is located next to the border with Donegal in Ireland. It was settled by Scottish Protestants. Within the area lie the Sperrin Mountains and moorlands. Rolling lowland is grazed by cattle, sheep, and pigs. There is salmon fishing in the rivers Mourne, Finn, and Foyle. Strabane town (population, 1991, 11,981) is a market, administrative, and employment centre, both for Strabane and Donegal. Textile and clothing manufacture contribute to the economy. Population 38,248 (2001).



#### Newtownstewart

**Patrick** was born on Sunday, **January 16** Meaby, NewtownStewart, Strabane to James Kerr, Labourer and Sarah Kerr m.s. Sproule who married on ?????? at ??????. His birth was registered No.104 at NewtownStewart, Strabane on January 31, 1881 by James Kerr, "his X mark", Father.

He was baptised by ???? in the parish of ????? on ????? with sponsors ????? and ?????.

Newtownstewart is a village in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland.. It is overlooked by hills called Bessy Bell & Mary Gray and is at the confluence of the River Strule and the Owenkillew River. In the 2001 Census it had a population of 1,479 people. It lies within the Strabane District Council area.

Newtownstewart - James II spent the night here in 1689 on his way back from the unsuccessful assault on Londonderry. He got up next morning in a bad mood and ordered the Stewart castle, and the town, to be burnt down. In the main street a piece of the castle wall still stands. The Northern Bank building on the corner was the scene of a famous murder in 1871 when bank cashier William Glass was killed and robbed of £1,600. District inspector Montgomery, of the Royal Irish Constabulary, who was in charge of the case, turned out to be the murderer. Half a mile south-west, on a hill, is ruined Harry Avery's Castle, a fourteenth-century Gaelic stone castle - most unusual in Ulster. Only the massive D-shaped twin towers of the keep, built by Henry Aimbreidh O' Neil (died 1392), are left.

Stewart Castle was built in 1619 by Sir Robert Newcomen & was described in the 1622 survey as "a Castle of lyme & stone of good strength,4 stories high...about it is a Bawne of lyme & stone, 81ft long, 66ft broad & 9ft high, with 2 Flankers...". The building is of the type of contemporary English Manor houses, with little defensive equipment and has suffered extensive damage on two occasions-Firstly during the 1641 insurrection and its subsequent capture by Sir Phelim O' Neill, and in 1689 on King James' return from the siege of Derry. The castle has remained a ruin ever since. It enjoys the status of a state care monument.

Stewart Castle has also the distinction of being the site of a significant Bronze Age discovery: An intact double cist grave and capstone.

The location of Newtownstewart, from the scenic point of view, is just as perfect as one could wish. Two picturesque and strangely named hills, Bessy Bell and Mary Gray, overlook the town, while three miles to the south west lies Baronscourt, the country seat of the Duke of Abercorn with its magnificent neo-classical mansion and ornate Italian style gardens. Each year the estate provides the venue for the Northern Ireland Carriage Driving Championships, Ireland's only qualifier for the UK national finals, as well as running a selection of other highly enjoyable events. Newtownstewart itself provides the setting for the majestic ruins of the Gaelic stronghold of Harry Avery O'Neill as well as those of the plantation castle of the Stewart family. In recent times the latter has been the source of a relatively unique archaeological discovery an intact Bronze Age cist grave - adding to Newtownstewart's considerable renown for history and legend. Like Strabane, the town is at the confluence of two excellent rivers, the Strule and the Owenkillew where excellent challenges exist for the game angler. Golfing provision is also a notable strength of the area while the Newtownstewart Centre 2000 adds an extra dimension to leisure provision locally. This community based development as well as other projects like the impressive Grange Court Self Catering complex are important elements in the local tourism and leisure industry.

Three miles northwest of Newtownstewart lies the village of Ardstraw. Its tranquil and scenic setting added to by a recent enhancement scheme, belies its once illustrious status as the seat of an important bishopric as well as the ancient resting place of the local branch of the O'Neill clan .Today, the village stands as a proud memorial to these and other ancient ancient glories and is an integral part of a thriving agricultural community

## Ardstraw East [Newtownstewart] Ardstraw West [Ardstraw West & Castlederg]

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10	3 N	ewtown St	ewart	Tyrone	Birnaghs	17

St Joachim & St Anne's Catholic Church

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## **Cadia**

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Historical Background

The first NSW Government Geologist Samuel Stutchbury reported in July 1851 that there were copper lodes in the Cadia area. The Cadia area in New South Wales is 20 km SSW of Orange, a large provincial city 250 km west of Sydney on the western slopes of the Great Dividing Range. The area is at an elevation of about 800m with a stream known as Oakey or Cadiangullong Creek running through it from north to south.

In 1860 or earlier, owners of the 565 acre property on the west side of the Oakey Creek began sinking and driving, reporting a lode 70 feet wide, composed mainly of red oxide and green carbonate of copper. In July 1861, the Scottish Australian Mining Company (SAMC) leased the Cadia property and began operations at their Oakey Creek Copper Mine, later named Cadiangullong Copper Mine.

SAMC had extensive interests not only in NSW but in South Australia and Victoria as well. The Company had ordered a 25 inch rotative beam engine, to be built by J. Thomas & Company at the Charlestown Ironworks in St Austell, Cornwall. It was to be identical with the 25 inch engine then operating at the South Crinnis Mine in Cornwall. The engine was inspected by James Sims on behalf of SAMC prior to its despatch to Sydney in 1859. The engine and its associated equipment was intended for the Good Hope Mine near Yass, some 300 km SW of Sydney.

James Sims was a Cornish mining engineer who specialised in compound engines. He was well known in Australia as he had designed two engines for use in South Australia. One in 1850 was a 48 inch Bull engine and the second in 1851 was a 36 inch Bull engine, both made by Harvey & Co. of Hayle. His report on the inspection of the 25 inch Thomas engine and the crushing machine was laudatory; a copy of his handwritten letter from Redruth still exists, dated 22 September 1859. The engine and its associated equipment was received at Sydney wharf on 9 May 1860. However, installation at the Yass mine was deferred and the equipment remained in store in Sydney for nearly two years.

In August 1861, Captain Josiah Holman (born in Cornwall at Gwennap in 1821) was appointed as manager of the Cadia mine, after wide experience in the Phillipines, Brazil, Canada, South Africa, Malacca and New Zealand. A shaft was sunk to 23 fathoms and construction of an engine house was begun. The Thomas engine was moved from Sydney to Cadia in February 1862. In July 1862, smelter men arrived from Wales and smelting works were constructed at the southern end of the property, supervised by Captain John P. Christoe.

By 1863, the lode proved to be poorer at depth and exploration was directed to a lode a half mile to the south. A new mine was developed and called West Cadia, later called White or Big Engine Mine. In 1865, the 25" rotative engine was moved to the new site and erected. Rated at 50 hp, it hauled from a shaft 232 feet deep and operated a 7" Cornish pump, the water being used in the concentrating process. It also drove a crusher in the adjacent crusher house, as well as jigging and sawing machinery.

The engine was powered by a 10 ton Cornish boiler, 7 feet in diameter and 31 feet long with a flue 4 feet in diameter. The most unusual feature was the outer shell which is composed of 13 conical strakes to make up the 31 feet length, each strake having 5

plates to form the 22 feet circumference, each plate a nominal 4.5 feet long by 2.5 feet wide. Almost certainly the boiler is of wrought iron, with rivets that are hand closed. A single gusset stay at each end supported the flat end plate above the furnace tube.

Because copper prices were low, the Company closed the mine in late 1867, after 2000 tons of ore averaging 12.5% copper had been produced. The mine and plant were put up for auction on 16 June 1868 but there was no sale. Captain Holman leased the Cadia property from 9 May 1870 to 20 September 1871, working the mine on a small scale with only occasional use of the beam engine. There was no mining between 1871 and 1876 when Captain Holman was away in Queensland.

When Captain Holman returned, he began operating the White Engine Mine again in early August 1876 and continued working it until September 1878, producing 1020 tons of ores of nearly 11% copper. He had taken up farming, periodically working the mine for copper.

He died at Cadia on 18 February 1893. The headstone to Captain Holman and his wife still stands in a small cemetery near Cadiangullong Creek. It is approximately 1 km south of the culvert, constructed using the engine boiler shell.

The mine eventually closed completely in the 1920s. A 1930 photograph of the Cadia site is held by Mrs Margaret Morris who has family links back to the mining era. The reproduction here is not ideal but it hoped that it can be improved later.

Mining and conservation are often thought to be at opposite ends of the spectrum. But in a valley near Orange, an innovative approach by a mining company to the conservation of an historic landscape has won plaudits from both heritage professionals and the local community.

In the 19th century Cadia village grew up in a scenic valley 30 km south of Orange in the central west of NSW. Immigrants from Cornwall and other parts of the UK were drawn to the steep hills in the search for copper and gold. Living conditions were not always easy in this small mining town and like other communities in the 19th century, it suffered a high infant mortality rate. Over 100 individuals were buried in the village's cemetery in the second half of the century. The majority of these were children.

When Newcrest Mining established in the 1990s what was to become one of the largest open cut gold mines in Australia, the company was faced with the challenge of managing a historic landscape. The company's mining lease included the remains of Cadia village, Iron Duke mine and the remnants of successive gold mining operations over 150 years. Perhaps the greatest challenge was the 19th century cemetery which due to its position would have to be exhumed and relocated.

From 1998 Newcrest liased with the NSW Heritage Office over its plans for the site. Cadia is one of NSW's most significant industrial heritage places. The Cadia Engine House and surrounds are listed on the State Heritage Register as a rare example of the introduction of Cornish mining technology to Australia in the 19th century. In consenting to the exhumation of the Cadia Cemetery, the Heritage Council made it a condition that the remains be reburied.

The Heritage Office provided advice on both the design of the new Garden of Remembrance and the way the cemetery was to be exhumed. Newcrest Mining proposed to rebury the cemetery within the mining lease close to the original location of the cemetery, but outside the area impacted by the new mining operations.

Newcrest employed landscape architect, Paul Knox, to design the Garden of Remembrance. Knox's design was developed in consultation with Newcrest and the NSW Heritage Office and resulted in a garden that respects the significant historic landscape in which it sits.

The new garden reflects the original layout of the cemetery, something which was very important to the descendants. Each burial is marked by a boulder of local stone sourced from within the mining lease. This allows the site to blend into the landscape when viewed from other parts of the valley. Still the garden is clearly identifiable as a cemetery when viewed up close. The few surviving headstones from the original cemetery have been put back into the new garden.

Very few 19th century cemeteries have been exhumed in Australia. The Cadia project provided a rare opportunity to study Australian burial practice over the last 150 years and to add to the history of the Cadia region. The exhumation was undertaken with permission from the NSW Heritage Council and the Department of Health. Over a period of six months in 1998 Cadia Cemetery was exhumed by a team of 15 archaeologists to make way for the open cut pit of the Cadia Hill gold mine.

This was only the second time in Australia that a complete 19th century graveyard was archaeologically excavated and studied scientifically. The excavation revealed a great deal of information about burial practices. The team uncovered remnants of funeral clothing and shrouds and an array of grave goods. These included a baby's feeding bottle, a set of ceramic false teeth and jewellery. Some of the surviving coffins had elaborate name plates and handles. After examination, all these items were reburied with the individuals they came from.

A scientific program was also undertaken by a team of forensic experts to study the remains before they were reburied. The scientific program revealed much information about the health and lifestyle of the people of Cadia. Estelle Lazer was brought in to work on the analysis of the skeletal material. Lazer is a forensic archaeologist who has worked on projects around the world, including Spitalfields cemetery in London and the Pompeii site in Italy. Her study of the remains at Cadia is revealing fascinating details about 19th century life, such as the high number of broken noses among the Cadia men and the over developed leg joints, presumably a result of the hard lifestyle and hilly terrain.

The scientific program also has unexpected benefits for us today. Opportunities for scientists to track DNA over a century are rare. By comparing the DNA of the remains from Cadia with that of volunteers among the descendants, scientists will be able to test the accuracy of modern DNA tests.

The project has received wide support from within the local community. A successful consultation program has meant that descendants of those buried at Cadia have been very much involved in the process that saw their ancestor's place of rest moved to a new location. Their ideas contributed to both the siting and style of the Garden of Remembrance. The memorial garden is situated within the Cadia Engine House's State Heritage Register curtilage. This was done at the request of descendants who

wanted the new site protected indefinitely. It is also fitting that the inhabitants of Cadia remain within the landscape in which they lived and worked.

In May this year relatives and descendants from all over Australia, members of the study team and staff of the mine gathered at the Garden of Remembrance on the hillside above the Cadia Engine House. On this special site, which commands spectacular views of the valley, a rededication ceremony was held. It was followed by an afternoon of talks given by key members of the project team on the exhumation and reburial.

Newcrest Mining are committed to best practice heritage conservation of this significant historic landscape. They now work closely with the Heritage Council to ensure this happens. The Heritage Council has congratulated Newcrest on its innovative approach and high standard of heritage management. The Heritage Council now uses Cadia Hill mine as a best practice example when dealing with other mining operations.

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## Siblings Of Patrick Kerr (16/1/1881-31/3/1960):

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## Siblings From 1901 Census In Scotland:

**The Children Of James Kerr And Sarah Sproule:** 

They lived in 1 Winton Terrace, Main Street, in a house with three windowed rooms

Sibling	Born	Married	Died	Spouse
John	1873			
James	1875			
William	1877			
Mary	1881	22/6/1906		Alexander Campbell
Patrick	16/1/1881	1909//1923		Elizabeth Colvin//Mary Hunt/
				Mary Elizabeth Pettigrew
Joseph	1883			
George	1885		22/10/1949	Bachelor
Sarah	1889	15/2/1915		Farrell/William Connor
Thomas	1891			Alice
Bridget	1893			

1901 March 31 The family were living at house with three windowed rooms in 1 Winton Terrace, Main Street. Winton Terrace was a tenement block on Main Street, several closes. It was a common affectation for a builder to ignore street names and give his development a name of his own choosing. Other families in the same close were Smillie, Hanning, Black and McMahon - I don't know if these are significant - plus three unoccupied houses. Mary was not there but when she was married in 1906 she had her occupation as Domestic Servant, usual residence 8 Cathkin Place, Shettleston

Name		Married Age	Sex	Birthplace
James Kerr	Rel: Head	M 50	M	Ireland
	Occ: Retired			
Sarah Kerr	Rel: Wife	M 48	F	Ireland
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John Kerr	Rel: Son	U 28	M	Ireland
	Occ: Coal Miner			
	Worker		- — — ·	
James Kerr	Rel: Son	U 26	M	Ireland
	Occ: Sand			
	Quarryman		, ,	
William Kerr	Rel: Son	U 24	M	Ireland
	Occ:Ploughman		,	
Patrick Kerr	Rel: Son	U 20	M	Ireland
	Occ: Steel Works			
	Labourer		,	
Joseph Kerr	Rel: Son	U 18	M	Ireland
	Occ: Sand			
	_ Quarryman			

George Kerr	Rel: Son	U 16	M	Ireland
	Occ: Rope Works			
	Winch Man		<u> </u>	
Sarah Kerr	Rel: Daughter	U 12	F	Ireland
	Occ: Scolar		<u> </u>	
Thomas Kerr	Rel: Son	U 10	M	Ireland
	Occ: Scholar			
Bridget Kerr	Rel: Daughter	U 8	F	Ireland
	Occ: Scolar			
William Campbell	Rel: Boarder	U 24	M	Ireland
	Occ: Coal Mine	<del></del>		
	Worker			
James Kilgore	Rel: Boarder	U 23	M	Ireland
	Occ: Gas Sloker			

## **Siblings From George Kerr's Probate:**

The Children Of James Kerr And Sarah Sproule:

From George Kerr's Probate Jurisdiction (Each sibling was to receive 1/9<sup>th</sup> of the Estate. Estate was 3,477 pounds)

George was Patrick's brother.

_	Born	Died	Their Marriage Partners
William			
Patrick	1881	1960	Elizabeth Colvin
			Mary Hunt
George	1885	1949	George was a bachelor & died 22/10/49 aged 64
Joseph			
Thomas	Lived	in Aust	tralia. Married Alice & had a son called Max
James		1946	William, Thomas
John		1905	Ruby
Mary	1881		Man called Campbell
Sarah			Man called Oconnor
Bella			Man called Gray
Patrick		died b	pefore Patrick Kerr was born

On Friday, **June 22**, **Mary Kerr** married **Alexander Campbell** at The Manse, Shettleston, Glasgow after Banns according to the Forms of the Church of Scotland. The marriage was registered No.622/2 at Shettleston No.6 the next day.

**Mary Kerr** was a spinster, gave her age as 25, occupation Domestic Servant, usual residence 8 Cathkin Place, Shettleston, Glasgow. Her parents are recorded as James Kerr, Labourer and Sarah Kerr m.s. Sproule.

**Alexander** was a bachelor, gave his age as 23, occupation Coal Miner, usual residence as 2 Park Lane, Tillicoultry (Clackmannamshire). His parents are recorded as Thomas Campbell, Coal Miner (deceased) and Christina Campbell m.s. Pow.

The celebrant was Hector MacKinnon and the witnesses were Sarah Kerr & Hugh Campbell. [This is most likely her sister]

1915 On Monday, February 15, Sarah Farrell married William Connor at St. Mark's Chapel, Shettleston, Glasgow after Publication according to the Forms of the Roman Catholic Church. The marriage was registered No.644/19 at Shettleston No.20 2 days later.

**Sarah Kerr nee Farrell** was a Widow, gave her age as 26, no occupation recorded, usual residence 50 Wellshot Road, Shettleston, Glasgow. Her parents are recorded as James Kerr, Labourer, deceased and Sarah Kerr m.s. Sproule.

**William** was a bachelor, gave his age as 23, occupation Labourer- Cleansing Department, usual residence as 50 Wellshot Road, Shettleston, Glasgow. His parents are recorded as Daniel Connor, Shepherd and Kate Connor m.s. Halpin.

The celebrant was Andrew Joseph O'Brien and the witnesses were Owen Fegan and Sarah Campbell. [This could be]



**Three Brothers: Patrick Thomas And George** 



Patrick (1881-1960) & George (1885-1949)

# Brother Of Patrick Kerr George Kerr (1885 – 22/10/49)

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**Born:** 1885 at Stabane, Tyron in Ireland

Married:

**Emigrated To Australia:** 1909

**Hotels:** 

**Other Business** 

**Died:** 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1949

**Other:** As George Intestate in 1949 it went to Probate and it

was decided to divide his estate 9 ways. His final estate was £3,463/11s. He had a lady friend named May

Osborne who received his watch.

http://www.esmp.nsw.gov.au/grave\_detail.php A search at Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park produced this detail: Roman Catholic 2 – Row 3 - Grave 449

## **Return To Patrick Kerr**



	No. B
Form of affic	lavit to be lodged with application for administration.
W South Wales	In the estate of George Rerr
7 TO WIT.	late of Sydney in the State aforesaid,
* Strike out whichever by unnecessary.	Retired Hotel Keeper deceased, Intestate
t.	ON the fourth day of May
	one thousand nine hundred and fifty,
If more than one appli-	Raymond Ferris George of Sydney
cant, the form to be filled up accordingly.	Deputy Public Trustee
tState whether married,	being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows:—  1011c_Trustee_is 1. Earn the party/parties making application for the purpose of obtaining administration of the estate of the abovenamed deceased and the party/parties liable for the payment of the duty, if any, on the estate herein included.  2. The abovenamed deceased who died on the 22nd day of 0ctober  1949, aged 64 years, was at the time of death † a Bachelor and
widower, widow, divorcee, or minor.  State whether domiciled in or out of	was domiciled * in New South Wales
Words in full.	3. 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 all property liable to duty under the Stamp Duties Act, 1920-1940, and of the values thereof, and includes the whole of the accruing income in the estate up to the date of death. The debts therein stated were actually due and owing at the date of the death of the deceased, and are such as may be deducted under section 107 of the Stamp Duties Act, 1920-1940.  4. The final balance of the estate of the abovenamed deceased is three thous-
	and four hundred and sixty three pounds eleven shillings & the Public Trustee  5. In the event of any additional assets being discovered, I will advise the Commissioner of Stamp Duties, and will pay any further duty found to be payable.
Strike out clause if not applicable.  Regulation form to be used.	amount of the dutiable estate when aggregated with the value of the foreign assets after deducting all debts due and owing other than debts referred to in sub-section 2 of section 107 being under the sum of five thousand pounds I/we claim an assessment of the duty payable at concession rates set forth in Section 112 B (2) of the Stamp Duties Act, 1920—1940 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
*Widow and/or children	*the deceased.
Strike out clause if not applicable. Regulation form to be used.	7. The deceased having been domiciled in the State of New South Wales and the amount of the dutiable estate when aggregated with the value of the foreign assets after deducting all debts due and owing other than debts referred to in sub-section 2 of section 107 being under the sum of One thousand pounds I/we claim exemption from duty on the properties set out in the annexed schedule marked "B" after deducting the proportion of
*Widow and/or children.	the debts chargeable thereon as the said properties pass to the lawful*
Regulation form to be used.	8. The mnexed Schedule marked "C" contains a true statement of all and singular the real and personal estate and the values thereof of or to which the abovenamed deceased the real and personal estate and the State of New South Wales at the time of death other
Strike out clause if not applicable.	than real and personal estate liable to duty under the Stamp Duties Act, 1920 1610.
Strike out clause if not applicable.	9. The deceased was not possessed of or entitled to any property in New South Wales or elsewhere at the date of his death other than the property set out in the annexed inventory.  10. The annexed Schedule marked "D" contains a true statement of the persons
1	entitled to the property included in the dutiable estate, their relationship, if any, to the deceased, the description and value of such property and how same was derived.
Strike out glause not applicable.	11. The annexure herete marked "E" is a cortified copy of the will of the deceased
sworn by the deponent	ton the Royal Glory
Sydney	Deputy Public Trustee
before me,—	

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## ANNEXURE "D."

FORM OF ANNEXURE to Affidavit lodged with application for administration, or with application under Section 117 (5), Stamp Duties Act, 1920-1940, setting out details of persons entitled to property included in the dutiable estate.

Patrick Kerr Joseph Kerr Thomas Kerr Mary Campbell Garah O¢onnor Bella Gray Lssue of James Kerr,	Relationship (if any) to deceased (See note at foot)	Description of Property	How Derived (e.g., by Will, Intestacy, Disposition inter	Value		
	(See note at 100t)		vivos, etc.)	£	s. (	d.
William Kerr	Brother	1/9th Estate	Intestacy			
Patrick Kerr	11		11			
Joseph Kerr	11	11	- 11			
Thomas Kerr	11	11	11			-
Mary Campbell	Sister	11	tt .			
Sarah O¢onnor	11	11	11			
Bella Gray	11	11	11	•••••••		
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Tames Sarah Sprovle
This is the Annexure marked "D" referred to in the Affidavit of Raymond Ferris George
in the Estate of George Kerr

MADE before me this fourth day of the my, 19 50

NOTE -A person who is the issue of a brother or sister of the deceased should be so described.

St 2512 Alfred Henry Pettifer, Government Printer.

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## **Mary Costello**

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Name Name	Born	Died
Mary	4/12/1912	30/3/2004
Married 27/1/59 11/7/53		
Partner Nar	ne Born	Died
Brian Costel	lo 16/12/1913	

Lives 256 Ardgay St, Sandy Hill, Glasgow G329BD

I had a big win. I rang Mary on 0018 44 1415 731 070 her husband Brian and she was expecting my call. Apparently Father Campbell had given her and John my E-mail and it was passed around various relatives. She is 88 (born 1912) and John is 84 (born 1916). She knew not much about Elizabeth but John does. Her brother's daughter is named Margaret who is keen to hear from us. Her number is 0018 44 1389 830 272. She is 41 years old & maybe on the net. She wasn't home but I left a message telling her I will call back but I left my E-mail address just in case. It was great. She told me Mary Taggart had children named Philomena, Dan, John & Margaret (Read Sr Jo's letter to Patrick). She loved Sr Jo & was astonished when I read bits of her letters' but wasn't told anything about the Australian connection. Her mum's name wasn't Helen but was Elen & was known as Nessie as Sr Jo called her in the letters. Mary's husband is named Brian & he was excited that I rang. They knew I would ring. Her sister, Helen became a McLean, and has 4 children (Tom aged 45, Anne aged 42 a school teacher, Gerard aged 40 & Neil aged 29). What can I say too much. I told her I will keep in touch but I'll need to get a book on Scotland, which she concurred, because Tollcross, Lyghtburn left me dazed. She wants me to provide all the Australian connections so I'd better pull my finger out. Didn't know anything about St George though. I will report more later.

Date I Rang	<b>Phone</b>	Time
8/11/2002	0018 44 1415 731 070	12.20am

**2004** A sadder note to end on, I noticed the following in the Evening Times on Wednesday in the "In Memoriam" column.

"\*Costello\* -- In loving memory of my beloved wife, MARY, died 30th March 2004. Forever in my thoughts. -- Love from Brian."

I have no way of checking at the moment but it does look as if Mary Colvin died last year.

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## Margaret Colvin (John's Daughter)

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"Sorry that I have taken so long to reply to your message. As you probabaly know, my Grandfather was Thomas Colvin. I do not know what info you would like on the family As you have gathered I am quite difficult to contact. If you

mail me your phone no. I will attempt to phone.

Kind regards Margaret." Email sent by Margaret Colvin 28th May 2001

Thomas Collvin's son John (mentioned in Sister Josephines letters) had a daughter named Margaret.. Her number is 0018 44 1389 830 272. She is 43 years old & on the net. <a href="mailto:bracewellp@aol.com">bracewellp@aol.com</a> Peter's email (I think) <a href="mailto:magscolvin@aol.com">magscolvin@aol.com</a> Margaret's email

19/7/03 Rang Margaret at 8.00am our time on 0018 44 1389 830 272. She mentioned that the Colvins originated from Donegal in Northern Ireland and worked on potato farms. She had heard that Patrick was a protestant and that is why they left.

#### The Children Of John Colvin (1917-) And:

Born Died Their Marriage Partners Children

Donald

Margaret 1957

## **Daniel Colvin & Margaret Colvin Nee McGee**



The photo on the left Is from Josh Reynolds. Below are the comments from Josh. Josh's late mother Rosa sometimes known McGee. Queenie Rogan was the grand-Margaret daughter of McGee's brother Thomas who went Manchester. My mother came to live with the Rogans (Sarah Colvin & William Rogan) in Tollcross in 1918 when a few months old, following the death of her own mother.

My mother's comment written in the 1980s, "Maggie Rogan's Grandparents (Tom? & Mgt Colvin) - around 1900" which would be Dan & Margaret. There is a very slight possibility that they are Rogans but her Rogan grandfather died in 1896 of cardiac disease. The man in the photo looks quite healthy. The photographer, Hampton, first appears at this address in the Glasgow Post Office Directory for 1896-97.

More information regarding dating photographs can be found in the Photography section.

## **Daniel Colvin (1837-5/6/1917)**

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**Daniel Colvin** was born in Lightburn in the Parish of Shettleston, Lanarkshire to James Colvin (c1805 - 1856) and Cecilia Murray (c1805 - c1846). His father was a Cotton Hand Loom Weaver. [See Section CL-5-1 for family background.]

1832 The Register of Baptisms of St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow, the nearest Catholic church to Shettleston at that time, has amongst the entries for March 18 -

"Margaret & Catherine, lawful daughters (twins) of James Colovin & Cecily Murray, born on the 11 March, 1832, were baptised by me on the 14 [sic] March 1832. Sponsors were Dan Colovin & Mary Sharkie for Margaret, & Nicholas Haggirty & Nan McLuskie for Catherine. William Gordon."

1860 On Thursday, November 29, Daniel and Margaret were married at Eastmuir, Shettleston by P McLaughlin, Pastor of St. Paul's RC Church, after Banns according to the Forms of the Roman Catholic Church. The marriage was registered No.37 at Shettleston on December 1.

**Daniel** was a Bachelor, gave his age as 23, occupation Farm Servant and usual residence Lightburn, Shettleston Parish. His parents are recorded as James Colvin, Weaver and Secelia Colvin m.s. Murray, both deceased.

Margaret was a Spinster, gave her age as 19 [I've a sneaking suspicion she might have been 20], occupation Farm Servant and usual residence Lightburn, Shettleston Parish. [The McGees had moved there from Shettleston between 1851 and 1855.] Her parents are recorded as James McGee, Road Labourer and Sarah McGee m.s. Dunaghan.

The witnesses were James Colvin [probably Daniel's brother] and Catherine Mooney [a lodger with Margaret's parents in the 1861 Census].

The marriage is also recorded in the register of St Paul's, Eastmuir —

"Daniel Colville & Marg. McGee, after due proclamation of Banns, were married by me in the presence of James Colville and Catherine Mooney. Patrick McLaughlin."

(**Needs More Checking**) James Colvin & Cecilia Murray were married 27 July 1828 at Barony, Lanark, Scotland

1917 Daniel Colvin, Road Surfaceman, Widower of Margaret McGhee died at 8h30m p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, aged 73 [80 would have been more accurate, methinks], at Lightburn, Shettleston of Valvular disease of the Heart as certified by A. Davidson, MBCM. His parents are recorded as James Colvin, Weaver and Cecilia Colvin m.s. Murray, both deceased. His death was registered No.185 at Glasgow (District of Shettleston) on the following day by Mary Taggart, Daughter, Present.

There is an entry in the records of St. Peter's Cemetery, Dalbeth on June 8 for the burial of Daniel Colvin, aged 78, cause of death Debility, lair owner, Title No.4072, Lair 240, Section 14W. A fee of 16/6d was paid.

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## **Margaret Colvin nee McGee (1839-26/9/1905)**

Margaret McGee was born about 1839 in Shettleston, Lanarkshire to <u>James McGee</u> (c1810 - 1885) and <u>Sarah Dunigan</u> (c1810 - 1889). Her father was a Cotton Hand Loom Weaver, later a Labourer. [See Section MG-5-1 for family background.]

**1833** From the Register of Baptisms of St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow

"Ann lawful daughter of James McGee and Sarah Donegan born on the 9th Oct. 1833 was baptised by me on the 27th Oct. 1833. Sponsors Thomas & Elizabeth Donegan."

[One of a dozen unsigned entries - all on the same day!]

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"Daniel Colville & Marg. McGee, after due proclamation of Banns, were married by me in the presence of James Colville and Catherine Mooney. Patrick McLaughlin."

On her death certificate she died on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1905 at Lightburn, Shettleston at 3.00pm aged 57 years (Which does not make sense as if she was 19 in 1860 she would have been born in 1841 which meant she was 64 at her death or 12 at her wedding). She died of Bronchitis which she had for 1 month & 14 days as well as Cerebral Congestion which was present for 1 month. Her doctor was George Wilson. James Colvin her son was present.

Her father was <u>James McGee</u> listed as a Roadsurfaceman at the time of her death (Deceased) but as a road labourer (Alive) at her wedding in 1860.

Her mother was Sarah McGee nee Dunigan at the time of her death (Deceased) but was alive at the time of her wedding in 1860.

James McGee & Sarah Dunighan were married 10<sup>th</sup> October 1830 at Barony, Lanark, Scotland.

1905 Margaret Colvin, married to Daniel Colvin, Road Surfaceman, died at 3h40m p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, aged 57 [I think she was nearer 65], at Lightburn, Shettleston, of Bronchitis, 1 month 14 days and Cerebral Congestion, 1 month as certified by George Wilson, MBCM. Her parents are recorded as James McGhee, Road Surfaceman and Sarah McGhee m.s. Dunnigan, both deceased. Her death was registered No.259 at Shettleston on the following day by James Colvin, Son, Present.

There is an entry in the records of St. Peter's New Cemetery, Dalbeth on September 28 for the burial of Margaret Colvin, no age, cause of death or relationship to the lair owner, Title No.4072, Lair 240, Section 14W. A fee of 14/6d was paid.

## **McGee Side (Parents Of Margaret Colvin Nee McGee)**

**James McGee (1810-1885)** 

Sarah McGee Nee Dunigan (1810-1888)

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James McGee & Sarah Dunighan were married 10<sup>th</sup> October 1830 at Barony, Lanark, Scotland.

In the 1881 Census he and Sarah lived in the same street as Daniel & Margaret (Lightburn Rd)

**James McGee** was born in the Parish of Down, Co. Down about 1810. On his death certificate (1885), his parents are recorded as Margaret Hendry and Henry Magee.

**1841 June 6 James** and **Sarah McGee** were living in that part of the Parish of Shettleston bounded on the West by the Parliamentary Boundary of the City of Glasgow, on the North by Lightburn, on the South by the Edinburgh Road via Airdrie (now Shettleston Road I think) and on the East by the Old Cotton Work (and I'm not sure where this was). [Note that in the 1841 Census only, the age of adults was rounded down to a multiple of five.]

The household is listed as -

	Age	Occupation		Birthplace
Jas McGee	30	Cot. H.L.W.	born in	Ireland
Sarah do.	30		born in	Scotland outwith
Lanark				
Ann do.	5		born in	the County of Lanark
Henry do.	3		born in	the County of Lanark
Margt. do.	1		born in	the County of Lanark

Not far away (5 pages in the enumerator's book) there dwelt -

	Age	Occupation		Birthplace
John Dunigan	50	H.L.W. Cot.	born in	Ireland
Elizabeth	25		born in	the County of Lanark
Catherine	20		born in	the County of Lanark
Agnes	15		born in	the County of Lanark
Bernard Dunigan	30	H.L.W. Cot.	born in	Ireland
Jas Trainer	25	do.	born in	Ireland

It is my **opinion** that this is Sarah's family (excluding Mr Trainer who is probably a lodger) but I have so far failed to find conclusive proof.

# **Sarah McGee Nee Dunigan (1810-1888) James McGee (1810-1885)**

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James McGee & Sarah Dunighan were married 10<sup>th</sup> October 1830 at Barony, Lanark, Scotland.

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**Sarah Dunigan** was born in Girvan, Ayrshire about 1810. On her death certificate (1888), her parents are recorded as Ann Campbell and John Dunnigan.

# **Photography:**

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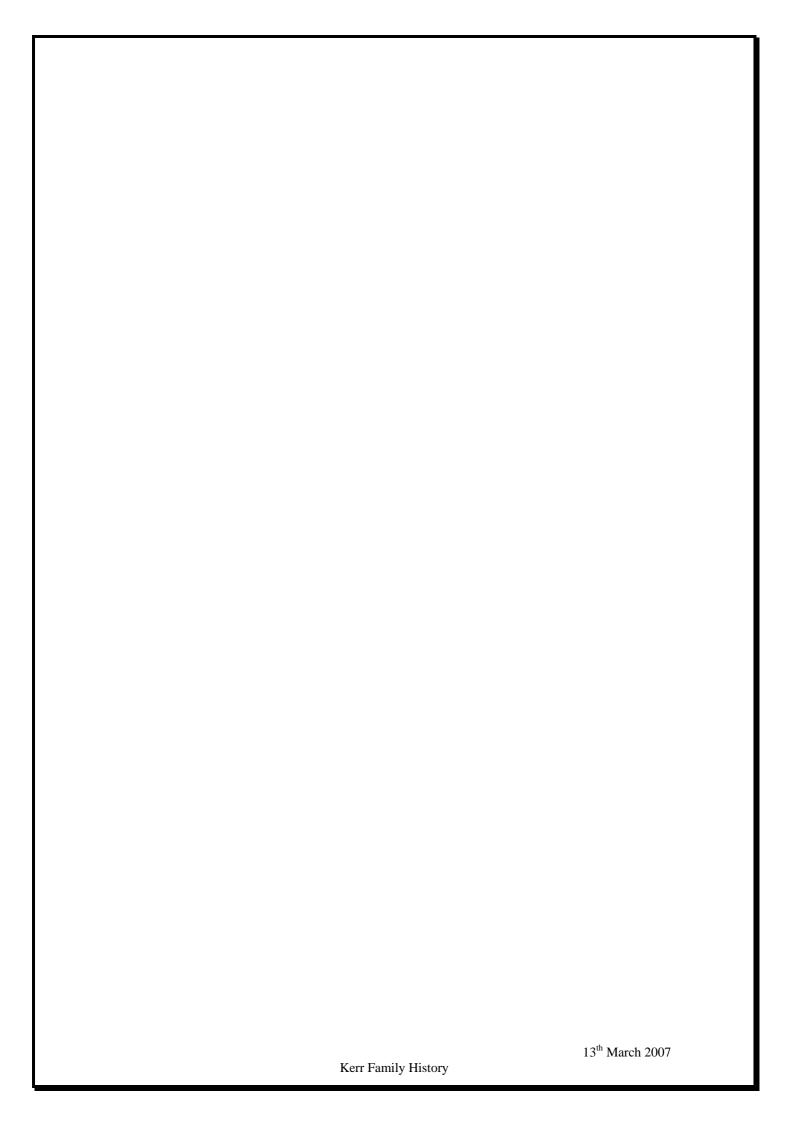
Some information which may seem minor can be interpreted from photos taken in the 1800's. People at this time did not own film or digital cameras like we do today. To get a photo would have involved going to a studio and getting a professional to take the photo. I would imagine that the cost would have been very high as the technology was still fairly new but widespread. Portraiture constituted a substantial proportion of all photographic images created in the 19th century. They satisfied a curiosity to record the features of immediate family and friends as keepsakes and tokens of affection. In the 1840s, the daguerreotype (on metal) became the favored process for portrait photographers whose businesses achieved rapid and widespread popularity. Fortunately I have a number of 1890's photos which have the name of the studio as part of the photo. Mind you various studios were used. Below are the various studios and what I have found out about the studio and what year the photo may have been taken.

**Turnbull & Sons:** One of the photo is of Elizabeth & Susan (Sitting) marked Turnbull & Sons. Turnbull & Sons was started by Charles Turnbull who was born about 1852. He had three sons who became part of the business as photographers. They were John, Robert & Walton. They had studios at



Glasgow (10 Jamaica St), Greenock (At City Buildings 32 Cathcart St Greenock)

and Kilmarnock (14 Dundonald Rd). The studios in Glasgow were present between 1885 to 1914. The studios in Kilmarnock were Turnbull & Mainds between 1892 & 1893 and then Turnbull & Sons between 1895-1900. As the photo of Elizabeth & Susan (Sitting) has Kilmarnock as part of the studios location I would guess the photo was taken around 1895 with Elizabeth aged 12 and Susan aged 14.



# **Trundle (The Hunt Side)**

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Situated approximately 85km North-west of Parkes, Trundle has a population of 600. Trundle is a rural community, with production consisting mostly of wheat, sheep and cattle farming. Trundle is an ideal alternative to the hustle and bustle of the highway. Experience the unique Australian bush, country hospitality and the leisurley way of doing things.

The heritage listed Trundle Hotel was built in 1909 in three stages, over three years. It is two storeys high, and built out of pise mud, then rendered with cement. The hotel has the longest wooden verandah in Australia.

Trundle also boasts the widest main street 'in the west'. At 3 chains (or 60 metres) wide, Forbes Street is one of the widest in Australia, and has given rise to a number of fables including the one about being able to pick out the stranger in town - he is the one who WALKS across instead of driving the distance.

## 2nd Grandmother

## Mary Hunt

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## **Return To Patrick Kerr**

Born at Numurkah in Victoria in 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1897. Died Marrickville in 1936.

Married at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Orange on 29/5/23.

Died at Marrickville District Hospital in 9<sup>th</sup> December 1936.

James Hunt father of Mary (Born 7/6/1857 in Kilmore Victoria Died: 11/1/39 aged 81)

Jane Ann McDermott mother of Mary (Born 26/6/1876 in Nagambie Victoria Died: 11/7/42 aged 66) James Hunt & Jane Ann McDermott married in 30/10/94

Also

Henry Hunt father of James Hunt (Born 11/1/1837 in Tipperary Ireland Died: 7/6/57 aged 81)

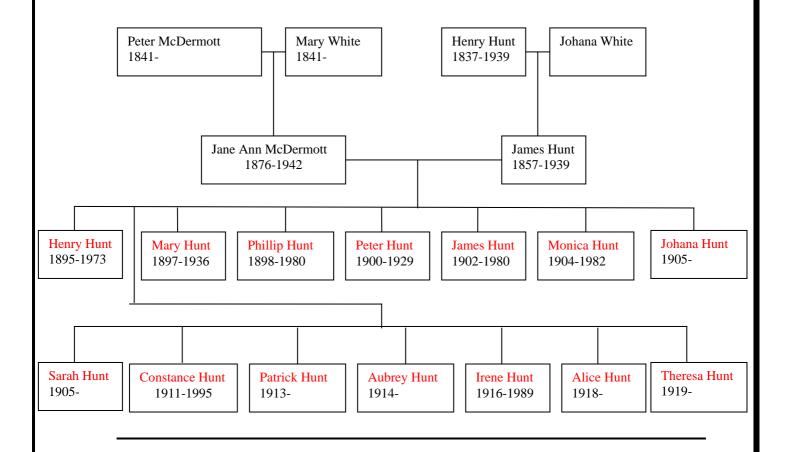
Johanna White mother of James Hunt (Born 1837 in Tipperary Ireland Died: \*\*\*\* aged \*\*)

Peter McDermott father of Jane Ann McDermott (Born 1841 in Galway Ireland Died: \*\*\*\* aged \*\*)

Mary White mother of Jane Ann McDermott (Born 1841 in Galway Ireland Died: \*\*\*\*\* aged \*\*)

Peter McDermott & Mary White married in 1874

Need to confirm Jane Ann McDermott was Mary White





**The Hunt Clan About 1925** 

## Siblings Of Mary Hunt (2/1/1897 - 9/12/1936):

Mary was born near Kilmore in Victoria in 1897. She was 26 years old when she married in Cadia in 1923. She died in in 1936 aged 39 years.

You will need to change your information regarding Peter McDermott. He was actually married to Mary (Flora) Robertson (widow of my David Doran) and Jane Ann McDermott was their daughter although you no

Warm one today up to about 35deg already too much for this old chook!!

Sibling	Born	Died	Married	Spouse	Children
Henry	24/10/1895	11/2/1973	1927	Gertrude Ross	Terence, Ellen, Patricia
	Numurka		Blayney		
	Vic				
Mary (Molly)	2/1/1897	9/12/1936	29/5/1923	Patrick Kerr	Rita, Patrick, Aubrey,
					Reginald, Anthony,
					Lawrence, Ann, Frank
Phillip	17/4/1898	1/2/1980	12/9/33	Jean O'Bryan	Mary d 1977, Ilene, Julie

					Anna, James, Patrick, Cathy
Peter	15/5/1900	1929	24626/1929 BDM		Accused of Rape (Died At Bathurst)
James	4/2/1902	7/10/1980			No Kids
Monica (Mona)	18/3/1904	14/8/1982	1927	John R Shaw Des Lucas	
Johanna	25/11/1905		1926	William Metcalf	Joan, Patrick, Kevin, Neville, Toby, Timothy, Aubrey, Michael, Lynne, Mary, Timothy, Aubrey, Michael, Lynne, Mary, Johanna (d 1944), Joan, Robyn, Irene, William
Sarah (Sally)	3/3/1908		1942	Michael James Kearney	Michael
Constance	7/2/1911	28/8/1995	1938	Gordon James Hunter (Bill)	James, Allan, Terence, Mary-Ann
Patrick	24/2/1913		1944	Bonnie O'Bryan	Allan, David, Colin, Sue
Aubrey	6/11/1914				Find Out if full names is Aubrey De Vere & if he married Joan Isobel Donna, Paul
Irene	4/11/1916	3/4/1989	1937	Clarence John Goodwin Born in Trundle	Brian, Patricia
Alice	18/2/1918		1937	Joseph Charles Barnes	June, Dooreen, Elizabeth, Joseph, Rosalyn, Neville, Gloria
Theresa (Biddi)	6/12/1919		1937	Joseph Charles Barnes	June, Dooreen, Elizabeth, Joseph, Rosalyn, Neville, Gloria

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## **Windsor And Richmond Gazette:**

#### **Return To Patrick Kerr**

The following are items I found in "Windsor And Richmond Gazette" the local paper around the Riverstone area where Patrick was from 1<sup>st</sup> June 1918 till sometime in 1923. I found these when I visited Windsor Library on 16/1/01. These are transcripts. The originals are on microfilm at Windsor Library. I have photocopies of the articles.

## Reported on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 1922

"Mr. P Kerr, leading night-officer of the local railway station, now resides at Schofields. Another removal to Schofields is that of Mr.Sullivan and family."

## Reported on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 1922

"Mr. P Kerr, leading night-officer at the local railway station, is on the eve of a transfer to Kingswood. Riverstone thus loses a most obliging official, and the local railway staff an efficient and sterling officer"

### Reported on Friday 21st July 1922

"The whole district sympathises with Mr. Kerr in the heavy bereavement that has befallen him, by the death in distressing circumstances of his wife, which took place at their home in Riverstone on Monday night. A baby boy was born a little time later before the mother's death, and in addition to this child, there are six other children, the eldest being 12 years. The deceased, who possessed a gentle and charitable disposition, was beloved by all who knew her, and her untimely death is greatly deplored. The bereaved husband occupied the position of leading night-officer at the local railway station for the past five or six years, and had only recently been advised of his promotion to Kingswood. He expected to leave for his new sphere of activities very soon, but now he will have to leave the people of Riverstone without his life's partner, and with seven little ones. Deceased was a native of Scotland, and the only relative she and Mr. Kerr have in this country is a brother of the latter. The funeral took place on Wednesday, and was largely attended by sympathising friends, the remains being laid to rest in the Roman Catholic portion of the general cemetary. Rev. Father McDonnell performed the last sad rites, and Mr. Chandler was the undertaker."

### Reported on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 1922

"Mr. P. Kerr, leading night-officer at the local railway station, following his recent sad bereavement by the death of Mrs. Kerr has applied for the cancellation of his transfer to Kingswood."

## Reported on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 1922

"Mr. Pat Kerr, leading night-officer at the local railway station, has resumed duties."

### Reported on Friday 9th March 1923

"Saturday, March 17th, at 2p.m

J.B.Johnston & Co. have received instructions from P.Kerr Esq., to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION at his residence, Mill Street, Riverstone, on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 2p.m sharp the whole of his household furniture etc.

Included in the list are: Very fine Oak Dining Suite of Chairs, 8 pieces (lift out seats), Superior Oak Sideboard, Beautiful Oak Table on Castors (6ft. X 3ft. 6in.), Very fine Upright Pianoforte, (rich toned Instrument), Carpet Square, Hearth Rug, Bamboo Easel, Gipsey Table, Curtains, Poles and Fittings, Window Blinds, Large Lamp, several lots of Linoleum, Oak Bedroom Suite of 3 pieces (Wardrobe with bevelled mirrors, table and washstand to match), Brass Mounted Double Bedstead, Spring Mattress and Bedding complete; Mats etc. Two Single Bedsteads, Bedding, Child's Cot, Dining Table, Couch, 6 Chairs, Pictures, Chilcett Refrigerator, Selecta Sewing Machine, Kitchen Dresser, Table, Chairs, Cooking Utensils, Bread and Flour Bins, Sulky, Harness, Bicycles, Garden Tools, Cement Tubs, quantity Poultry, etc., etc.

Note-Buyers are specialy invited to attend the above sale, as Mr. Kerr is leaving the district immediately. The goods will be found a good lot and FOR ABSOLUTE SALE. J.B.Johnston

The Experienced General Auctioneers, Windsor

### Reported on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1923

"The relieving officer night-officer at the local railway stationis Mr. Berry of the relief staff. Mr. Berry has already formed a very high opinion of the district.

Messrs. J.B. Johnston and Co., of Windsor, conducted a successful sale of furniture, etc., for Mr. P.Kerr on Saturday. Good prices were obtained all round."

### Reported on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 1923

	h a time as the vacancy caused by Mr. K	err s resignation is flucu.
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## **Census Information (Scotland)**

**1861 April 8** Daniel and Margaret were living at Dunlop's Land in the village of Hogganfield in a house with 2 rooms having one or more windows.

Name		Married	Age	Sex	Birthplace		
Daniel Colvin	Rel: Head	M	23	M	Lanarkshire, Shettleston		
	Occ: Ag Lab.						
Margaret Colvin	Rel: Wife	M	21	F	Lanarkshire, Shettleston		
	Occ: Cotton Bleach	er					
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1871		and Marga	ret wer	e living on I	Lightburn Road in a house		
	with two windowed ro						
Name		Married	Age	Sex	Birthplace		
Daniel Colvin	Rel: Head	M	33	M	Lanarkshire, Shettleston		
Buillet Colvin	Occ: Labourer	111	33	171	Zunarksmre, snettreston		
Margaret Colvi		M	30	F	Lanarkshire, Shettleston		
					,		
Sarah Colvin	Rel: Daughter	U	9	F	Lanarkshire, Shettleston		
	Occ: Scolar						
Cecilia Colvin	Rel: Daughter	U	7	F	Lanarkshire, Shettleston		
	Occ: Scolar						
Mary Colvin	Rel: Daughter	U	4	F	Lanarkshire, Shettleston		
Ann Colvin	Rel: Daughter	U	2	F	Lanarkshire, Shettleston		
		TT	1		T 1.1: 011		
Catherine Colv	in Rel: Daughter	U	1	F	Lanarkshire, Shettleston		
Michael Murra	y Rel: Lodger	U	39	M	Lanarkshire, Shettleston		
Whenaer Wurra	Occ: Labourer	U	39	IVI	Lanarksinie, Snettieston		
	Occ. Labourer						
I wonder i	f there is any signific	ance in the	lodger's	s surname, I	Daniel's mother was		
Cecilia M	urray who would hav	e been abou	ıt 65 ha	d she lived t	to this date.		

**1881** April 3 Daniel and Margaret were still living on Lightburn Road in a house which had two rooms with one or more windows. The household is listed as:

Dwelling: Lightburn Rd

Census Place: Shettleston, Lanark, Scotland

**Source:** FHL Film 0203614 GRO Ref Volume 622-2 EnumDist 4 Page 9

_	<b>Married</b>	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Rel: Head	M	42	M	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
Occ: Stone Mar	n			
Rel: Wife	M	40	F	Shettleston, Lanark, Scotland
•				
Rel: Daughter	U	19	F	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
Occ: Mill Work	ker			
Rel: Daughter	U	17	F	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
Occ: Mill Work	ker			
Rel: Daughter	U	14	F	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
•				
Rel: Daughter	U	12	F	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
•				
Rel: Daughter	U	9	F	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
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Rel: Daughter	U	6	F	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
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Rel: Son	U	4	M	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
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Rel: Son	U	1	M	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Stone Man Rel: Wife  Rel: Daughter Occ: Mill Work Rel: Daughter Occ: Mill Work Rel: Daughter Rel: Daughter  Rel: Daughter  Rel: Daughter  Rel: Daughter  Rel: Daughter  Rel: Daughter  Rel: Daughter	Rel: Head Occ: Stone Man Rel: Wife  M  Rel: Daughter Occ: Mill Worker Rel: Daughter Occ: Mill Worker Rel: Daughter U  Rel: Daughter U	Rel: Head M 42 Occ: Stone Man Rel: Wife M 40  Rel: Daughter U 19 Occ: Mill Worker Rel: Daughter U 17 Occ: Mill Worker Rel: Daughter U 14  Rel: Daughter U 12  Rel: Daughter U 9  Rel: Daughter U 6  Rel: Son U 4	Rel: Head Occ: Stone Man Rel: Wife  M 42  M Occ: Stone Man Rel: Wife  M 40  F  Rel: Daughter Occ: Mill Worker Rel: Daughter Occ: Mill Worker Rel: Daughter U 17  F Occ: Mill Worker Rel: Daughter U 14  F  Rel: Daughter U 12  F  Rel: Daughter U 9  F  Rel: Daughter U 9  F  Rel: Daughter U 4  M

We seem to be missing James, but he is to be found 6 doors down the street with his grandparents James and Sarah McGee where his age is given as 6 [it should be 7].

#### **1881 British Census** (House Of James & Sarah McGee)

Lived in same street as Colvins' and had James (Daniel & Margaret son) for the night.

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**Dwelling:** Lightburn Rd

Census Place: Shettleston, Lanark, Scotland

**Source:** FHL Film 0203614 GRO Ref Volume 622-2 EnumDist 4 Page 10

Name	_	Married	Age	Sex	Birthplace
James McGee	Rel: Head	M	71	M	Down Co, Ireland
	Occ: Labourer				
	Man				
Sarah McGee	Rel: Wife	M	72	F	Girvan, Ayr, Scotland
James Colvin	Rel: Grandson	U	6	M	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Scolar				
John McGee	Rel: Son	W	37	M	Shettleston, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Ivory Turi	ner		·	

**1891** April 5th The family (without Sarah) were still living in Lightburn Village, now in a house in which three rooms had one or more windows. The household is listed as:

Name	N	<u> Iarrie</u> d	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Daniel Colvin	Rel: Head	M	52	M	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Road				
	Surfaceman				
Margaret Colvin	Rel: Wife	M	49	F	Shettleston, Lanark, Scotland
	7				
Cecilia Colvin	Rel: Daughter	U	27	F	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Cotton Weaver				
Mary Colvin	Rel: Daughter	U	24	F	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Cotton Weaver				
Annie Colvin	Rel: Daughter	U	22	F	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Dressmaker				
Margaret Colvin	Rel: Daughter	U	19	F	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Dressmaker				
James Colvin	Rel: Son	U	17	M	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Apprentice				
	Moulder				
Catherine Colvin	Rel: Daughter	U	15	F	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Pupil Teacher				
Daniel Colvin	Rel: Son	U	13	M	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Scholar				
Thomas Colvin	Rel: Son	U	11	M	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Scholar				
Susan Colvin	Rel: Daughter	U	9	F	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Scholar				
Bessie Colvin	Rel: Daughter	U	7	F	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Scholar				

**1901 March 31** The family were still living in a house with three windowed rooms in Lightburn, now called Lightburn Cottages.

13<sup>th</sup> March 2007

Name	<u></u>	Married Age	Sex	Birthplace
Daniel Colvin	Rel: Head	M 56	M	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Road			
	Surfaceman			
Margaret Colvin	Rel: Wife	M 54	F	Shettleston, Lanark, Scotland
	=			
James Colvin	Rel: Son	U 27	M	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Iron Moulder			
Catherine Colvin	Rel: Daughter	U 25	F	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: School Teach	er		
Thomas Colvin	Rel: Son	U 21	M	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: Joiner			
Susan Colvin	Rel: Daughter	U 19	F	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ: School Teach	er		
Bessie Colvin	Rel: Daughter	U 17	F	Lightburn, Lanark, Scotland
	Occ:			
William Coyle	Rel: Boarder	W 28	M	Broomhouse, Shettleston
	Occ: Steam Crane			
	Driver			

The Taggarts were living nearby and the Rogans and Mullens were in Tollcross.

1901 March 31 The family were living at house with three windowed rooms in 1 Winton Terrace, Main Street. Winton Terrace was a tenement block on Main Street, several closes. It was a common affectation for a builder to ignore street names and give his development a name of his own choosing. Other families in the same close were Smillie, Hanning, Black and McMahon - I don't know if these are significant - plus three unoccupied houses. Mary was not there but when she was married in 1906 she had her occupation as Domestic Servant, usual residence 8 Cathkin Place, Shettleston

Name	<u></u>	Married Age	Sex	Birthplace
James Kerr	Rel: Head	M 50	M	Ireland
	Occ: Retired			
Sarah Kerr	Rel: Wife	M 48	F	Ireland
John Kerr	Rel: Son	U 28	M	Ireland
	Occ: Coal Miner			
	Worker			
James Kerr	Rel: Son	U 26	M	Ireland
	Occ: Sand			
	Quarryman			
William Kerr	Rel: Son	U 24	M	Ireland
	Occ:Ploughman			
Patrick Kerr	Rel: Son	U 20	M	Ireland
	Occ: Steel Works			
	Labourer			
Joseph Kerr	Rel: Son	U 18	M	Ireland
	Occ: Sand	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·	
	Quarryman			
George Kerr	Rel: Son	U 16	M	Ireland
			·	

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	Occ: Rope Works				
	Winch Man				
Sarah Kerr	Rel: Daughter	U	12	F	Ireland
	Occ: Scolar	<u> </u>			
Thomas Kerr	Rel: Son	U	10	M	Ireland
	Occ: Scholar				
Bridget Kerr	Rel: Daughter	U	8	F	Ireland
	Occ: Scolar				
William Campbell	Rel: Boarder	U	24	M	Ireland
	Occ: Coal Mine				
	Worker				
James Kilgore	Rel: Boarder	U	23	M	Ireland
	Occ: Gas Sloker				

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## Ada & Walter Tickner

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Walter Thomas Tickner born 8/7/1888 died 17/8/1975 (14351/1888)

Ada Eliza Caunt born 4/4/1894 died 11/9/1977 (23355/1894)

(11238/1914) Walter T Tickner married Ada E Caunt in 1914

(6388/1921) Leslie W Tickner died 1921. Father's name is Walter T while mum's name is Ada E

Walter T Tickner born in 1888. Father's name is James. Mother's name is Elizabeth A Ada E Caunt born in 1894. Father's name is Richard H. Mother's name is Elizabeth A (3700/1885) James Tickner married Elizabeth Ann Tickner in 1885. (strange maybe cousins)

I have photo of the Tickners which was there 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 1974 Spoke to Bertha (07)5498 8454

Bribie Island

Opening the gates

17/8/1975 Walter 8/7/1888 Railway Fitter

11/9/1977 Ada 4/4/1894

Riverstone Leslie died Moss Vale 1917 died 1922

Leppington

Esma

Bertha 24 Third Ave, Toorbul, 4510

Leslie 41 Johnstone Dr, Lockrose 4342 (07)5465 8458

Name	Jame Born		
Esma	18/4/1925		
Married			
Partner Nam	e Born	Died	
Andrew Earnest V	West		
	Children	Born	Died
	Raymond	8/49	
	Michael	3/1958	1999
	Lynn	11/1956	
	Wendy	4/3/1960	
	Leslie	1962	
		<u> </u>	
Name	Born	Died	
Bertha	21/12/1931 at		
	Lidcombe		
	Dalley to Mark St		
Married			
Partner Nai	ne Born	Died	
Thomas O'Sul	livan	1989	
	Children	Born	Died
	<b>Children</b> Cathy	<b>Born</b> 13/4/1951	Died
			Died

### Married

Partner Name		Born	Died
Gordan Falls			1986

Children	Born	Died
Lorraine	7/12/1956	
Julie	23/4/1967	
Sharon	16/8/1969	
Kevin	17/1/1971	

Married

Partner Name	Born	Died
Terry Thomas		

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## 3rd Grandmother

## Mary Elizabeth Athehley

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Married in Canterbury in 1948.

Mary Elizabeth Athehley married William J Pettigrew in 1930 (Marriage Cert 120001930)

Mary's father was Frederick

## The Children Of Mary Elizabeth Pettigrew (6/12/1899 – 30/4/1970):

	Born	Died	Their Marriage Partners	Grandchildren
John	1933		Coral	Alan, Jenny, Peter
Pat	1937		Ann	

#### SERVICE RECORD

SERVICE RECORD	
Name	Pettigrew, William John
Service	Royal Australian Air Force
Service Number	20147
Date Of Birth	1 Dec 1902
Place Of Birth	Belfast, Ireland
Date Of Enlistment	1 Jul 1940
Locality Of Enlistment	Tamworth, NSW
Place Of Enlistment	Tamworth
Next Of Kin	Pettigrew, Mary
Date Of Discharge	19 Oct 1945
Rank	Flight Sergeant
Posting At Discharge	3 Operational Training Uni
WW2 Honours and Gallantry	None
Prisoner Of War	No

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George Kerr Probate

www.bdm.nsw.gov.au this site will give limited info eg births up to 1905, deaths up to 1945 & marriages up to 1945.

to 1945 & marriages up to 1945. www.ww2roll.gov.au this site was set up by the Australian War Memorial

http://www.scotsorigins.com/searchbc.aspx Got info on the Colvins in Scotland

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk Can do searches on Births & deaths

http://members.tripod.com/~Robert\_Legg/NSW.htm

http://members.ozemail.com.au/~kayken/availableresources.html

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(8541/1932) John AM Ellis to Margaret Mae Kerr

(25645/1940) Owen O'Neil Hanley to Elizabeth Catherine Agnes Kerr

(3914/1942) James Joseph Kerr to Marjorie June Harding

(10030/1944) Stanley Butel to Rita Kerr

(3402/1943) Patrick Kerr to Beryl Aldenhoven (Kelly)

#### **Hunt Marriages**

(12457/1926) William Medcalf to Johanna Hunt

(16949/1927 John R Shaw to Monica Hunt

(4460/1942) Michael James Kearney to Sarah Hunt

(3574/1938) Gordon James Hunter to Constance Hunt

(9060/1937) Clarence John Goodwin to Irene Hunt

(21088/1937) Joseph Charles Barnes to Alice Hunt

(19096/1926) Henry Hunt to Gertrude Boss

(2411/1944) Patrick Hunt to Edith Mary O'Bryan

Using NSW BDM To Find Deaths: www.bdm.nsw.gov.au

(7774/1914) John D C Kerr

(6476/1924) John A C Kerr

(5074/1933) Anne Kerr

(24626/1929 Peter Hunt

Using Scottish Site To Find Marriages: <a href="www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk">www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk</a>

(622/020113) Patrick Kerr & Elizabeth Colvin (1909)

Using Scottish Site To Find Deaths: <a href="www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk">www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk</a>

(644/19 0185) Daniel Colvin (1917)

Using Scottish Site To Find Births: www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

(622/030071) James Colvin (1865) (622/020234) Thomas Colvin (1879)

#### **Using Scottish Site To Find Marriages:**

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/igi/search\_igi.asp?batch\_number=M119161 &region=2 Free Site with The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints Margaret McGee & Daniel Colvin (29/11/1860)

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www.calendarhome.com will help to determine days from dates.

Colvin, Elizabeth (22/12/1883-18/7/1922)

Susan Colvin (AKA Sister Josephine) (16/9/1881-21/1/1955)

Colvin, Daniel (Approx 1844-5/6/1917)

Kerr, Raymond (14/7/22-29/2/1988)

Kerr, Patrick (16/1/1881-31/3/1960)

The Tickners

For Mae:

Gwendaline lives at Broulee

Margaret lives at Dubbo

Elizabeth (Libby) lives at 22 Venetia St, Sylvania 2224 Ph 9522 5841 & has a

daughter (Courtney 3 ½)

Mobile 0414 778663

Margaret (Dubbo) 6882 7808

Gwen (Broulee) 4471 6432

Eileen (Bonnie) lives at Canberra with Kim (Parker) 6232 9728

www.raymond.parker@cbr.defence.gov.au

I need: date of marriage for all and where. Birthdays of kids & marriage

partners

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Greg Kerr	9580 3886
Colin Kerr	4389 3722

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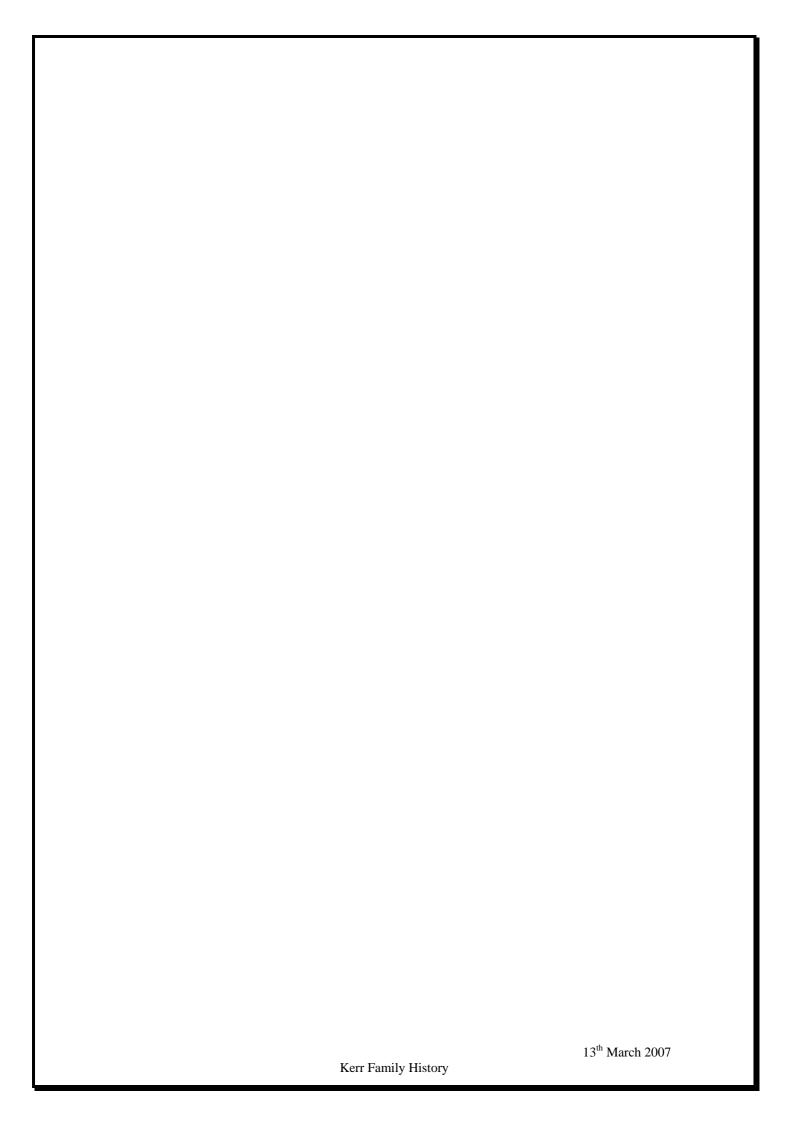
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# **Kerr Family History**

(Recalled Sometime In 1988 By George Vincent Kerr)

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Pop Kerr (Patrick) was one of a large Irish catholic family living in Northern Ireland. They lived in a village outside Strabane. He always told me that the largest town near them was Armagh which is in County Armagh some distance from Strabane. The relatively small distance between towns in Ireland may account for the discrepancy. Pat, Lola and Sharon went to Ireland this year (1988) and visited Strabane. They made enquiries at a catholic Presbytery but all records before the early 1890's have been mislaid or destroyed. Pop's family had a small farm, whether they owned it or rented it I do not know. Pop's grandparents lived with them. together with his parents and many brothers and sisters, how many in all I do not know, I will endeavour to list for you those that he has spoken to me about. There was George, younger than Pop by 4 years. He also came to Australia and did well but never married. He had a couple of wine bars at different times and at least three Hotels in the city. The first was "The Aurora" on the corner of Kippax and Elizabeth Streets City. Then the "Duke of Cornwall" on the corner of Harris Street and Ultimo Road. The last was "The Bells" at Woolloomooloo. They were all blood houses but "The Aurora" and "The Bells" became quite fashionable later on. He was a hard, self educated man with a love of poetry, of all things. He could use his hands in a brawl also his big head, he was known as "The Belfast Billy Goat" because of his head butting prowess. Twice he was held up by standover men. once at "The Bells" and once at the Ultimo Hotel and each time he butted himself out of trouble. Pop and George were good friends most of the time but in 1925 when Pop had the Royal Hotel at Gloucester. George and Molly had an argument. Molly was Pop's second wife and when she said it was George went or she went, naturally Pop told George to go, which he did, but sued Pop for half of everything and won the case. The Hotel had to be sold and the proceeds and all bank balances divided by two. half to each of them. That was the beginning of Pop's financial decline ending in bankruptcy in 1930. It was also the start of George's business success. Pop always told me, and swore to it that George only put £100 into the price of "The Royal" and only at a rate of interest, with no share in ownership. George in later years told me that he put in a full half share of the purchase price. So? To strengthen his case Pop brought Uncle Tom, his youngest brother to give evidence for him, but Tom instead switched his evidence to favour George.

Despite all this Pop and George became good friends again in the mid 1930's and remained so until George died 22 October 1949. He was a hard brusque old Irishman but was not dour with it. he loved a joke, but if you offended him he never forgot, most of the times he was offended, it was through something he said or did himself. He had very little tact and did not suffer fools gladly. When he died there was no will found much to the concern of various members of the family including myself. who had been promised a share in it. He was either a cynical old bugger or Pop, who had his papers, suppressed it. That way it went to his next of kin, his traceable brothers and sisters of whom there were few and Pop was one of that few. He was sixty five when he died. Maybe Pop thought it was his money anyhow.

Tom is the only other brother that I know much about. He was the youngest and seems to have been a weak character. He married a girl named Alice, they had a son called Max, more of him later. Tom started a ladies hairdressing salon in Adelaide. They were doing well but he could not leave the drink alone and lost his wife and business about 1931. I awoke one cold morning to find Uncle Tom asleep

beside me. I have since learned that Uncle George who was in a wine bar at the time had brought him out to Marrickville at around midnight. Apparently the cops were after him and he came to George for help. I believe it was not a great crime, stealing and pawning someone's suit, but it would have got him six months. The next day George paid his fare by train to Queensland, apparently he got a job timber working because some time later word came through that he had fallen from a tree and died. You must understand that when you were down and out in those days you mostly stayed down, there was very little social aid, especially for single men. So stealing to continue eating was not such a great crime looking at in todays perspective, but maybe he stole to continue drinking. I may have been hard on Uncle Tom in this little history but I have told it as I remember it and of course people have a tendency to harp on the wrong things a person does and ignore any good things they may have done.

Tom and Alice's son Max must be about sixty now. I first met him about 1960 just after Pop Kerr died. He was a beneficiary of George's estate, being one of the few relatives traced, and when Pop died he thought he might get another windfall, or so we chose to think. Max is a nice fellow, quite prosperous, he at that time was a stockbroker in Melbourne. He issued his own weekly finance newsletter to selected clients. He should have prospered in the years since. I saw him since on "Pick A Box" where he won a lot of boxes. Also saw an article about him in the magazine "Pix", he was one of the first Australians to marry a Japanese girl. Max told me about an Aunty of ours named Ruby, one of Pop's sisters, she migrated to America and there married a man named Gleeson. They settled in New Rochelle, New York State. He gave me their address but of course I lost it. In the 1960's in the early days of T.V. Jackie Gleeson got a lot of coverage in Sydney with "The Honeymooners" I used to drive a taxi in those days and once I went to pick up a job in Sans Souci, the mother and two sons came out and one of them called out "Look Mum Jackie Gleeson is driving", another day I was driving down Elizabeth Street near Toohey's old brewery when four young fellows drove past in an old car with no top on it. As they went past they yelled out "Jackie Gleeson!" Ray also has been told of his likeness to Jackie Gleeson many times. Uncle George also is a photo copy of the Gleeson character "Joe the Barman". The credits at the end of "The Honeymooners" indicate the show was produced in New Rochelle, New York State. The point I am trying to make is that by stretching the imagination, Aunty Ruby Gleeson might quite conceivably be Jackie Gleeson's mother and he our cousins. The other brothers and sisters of Pop I will only give a mention to as I don't know their number or most of their ultimate destinations. Joe stayed in Glasgow, he had a wood and coal business, how large I dont know, his son Joe migrated to Australia after the war, he brought his wife Alice and baby daughter Maureen. He died sometime during the late sixties or early seventies. I have not heard about them for a long time. A sister if Pop's called Aunt Mary went to New Zealand. She married a man called Campbell. She came over to visit during the sixties or maybe the fifties, she was another Uncle George, brusque and irascible. she had his features and build, poor thing. She had one good point., she loved Patsy. Where she ranked in the family hierarchy I cannot say. She had one son George Campbell, lived in Sydney for sometime. He was a pretty fair boxer and had a points decision over one of Australias best ever champions "Young" Ambrose Palmer. I think Palmer was middleweight champion then, but finished up heavier. The oldest of the family was Uncle Willy. He also migrated to New Zealand, I saw him once when he visited us in Gloucester presumably they are all dead now except George Campbell and the other children. There were at least two more sisters unknown to me also a brother John. Another earlier boy also named Patrick died before Pop was born. That is all I know

of Pop's brothers and sisters. There is bound to be gaps left in their story but I cannot fill them.

Now I will tell you all I know of Pop's life. As I said he lived with his parents and brothers and sisters. He told me that they always addressed their grandfather as "Dadda" and called their father "Dear". I don't know what age Pop's father attained but his mother lived to a good old age dying in a catholic old peoples' home in the late thirties. I never knew her first name, they must have been rather poor because Pop said they never had meat but lived mainly on potatoes porridge and milk. He also said that he was hired out as a shepherd at the age of eight, for £1 per year. When an Irish boy reached working age it was the normal thing for him to go to Glasgow in Scotland seeking work. Ireland was an agricultural country and jobs were scarce. Pop followed the usual custom and got a job on the railway as a signalman. Most of his brothers went too, but various other jobs. Pop never had any schooling as a child and had to educate himself. He must have done a fair job as he would have to pass exams to join the railways. He told me a funny little story about sitting in a signal box with a dour old Scot who was instructing him. Pop read him a story from an English magazine called "John Bull", it was a popular science magazine and the article Pop read was about Marconi's experiments in sending words by wireless. The old Scot clipped Pop's ear and shouted "Don't read me any of your English bullshit". While working in Scotland, Pop met Elizabeth Colvin. She was born in 1887 and came from a well to do Catholic family. Her birthday was on Christmas Day. She had three brothers Daniel (Father Dan), Thomas and James. She also had three sisters Kate, Sarah and Susan (Sister Josephine) who was a member of the Daughters of Charity in a convent at Dumfries and Lanark, all this though, happened in the future, at the time they met they were young and uncommitted. Who was the oldest I don't know but I think it was Daniel. There is a story around, where it came from I do not know, that George was going out with Elizabeth and Pop was going out with Josephine. When Josephine joined the convent, Pop promptly went under George's neck and married Elizabeth. I don't suppose its true but if it is, it would explain a lot of things. Father Dan became a cannon on the Bishop's Council and was a parish priest with 4 curates. He died December 8 1957. Sister Josephine lived to a good old age and died sometime in the early 1960's. I know nothing at all of the others, I didn't know of their existence until I read the letter from Sister Josephine to Ray telling him of Father Dan's death. I don't know Pop and Elizabeth's wedding date, probably 1908 or 1909 as their first child Margaret Mary, known to us all as Mae was born in 1910 in Sydney. They must have married and then migrated to Australia. Pop once told me that they originally set out for South Africa, but when they reached either Durban or Capetown they didn't like the look of it and continued on to Australia. They landed in Sydney (date unknown) and spent their first night in a hotel called either the Lord Derby or the Lord Jersey opposite Central Station near the dental hospital. I have seen it (he pointed it out to me one day) but I cannot find it now, not even in the phone book. The license has probably been transferred to the suburbs. It was there in the 1950's. Pop soon joined the railways, I don't know his first posting but he was a porter and night officer at Petersham, Gosford, Unanderra, Towrang, Riverstone may be more. Riverstone was probably the last assignment.

Elizabeth died while he was there giving birth to Ray. She is buried in Riverstone Cemetery. That was in July 1922 and in 1923 he was in a Pub in Cadia. Elizabeth was only 35 or 36. She died of Septicaemia, it was a home birth. Pop told me he threw the doctor out of the house after punching him and accusing him of having unsterile instruments. Ray was born on 14th July, so she lingered for a week. I can remember Pop sending Betty and I to a little near by store to buy a tin of "Robinsons Groats" a patent invalid food popular for many years. She must have been

too sick to eat normal food. Ray was taken by a Mr and Mrs Tickner, good friends and neighbours of theirs, who had just lost a baby boy called Leslie. He died of tetnus. Ray stayed with them until he was ten. In 1912 James Joseph (Uncie Jim) was born, he died in 1986. John Daniel was born in 1914. He lived about 18 months, he died of teething convulsions. He probably would not have to go to hospital with it today. Elizabeth Kathleen (Aunty Betty) was born at Goulburn in April 1916. She died in November of 1985. I was also born at Goulburn on December 23, 1917 and am still around. John Aloysius Colvin Kerr was born 1919, he died 1922 and is buried in Randwick Cemetery. He died of pneumonia. He too would probably not have to go to hospital today. I wonder if Pop and Elizabeth realized that his initials spelt J.A.C.K. the diminutive for John?

Sometime after they arrived in Australia Margaret Mary (Mae) was born 1910, to be exact. She went otcovarious schools (all convent) and finished her education at Lochinvar Boarding School for girls, a very swish establishment in those days. Despite her good education, Mae found it hard to find work, she worked for Pop in the ham and beef shop at Bankstown but seemed to think she was overlooked in favour of Aunty Sally, one of the Hunt girls. She did not get on very well with Pop's second wife as so often happens. In 1931 she left home to board with a family in Anderron Street Marrickville. She had a job in a Deli at Summer Hill. She left there for a job in the country. There she met Jack Ellis, a shearer from Ungarie. She married him and went to live in Warren. There Johnny Ellis was born in 1932, Pop's first grandchild the first of many. Margaret and Gwenny followed at intervals. Aunty Mae suffered from high blood pressure for many years and also developed diabetes in her last few years. She died in July 1974 still living at Warren. Jack Ellis died some years later in 1983. He had developed Parkinson's Disease. Mae's death was the end of an era. Warren had always been a nice break for both my family and Uncle Ray's too. Uncle Jim was born James Joseph in 1912, where, I dont know. His early years followed the same course as Mae and indeed the rest of the first family, but he too, had his chance. About 1925 or 1926 Pop sent him for two years to St. Joseph's at Hunters Hill. He was not a good scholar but Pop gave him his chance. Bad times intervened and he finished up leaving and not being able to get a job. Pop had him cooking hams and pigs feet while he had the Deli at Bankstown but after that he could not find a job as the depression was very bad. Eventually he went for a time how long I can't remember, to the Hunt property named "The Troffs" at Trundle. They too were in a bad way and could only offer limited money. When World War II broke out he enlisted in the R.A.A.F. He was stationed at Wagga there he met Marjorie and married her. They had one son. Marjorie died in the late 1950's. Jim died in 1986 aged 74. They are buried together in Rookwood Cemetery. Aunty Betty was born in Goulburn, April 1916, while Pop was night officer at Towrang. Her early years were spent the same as all of us. Convent school education and shifting from hotel to hotel. Then the depression and out of work in teen years. She was a bright scholar and finished third in the Diocese while living in Temora in sixth class. She never had many jobs, a couple in mattress factories around Camperdown way but mostly housework jobs, one or two days a week. In 1937 following the death of Pop's second wife she took on the job of surrogate mother to her little brothers and sisters. She met. Neil Hanley, a Trundle boy, probably through Uncle Jim. They were married at St. Declan's Church Penshurst on the Saturday of eight hour weekend 1941. The reception was at the Masonic Hall Hurstville. They had four children, Kevin, Lorraine, Maureen and Frances. Uncle Neil, as we knew him died aged 66 in 1979. Betty died aged 69 in 1985, November 28. Betty and I were close as children, sharing the same experiences being only twenty months apart. After Neil's death Patsy and I and Betty were together a lot. She died loved and respected by us all. You all know

Ray's history pretty well, in his later years. But in his return, aged 10, to the family he experienced difficulties, he was another mouth to feed and times were very tough. He probably missed the Tickners and Molly and he clashed a lot. At 13 or 14 he left home and very little is known about him until about 1942 when he returned and resumed living with the family at Central Road in 19. He married Alie Van Gestel a Dutch girl from a large family. They too wed at St Declan's. He used to refer to it jokingly as 'Black Saturday". I suppose Alie could say that too. They had three children Michael, Carmel and Gerard. They also are married and only Gerard has no children. I suppose he will soon rectify that. Ray died of a heart attack February 29 1988.

That is the story of Pop Kerr's first family. I will tell you of his life and struggles after Elizabeth's death. He apparently left the railways soon after her death, for in 1923 he was licencee of a Hotel in Cadia, a small copper mining town near Orange. I am not sure if he and Mollie Hunt were married then but she was with him in Cadia. either as wife or house keeper, as the law required one or the other. Pop also had the Butcher Shop there, and used to slaughter his own beasts. I have a vivid memory of Pop, George and Tom doing so one day. George and Tom were not with him at his next Pub which was the "Paragon" at Helensburgh, but Rita was born in November 1924 at Gloucester where Pop had the "Royal" hotel which he bought after Helensburgh.

Rita Monica was the first of the "second" family. Patrick Benedict (Dick) in his early years, was also born at Gloucester. I believe Pop's happiest years were there, he was the towns auctioneer, skin buyer, cordial maker as well as having the Pub with the largest beer sales. He was popular and respected, but he had to sell out and leave after the court case. After Gloucester he bought "The Royal Exchange" in Temora, a town with eleven other Pubs. Aubrey James and Reginald Ronald were born here in 1927 and 1928 respectively. Temora was a good Pub but the depression was looming and confidence was on the way out. Values were falling and Pop got out losing a lot of money. He then bought a ham and beef shop in Bankstown South Terrace. It was called "The Maxwell" and had that name formed in frosted cooling pipes in the window it was a double fronted shop and was roughly where Scarfs are now. Pop and Molly had a little experience in this game and did not do very well at it, but he always was a trier. He used to take his old 1924 "Maxwell" Chrysler which he had bought in the palmy days of Gloucester, to buy some blocks of ice and hawk his goods all around Yagoona and Greenacre which were not built up in those days, also he started a second shop in North Terrace where Coles is now and put Sally Hunt, Mollies younger sister in it to run it. much to Mae's disgust. However this was 1929, the timber strike and the coal strike were devastating to the economy. Pop was made bankrupt and had to walk out with nothing. When he was examined in court there was a sum of £140 unaccounted for. Pop denied knowing it's whereabouts and they never found it. George always reckoned Pop put it in his sock. Knowing Pop he probably did but never admitted it. Pop loaded us all in his old Maxwell and rented an empty shop with residence in Sydenham Road Marrickville. Number 36 1 think. He went down to the markets and bought a load of fruit and vegetables to stock it with Betty and Molly taking it in turns to tend the business which was not very much. It was the Christmas holidays and I used to go with Pop in the car hawking door to door. What we didn't sell we ate. We never ever went hungry as so many other people did in the years to follow. Incidentally the reason he was able to keep the car after being bankrupted was that when his possessions were sold the Tickners bought it for £25, then gave it back to him. They were good friends.

Tony was born here in May 1930. The shop in Sydenham Road is still standing, although it is a factory now. Barry created some sort of a coincidence by getting a job there in the 1960's, not knowing its history. From Marrickville we shifted to another empty shop in Lewisham, then back to Chapel Street Marrickville, house number 30, I think. Then to Frazer Street Dulwich Hill. then to File Street Marrickville, then to George Street Marrickville (£1 per week) then lastly to Anderton Street Marrickville. All these removals were accomplished with the aid of the old Maxwell. I have just realised that between George Street and Anderton Street we also lived in Ewart Street West Marrickville, Number 11. Ewart Street saw the demise of the old Maxwell, it was sold for £11. It had been a godsend to us through those hard years. It's number plate was 6313. Pop said his luck had never been any good since he bought it. The number plate ended in 13 and added up to 13. In Anderton Street Pop was made a ganger in one of the relief work gangs employed around the district. He was not too popular with the rest of the gang for accepting it, but it meant a bit more money. His nickname was "Paddy the Pig" because he wouldn't give the others any favours. One day cutting the paspalum grass with the scythes outside Marrickville Diggers' Club, Pop saw a small bundle of notes lying on the ground. He put his foot on it while the gang was not looking and retrieved it. £15.0 he thought he was made. With it and some money he had saved he had £25.0. This was 1936. In December of that year his second wife Molly died in Marrickville hospital. She had undergone a serious back operation but bled to death internally. They had no transfusions in those days. Molly was a person of moods. she was a good mother to her kids and stuck with Pop through all his troubles and shared them. She must have been game to take on six kids that were not her own, then have seven more of her own. She died aged 39. She is buried in Rookwood Cemetery. Pat (Dick) found her grave and he and some of the boys, Tony that I know of, put a headstone up. Pop was never one to waste money on the departed. Elizabeth's grave has never been pin pointed. The morning after Molly died I came home from work at the woolen mills and saw him sitting on his bed with his head in his hands. I have thought since that he would have been excused if he had given up and put the younger ones in the care of the state, let the older ones fend for themselves, and eased his burdens. He had gone from a comparatively rich man to the dole in 10 years and lost 2 wives and his fortune in the process. But Pop was a fighter. In those days you could buy land on the East Hills line very cheaply. Pop bought a block in Central Road Narwee with his hidden £25. It was divided diagonally by an open drain which made it unsuitable to build on. He got all of us kids every weekend filling it in and running it parallel to his block. It ran from Central Road to Baumans Road, a very deep block. After the war he sold part of it with no access for £1000. In those depression days the state government would build for any unemployed family that owned a block of land, a 2 bedroom home and let them pay it off as rent. Pop took advantage of this offer and we went out there about 1937. Betty who had to be housekeeper cried whe she first saw it, it just seemed to be dumped in the middle of the block. No paths, no verandahs enclosed, not even steps to the front door and no fences at all. Painted green and white, the government colours, and unmade roads and footpaths. However Pop with all our help soon had it more or less ship-shape. He walled off part of the sitting room to make another bedroom, enclosed the back verandah all around one side, giving it a bungalow effect. Pop in those days was working several days a week on relief work with Marrickville Council. He was still a ganger and used his influence to direct a lot of old timber and wire netting. Also galvanised iron and guttering from various demolition jobs back to Central Road where it was promptly put to use building fowl yards, tool sheds, fences and a garage. He grew all his own vegetables, chooks, eggs even a gaggle of geese which were better than watch dogs. He got an old Kosi Combustion stove which in winter was on

day and night. Those days the councils used to give unemployed families free weekly bags of fuel, mostly coke and firewood. Pop made sure he got more than his fair share. All in all he had created a very cosy little home, plentifully supplied with all life's necessities except maybe cash. But he rectified that in the years up to his death. At his death in 1960, he and his third wife, Mary Pettigrew. whom he met down at the markets around the late 1940's, probably 1946 or 1947. She was a widow or divorcee, I never knew which, who had a small mixed business in Addison Road Marrickville. She.had no transport to carry her market purchases, so she had to use a carrier for this purpose. She used to buy and leave them with Pop and myself who had a parking rank down in Ouay Street. She came with her two boys, John and Pat as housekeeper. They eventually married at Punchbowl but what date I cannot tell you. for as usual Pop played it very close to his chest and told no one. All this was a digression however. back to the early days. With the approach of the war things got better. Then the war finally came and mobilization took place. Jobs became plentiful and manpower very scarce. Pop, at almost retiring age, got a job with T & G Insurance Co. and held it for years doing extremely well. Ray came back home to live about 1942 or 1943 and got a job at Edinburgh Laboratories then later went into insurance, also doing well. In 1941 Betty married Neil, so Rita took over housekeeping. She had been working in the office at "Waugh and Josephson's" at St. Peters for some time and continued to do so when she took over the house keeping duties. In 194 she married her school boy sweetheart Stan Butel he was in the R.A.A.F. and they went to the National park chalet at Audley for a very brief honeymoon. Some time after this Aunty Mary came and took over. The younger members of the family all did pretty well for themselves. The exception may be Aubrey, he disappeared and has not been seen since. He is also the only one of the boys who did not learn a trade. He was the best scholar of them all, but never attained his true potential. He enlisted in the A.I.F. aged 16 under his christian names Aubrey James, but Pop had him discharged. He then joined the R.A.A.F. when he turned 18 he was stationed for a time at Wagga where Uncle Jim was also stationed.

During these years he sired a couple of daughters, whether from one mother or two I never knew, certainly one of them came seeking him at Central Road but only got a cup of tea and sympathy from Pop and Mary. Pop did something for the boys of the Second family and also Aunt Mary's boys that he had not been able to do for Jim, Ray and myself. He insisted on them all becoming apprenticed to a trade. Pat or "Dick" as he was called became an electrician. He married Lola Greenfield about 1946 at Balmain. They had one boy Michael, who became a Patrician brother. He was transferred to Los Angeles where he resigned from the brotherhood and wed the Bishops secretary. They have two children and are back in Australia, somewhere near Newcastle. He has a good job in catholic education. Dick and Lola also had two girls, Patricia, who is married with a family and lives down Wagga way, and Sharon who is a school teacher and is still single. Reggie the second boy also became an electrician. He married Margaret they have three girls and one boy. He has done pretty well for himself and has his own electrical manufacturing business at Bankstown, John and Pat Pettigrew, who took the name of Kerr when Pop and Mary married also became electricians. John married Coral at Newtown. They have two boys and a girl and are now grandparents. Pat known to all and sundry as "Bluey" married Ann from Oatley. They have several children., Tony or "Joe" as he is mostly called broke the pattern and became a motor mechanic. Later he joined the Electrical Commission and rose to foreman at several of their district workshops. He married Anne Ellis in 19. They never had any children. Lally or Harry as he prefers to be called became a plumber... he married Phyllis at Oatley. They have two children,

Christopher and Alan. Chris is married with one boy, Benjamin. Alan is still single. As a new-born child Alan was one of the first to be diagnosed as a "blue baby". Alan is also a plumber. Chris is in commerce. Franky, the youngest also became a plumber, but later on graduated to being a milk man and then went into club management. He had heart bypass surgery at age 52 and happily seems to have recovered completey. He married Shirley Davis. They have three boys Warren, Greg and Colin, and are also grandparents.

That is the history of Pop Kerr as I remember it. All that remains to be told are his declining years. Mary Pettigrew is still a controversial subject in the family. When Pop first met her she was lonely and so was he. They complemented each other perfectly, both of them were victims of hard times and knew the value of money. Pop's family was almost off his hands and she was looking for security for herself and her two boys so they decided to join forces. She admired him greatly and took good care of him, especially in his declining years. She nursed him in his last illness and saved him the trauma of an old person's home, as he was a victim of Parkinson's disease. However she blotted her copy book in the families eyes when some time after his death she revoked their joint will, which left their money and property in fourteen equal shares to the fourteen living Kerr children including her John and Pat and of which Aunty Betty was executrix and which I had been shown by Pop. She made a will of her own and left the lot to her two boys John and Pat. I think she was worried by the fact that Pat had a couple of ailing children one of whom at least would finish up as an invalid. Still that is no excuse and she completely betrayed Pops trust in her. When Pop showed me the will I said "Who are the 14 kids?" he said "John and Pat and all my own, even Aubrey, he is still my son" I said "What if you die first?" He said "Mary will carry it out, she is a good woman". Pop Kerr eventually died March 1960 aged 79.

He was buried in Woronora Cemetary 1st April 1960. Mary died in the late 1960's. She had diabetes very badly. She and Pop are buried together. Ironically she is the only one of Pop's wives to get a headstone at her death but she had to pay for it herself.

This is the history of Pop Kerr and his family or families. We have always regarded ourselves as brothers and sisters irrespective of our different mothers. Pop was very secretive about his birthday. He told me that he was born in 1881 January 22nd of that year. If that is so, his great grand daughter Sheridan, daughter of Dennis and Barbara is exactly 100 years younger, that being her birth date also, but in 1981. This story is to the best of my knowledge an authentic account with some inevitable gaps in it due to the fact that I am relying entirely on my own memory in writing it. I miss keenly the absence of Uncle Jim. Aunty Betty and to a lesser degree Uncle Ray, the first two being older than me, would perhaps remember something I have forgotten or something I never knew Ray was younger and spent much of his life away from home. Aunty Mae too would have much knowledge of Pops earlier days, but she alas has been gone about fifteen years. A strange thing about Pops four hotels is that every one of them has vanished from the face of the earth, not long after he sold them. The coppermines closed at Cadia and the places just fell to ruins and then disappeared. Reggie went ther a few years ago as did Tony and myself a few years later and there was nothing there. Reggie brought home a few bricks he found, he gave me one. Helensburgh Hotel was burned out in a bush fire in the 1930's. The "Royal" at Gloucester fell to pieces in heavy flooding in the 1930's, Betty went on a bus trip to Gloucester a few years ago and as near as she can tell there is a park there now, with a hotel motel not far from the site. The "Royal Exchange" at Temora was burnt to the ground in 1930 or 1931.

I forgot to mention that Rita and Stan had quite a few children but unfortunately lost their first boy Graham, who died of leukaemia.

Pop Kerr was a remarkable man. He tried to push himself forward and better himself no matter his position, and he never gave up. Born 40 or 50 years later he might have achieved anything.

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Old Shettleston & Tollcross by Rhona Wilson

Pictures of Carntyne farm show that Shettleston and Tollcross were once rural neighbourhoods, far from the city centre. For the most part the book shows these east end districts as bustling tenement suburbs, their streets crammed with pubs, shops and trams.

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I was born on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> October 1960 at St Margaret's Hospital in Darlinghurst. My family at the time lived in 9 Godfrey St, Penshurst. I was baptised on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> November at St Declan's, Penshurst

