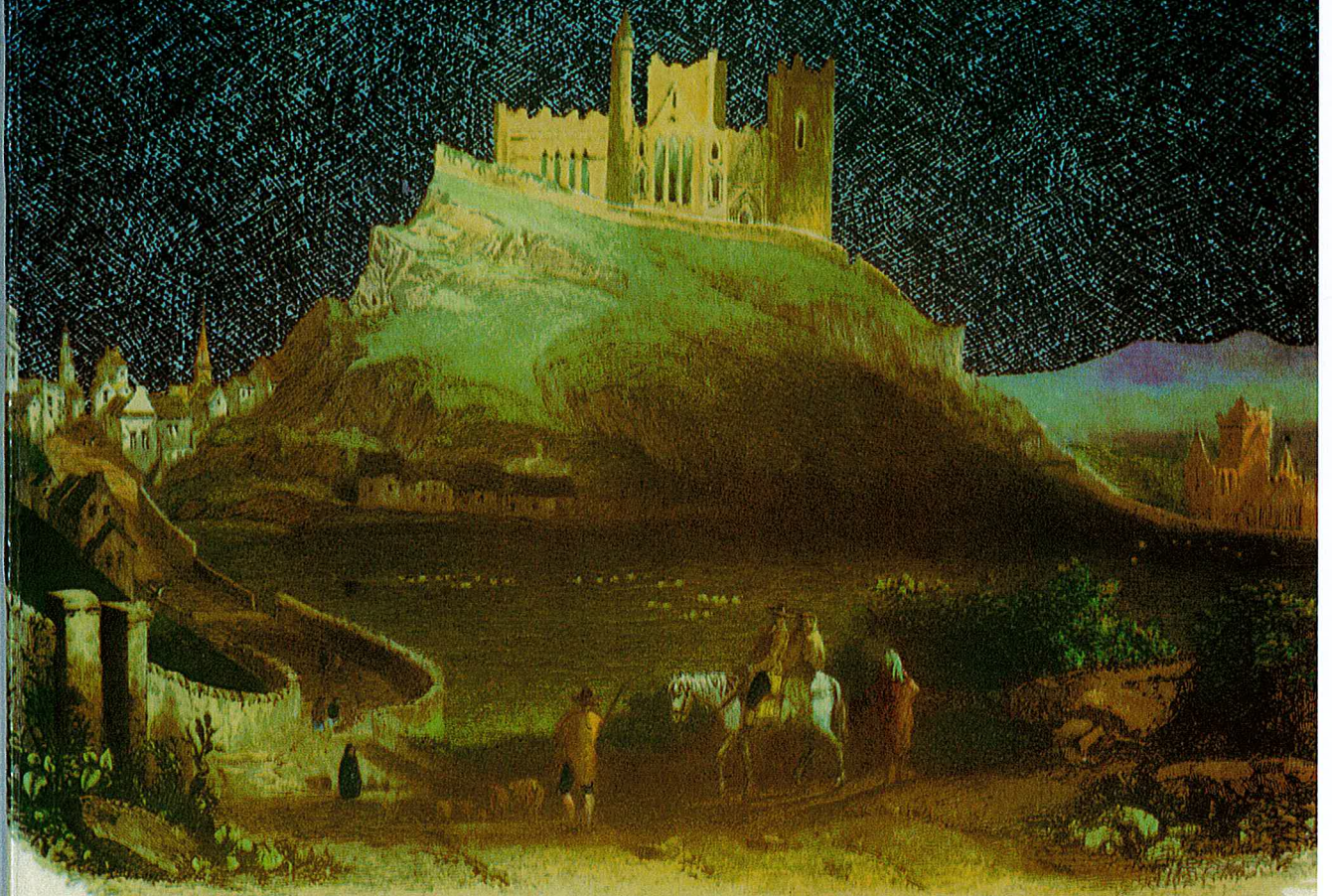


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**The Family of Roger Heffernan and Margaret Brown of Clonbonane**

**Michael**  
b. 178?  
m. Margaret  
Ryan  
Family?  
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Margaret  
...  
Michael  
remained  
in Ireland.  
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children  
to N.Z.

**Catherine**  
b. c. 1795.  
m. Jeffrey  
Common,  
1814  
m. James  
Comans.  
Family:  
William  
Mary  
(Lawler),  
Roger,  
Michael,  
Ellen  
(Barrett).  
...  
Catherine,  
James and  
family to  
NSW.  
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Family  
born in  
NSW:  
Catherine  
Mary (Ryan).

**Mary**  
b. 179?  
m. Edmund  
Kirby,  
1818  
Family:  
Alicia  
(Fahey-  
Coman),  
Margaret  
(Murphy),  
Phillip  
James,  
James,  
Johanna  
Mary  
(Flanagan),  
Bridget  
(Tarlinton),  
Roger  
Thomas  
...  
Mary d. at  
sea.  
Edmund and  
family to  
NSW.

**William**  
b. c. 1800.  
m. Sally  
Ryan, 1820.  
Family:  
Nicholas,  
Catherine,  
Sarah,  
William,  
Mary.  
...  
William  
and  
family  
to Port  
Phillip.  
...  
Family  
(born in  
Colony):  
Patrick.

**Margaret**  
b. 180?  
m. Hugh  
Ryan, 1827.  
Family:  
James,  
Roger,  
Michael,  
Roger,  
William  
John,  
Eliza,  
Margaret.  
...  
Margaret  
remained  
in Ireland.  
William,  
John,  
Bessie  
to NSW.

**Roger**  
b. 1805.  
n.m.?  
Wounded  
by pistol,  
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**Edmund**  
b. 1807.  
m. Honora  
Ryan,  
early 1830s.  
Family:  
Patrick,  
Roger,  
Margaret  
(McCaulley),  
Catherine  
(Tarlinton),  
Mary  
(Mylott),  
Ellen  
(Tarlinton),  
Johanna  
(Maher).  
...  
Edmund  
and family  
to NSW.

**James**  
b. 1809.  
m. Mary  
Mathews, 1835  
Family:  
Roger,  
James,  
James,  
Michael,  
William,  
Mary  
(Dwyer),  
Patrick,  
Catherine,  
John,  
Anastatia  
(Fogarty),  
Margaret  
(Phelan),  
William.  
...  
James bu.  
Clonouity.  
Roger and  
James to  
NSW,  
Michael,  
John,  
Anastatia,  
William to  
USA.

**John**  
b. 1812.  
m. Mary  
Ryan?  
Family:  
Mary,  
(son),  
Michael?  
Patrick.  
...  
John  
remained  
in  
Ireland.  
Eldest  
son and  
Patrick  
to  
America.

**Patrick**  
b. 1814.  
Patrick to  
NSW where  
he married  
Ellen Reilly,  
1840.  
Family:  
Margaret  
McCaulley),  
Mary Therese  
(Gannon),  
Catherine  
(Grealy),  
Roger,  
Thomas,  
Patrick  
Michael.

Edmund, born in the Clonoulty Parish on 1st September, 1807, was made a child of God in the old church there, with Roger Murphy of the strong Ballymore family and Margaret Connors in support.<sup>1</sup> Considering the known literacy of his brother James, two years younger, we might conclude that Edmund had similar educational opportunities.

His father, Roger's shared rented land at Clonbonane, let alone the housing, could not sustain the extended family as the marriage of members brought added burdens: by 1820 William had moved out to Knockavilla and certainly by 1833 Edmund was renting land at Suirville obviously in partnership with James.

Edmund then 23 had married in the early 1830s Honora, 27, the daughter of Patrick Ryan and Peggy Moloney.<sup>2</sup> With Suirville falling within the Golden parish their children were presented there for Baptism: Patt (1833), Roger (ca. 1834), Margaret (1836 — Ed. Kirby was her Godfather), Catherine (1838), Mary (1840, with her uncle John Heffernan as sponsor), Ellen (1842), and Johanna (ca. 1844).<sup>3</sup>

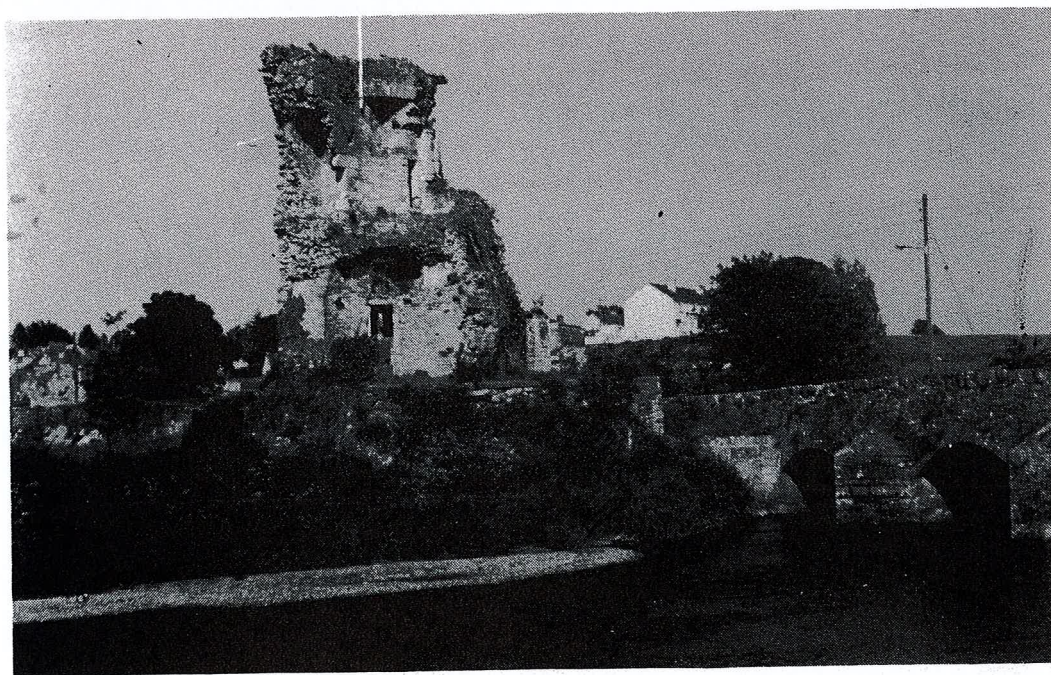
Although Edmund and Honora did not succumb to the pressures that brought several of his brothers and sisters to New South Wales in the late 1830s, the harshness of the famine years would have had its part in the decision to join them later. Besides, with both Edmund's parents and Honora's mother now dead, the bonds that kept them at Suirville

had been weakened greatly.

They set forth aboard the "Sarah" and arrived in Sydney under the summer sun of 10th December, 1849. Both were a little older than the 38 and 39 years given as their ages, and the children were Patrick 16, Roger 15, Margaret 13, Catherine 11, Mary 9, Ellen 7, and Johanna 5.<sup>4</sup>

Edmund purchased some river flat at Milton, south of Sydney, then sold out and tried his hand, unsuccessfully, at the Araluen<sup>5</sup> diggings which opened in 1851. Thence he came to Moruya and "settled for a few years with his family in Mullenderree",<sup>6</sup> no doubt renting land. On 1st June 1854 Edmund commenced to purchase blocks of land at Moggendoura across the river from Moruya to the north west, facing the task of clearing the heavily timbered country, fencing, and building up a dairy herd at the same time. The sale of butter to the miners as they travelled the adjacent road to the gold-fields at Araluen was a profitable business.

The reins of management of the vast estate remained in Edmund's hands until the death of Honora on 15th September, 1887, aged 81; she had been blind for many years. Their eldest, Patrick had long since taken up land elsewhere, and the girls were all married and a settlement made in favour of each. Edmund began to hand over to his son, Roger. He died 31st July, 1894, aged 86 years.<sup>7</sup>



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## The family of Edmund Heffernan and Honora Ryan of Moggendoura

### (i) Patrick of Mantlehill *Ed's great grand father*

To the 16 year old Patrick the prospect of the voyage and adventures in a new Country was appealing indeed. The reality of life on the gold-fields, with his father at Araluen, was exciting if disappointingly unproductive. Then later at Ballarat where he stayed with the Kirby relations — this point remains a mystery as there is no record of the Kirbys as being present there — the eight hundred pounds he made boxing was his biggest gain.

He was aged 27 and with his family at Moggendoura when he, "farmer", married at Moruya before Fr. Patrick Birch on 11th February, 1861, Catherine Coman, "lady", 28, of Glenduart. Roger Heffernan and Jane Brown stood with them.<sup>1</sup>

Born at Knockavilla, Co. Tipperary Catherine had come to the Colony with her father, William, and brothers in 1838 — as already noted, William was the brother of James Comans of Combaning married to Patrick Heffernan's aunt Catherine (Heffernan); and Patrick's cousin Alice Kirby had wed the bride's brother, William.

Patrick now in his late twenties, with a wife and the first of a family to support — Honora was born in the December<sup>2</sup> no doubt saw no great prospects in the yet undeveloped farm at Moggendoura. A chance meeting with a surveyor told him that some land adjacent to Candelo village on the far south coast of New South Wales had not been included in the

Twofold Bay Pastoral Company, Kameruka, Estate. With seventy pounds from his father he made a selection, taking in the area where the western part of the township was later built. Atop the steep ascent he built "Mantlehill" — the name of a Scully property near Golden, also of a location on the southern outskirts of Moruya. With the help of Chinese labour he cleared the land and established his farm. Blocks were selected at Mogilla at a later date in the names of Honorah and Edmund, the eldest children.

District facilities and services were minimal. "Application for the establishment of a Public School ... was made by the residents in 1867. A local Committee was formed comprising Messrs. W.M. White (hon. secretary), H. Wren, John Collins, John Keys and Patrick Heffernan ... The population of the locality was stated at about 200, mostly free selectors, shepherds and store-keepers". Their efforts were successful: the school was opened at the beginning of 1869.<sup>3</sup>

At the time of Patrick's arrival in the district Mass was being celebrated monthly at Bega by Fr. Patrick Birch of Moruya. Patrick contributed to the collection made and forwarded to Bishop Polding towards having a Priest appointed.<sup>4</sup> He came in November 1865 in the person of Fr. Patrick Slattery. His diary kept in the early 1870s describes his round of Station Masses in the parish, including John Collins' home at Candelo where Patrick attended. "I left Mr. Heffernan's towards sun-down and



Looking towards the former "Mantlehill" at Candelo.

4. Shipping records NSW State Archives.  
5. Details from Leo Heffernan, great grandson.  
6. Details from obituary 14.3.02 of Roger Heffernan, son.  
7. Family details.

did not reach Sandy Creek till 8½ . . . Mrs. Heffernan's [Patrick's aunt]". When the Church at Candelo had been completed and Dr. Roger Bede Vaughan came for the blessing, Patrick met his match in cousin R.T. Kirby and John Collins in the battle for the hosting of the Archbishop; but he got to making a speech, and drew cheers, the local newspaper recorded.

The family grew through the years: Edmund (1864), Catherine (1866), William Patrick (1868), Margaret (1870), Roger Joseph (1871).

"Mercantile Stores — Drapers, Grocers, Ironmongers and General Store-Keepers — Specialists in Boots and Shoes", was opened in the early 1890s — it was Catherine's idea — with son William in charge employing a Grace Bros. manager. There were problems with "outstanding debts" and it closed after twelve months. That a line of once-used over-coats hung along the verandah of "Mantlehill", worn home from down town on rainy evenings, might indicate a contributory cause.

Patrick introduced an arab stallion and a pedigree greyhound dog which was also loaned to cousin Patrick of Junee with whom there was a close association. Another cousin, Mollie Ryan (Marie Narelle), whose fine voice later won her international acclaim, was part of the family for a couple of years at one time.

Later the family left the farm and resided at Paddington in Sydney, with Edmund in the hotel business, William at "Mantlehill", and Roger at college, then university studying law.

After their return to Candelo, "Mantlehill" burned down, in about 1908. The rough dwell-

ing erected could never take its place. With Patrick suffering a paralysis from a stroke since his mid-forties, and now in financial difficulties, the family sold out in 1909, William and Roger droving the cattle to leased land at Camden.

Patrick died about 1916, and Catherine, 1918 at the residence of her son Roger at Landsdowne, Manning River.<sup>5</sup> Both were buried at Camden.

#### Their children were as follows:

Honorah: b. Moggendoura 26.12.1861; n.m.; d. 6.7.90.

Edmund: b. 1864; m. Maude Brown.

Catherine: b. 14.4.1866; m. William Bourke; d. 1920.

William Patrick: b. 6.2.1868; m. Nora Mary Hynes 26.4.11 at Camden NSW.<sup>6</sup>

Margaret: b. 25.2.1870; d. 1870.

Roger Joseph: b. 7.6.1871; m. Cecilia Collins 17.8.1899; d. 4.7.32.<sup>7</sup>

#### Footnotes:

1. *Moruya Sacramental Register*.
2. Honora was born on Boxing Day 1861 and baptised the following day, James and Mary Heffernan of Brogo standing as sponsors.
3. *Bega District News*, "Back to School — 70 years ago", 25th March, 1938.
4. Rev. Gerard Monaghan, PP (Editor), "Visions for a Valley", Canberra 1985, pp. 13-14, citing undocumented history.
5. General family details: the late Tom Heffernan, Sydney, grandson, and Mrs. Drury, granddaughter, The Entrance.
6. *Official certificate of marriage*.
7. Details re children: Cynthia Coman and Bega *Sacramental Register*.

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### (ii) Rody of Moggendoura

Edmund and Honora's second son was destined to remain with his parents almost entirely to the end. It is obvious that he had a solid education, perhaps with "Pat Walsh ... in Rathgallon".<sup>1</sup>

Arriving in the Colony he was fired by the gold-fever, spending some years at Major's Creek and Bendigo.<sup>2</sup> But his return to his family at Moruya was final. It was as a "farmer" that he married on 11th February, 1867 Margaret Collins, "Lady", born 4th December 1844 at Charcoal Creek, Kiama, the daughter of John Collins and Ann Colgan who had come to the Colony from Fintona, Co. Tyrone, Ireland in 1841. The event took place "at the residence of the bride", "Collinswood", Candelo, before Fr. Patrick Slattery, the first resident priest of the district, and witnessed by the groom's cousin, Roger Heffernan of Yarragee and the bride's sister, Annie.<sup>3</sup>

Rody was approaching his mid fifties when his father handed over to him. By then his ten children had been born. He set about extending the boundaries of the property to a total of some 3,260 acres.<sup>4</sup> Margaret, his wife, had proved herself a dominant force in the whole operation, supervising the milking and making the butter, while the girls did the milking. The boys were sent to St. Joseph's, Hunter's Hill, Sydney to complete their schooling, the girls to the Sisters of the Good Samaritan at Moruya.<sup>5</sup>

On 8th March, 1902, while making a visit to relatives and friends at Cobargo, Bega and Candelo, he met with a fatal coach accident at Bega. The *Moruya Examiner* while presenting a most graphic description of the event, gave Roger high praise as "a pious and practical Catholic", giving "a bright example of a blameless life". "Even his leisure moments were put



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Edmund: b. 1 d. 18.8.1954.

John: b. 29.6. 1897; d. 14.5.

Honora: b. 2 Yarragee 16.6

Annie: b. 22 21.8.46.

Joanna: b. 24.4.1905; d.

Mary: b. 2.1.7

Patrick: b. 6.1

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#### Footnotes:

1. A school at Suirville in session of
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3. *Bega Sacra*
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**(iii) Margaret McCauley of Nelligen**

To Margaret in her early teens, life in the south coast bush was a far cry from the little farm on the banks of the Suir. Missed would be the closeness of relatives and friends in the new and strange environment.

To the north of Moruya, on the Clyde River, dwelt the McCauley family. Bernard McCauley, his wife, Cecilia Duffey, and family, from Merville, Co. Donegal, already part of our story (cf. p. --), had come to New South Wales through America in the mid 1830s. After some years in the hotel business, Bernard purchased land at Currowan. The family name became synonymous with the Nelligen district and the life of the church there.<sup>1</sup>

On 7th February, 1859 the eldest son, James, of "Correwang" (sic) and Margaret were united in marriage, the first of the Moggendoura Heffernans. Officiating was Fr. Henry Garnett, and as witnesses Edward Brown and cousin, Margaret Heffernan,<sup>2</sup> destined to marry into the same family, as we have seen.

The McCauley family on their properties on the Clyde at "Mulwhy", "Heatherbrae", and "Mt. Pleasant", were involved in cattle raising, and cropping. Timber drawn from the moun-

tains by bullock team were taken down-river by punt, and the corn by boat, making use of the tidal flow.<sup>3</sup>

**James' and Margaret's family was as follows:<sup>4</sup>**

Bernard: b. 1.7.60; m. Mary Rose Rothschild.

Edmond: b. 17.5.62; n.m.

James: b. 1.9.63; m. Margaret (Jessie) Dwyer.

Patrick: b. 7.3.65; obviously died young.

Francis: b. 26.9.67.

Roger: b. 19.11.69.

Patrick Charles: b. 4.11.70; n.m.

Joseph Francis: b. 27.4.73; n.m.

Roger: b. 1875.

William Vincent: b. 1879; m. Matilda Stevens?

Bernard's son, Fred, continues to farm at "Mt. Pleasant".

**Footnotes:**

1. Family details from Fred McCauley, Nelligen.
2. *Moruya Sacramental Register*.
3. Details, Fred McCauley.
4. *ibid.*, *Moruya Sacramental Register*, and M/F birth registration records. There is no recollection of Francis: he possibly died at an early age.

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**(iv) Catherine Mary Tarlinton of Dry River**

Arriving in the Colony at 11 years of age,<sup>1</sup> and older in Moruya, there would be little value for Catherine in the Catholic primary school there.

Catherine became a fine horsewoman and would ride through the Araluen valley in the gold-rush days to Braidwood.

She was the second to marry amongst the girls of the family, at Moruya on 5th August 1861, to William Tarlinton, born at Prospect in 1834, who had come with his pioneer parents, William Duggan Tarlinton and Mary Sanders, to the Cobargo district.

The couple settled at Double Creek, near Bega. There on one occasion, in William's absence, Catherine and son William as a child were held up by four masked men, and saved by the timely intervention of a local Aboriginal man armed with a double-barrelled gun. But it was a home of hospitality as Dean, the bush-ranger escaped from Cooma gaol, found, as did the police in pursuit, and again on their return after shooting and burying the outlaw.

William selected land at Dry River, Quaama. It was during the building of the homestead, Tarlintonville, that all possessions were lost in a house-fire.

Owner, Station and Post Town	Horses	Cattle	Sheep
Smith Anne, Range Farm, Milliganda	5	60	—
Smith Charles, Sam's Corner, Mogilla	1	83	—
Smith Denis, Lochiel, Pambula	4	63	—
Smith Jno. J., Eureka, Wolumla	15	195	50
Smith T. and W. J., Wallagoot	5	77	—
Smith G. E., Ferndale, Cobargo	5	110	—
Smith Terence, Hazelgrove, Pambula	4	50	—
Solomon A. H. C., Reedy Swamp, Candelo	2	56	—
Southan Daniel, Fairview, Tilba	6	63	—
Tilba	6	110	—
Spence Bros., Double Creek, Brogo	6	68	—
Spindler Charles, Brogo	5	68	—
Spindler Frederick, Ravenswood, Bega	5	65	—
Stiles A. T., Kanoona, Bega	2	86	—
Stiles Mrs. C. E., Kanoona, Bega	2	162	—
Stiles Charles T., Kanoona, Bega	15	340	—
Stiles C. H., Rockleigh, Kanoona	8	117	—
Sweeney Alexander, Wolumla	4	70	—
Swinnerton W. J., Nethercate	6	69	—
Tapper Bros., Mount Harriet, Candelo	3	60	—
Tarlinton Alexander, Murrabrine, Cobargo	12	160	—
Tarlinton E. A., Buckejo, Bega	5	150	20
Tarlinton E. A., Quaama	12	125	—
Tarlinton Daniel, Bredbatowra, Cobargo	10	320	40
Tarlinton James, Wilgona, Cobargo	8	230	48
Tarlinton John, Bega	12	340	—
Tarlinton Thomas, Fairview, Cobargo	9	503	83
Tarlinton T. J., Cobargo	8	60	—
Tarlinton W. J., Lynnwood, Quaama	7	160	—
Taylor John, Penucca, Bega	7	90	—
Taylor Thomas, Tanja, Bega	18	240	36
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An extract from "Directory 1906 — R.G. Dun and Co., 7 O'Connell St., Sydney.



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— R.G. Dun



"Tarlintonville", Dry River.

William died in Sydney on 22nd October, 1899, and Catherine while residing with her daughter at Minto on 10th March, 1920, "fortified to the end by the last rites of the ... Church, of which she and her ... husband were devoted adherents". They were buried at Cobargo.<sup>2</sup>

**Their family was as follows:<sup>3</sup>**

William Joseph: b. 23.10.62; m. Cecilia Murray; d. Mullumbimby 1912.  
 Catherine (Kate): b. 9.7.66; m. Charles Murray, Cobargo, 21.1.95.  
 Mary: b. 25.5.68; n.m.; d. 20.3.20.  
 Edmund: b. 19.9.70; m. Elizabeth Anne Faulkner 3.9.1900; d. 2.2.50.  
 Nora: b. 13.7.72; m. Jim Walker, Quaama

3.7.01; d. 1.10.06.  
 Ernest Alexander: b. 14.5.74; m. Marie Anne Lynch.  
 Margaret (Maggie); b. 25.11.75; n.m.; d. 7.9.51.  
 Agnes Ann: b. 25.11.84; m. Norman Millar; d. 2.12.51.

**Footnotes:**

1. Catherine's obituary gives her date of birth as 15th August 1839. But shipping records concur with the date as recorded in the register at Golden, 1838.
2. Details from Obituaries (undated), Mrs. A.J. Heffernan, Scrapbook No. 4.
3. *Bega Sacramental Register*, and family details from Pat Tarlinton, Seven Hills, Sydney.

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*Patricia's great grandmother*

**(v) Mary Mylott of Tuross**

To the Mary Heffernan of 9 years the journey to New South Wales and her family's early adventures must have been a source of wonder and excitement.

She grew to womanhood on the farm at Moggendoura, and married, on 16th November 1864, Patrick Mylott<sup>1</sup> who had arrived in the Colony a few years before from Clooncorrack, Co. Mayo. At the time he was the managing overseer of Bodalla Estate, under Thomas Sutcliffe Mort. Patrick took up Tuross Estate where he and Mary spent the greater part of their lives, with the exception of a time in Sydney, when they leased the property, during the education of their family — the boys attended St. Joseph's, Hunter's Hill — and Patrick was involved with a wholesale liquor business and coastal shipping.<sup>2</sup>

After Patrick's death in 1899 Mary with the family carried on the estate, but in later years disposed of it, and lived at Mynora, Moruya. She spent the last fifteen years of her life with a total loss of sight. She died at the great age of 92 years, and was buried at Moruya.

Her home at Tuross had been "proverbial for hospitality", "her generosity and piety were known to all".<sup>3</sup>

**The family of Patrick Mylott and Mary Heffernan:<sup>4</sup>**

Mary (Minnie): b. 6.9.65; m. --- Mulconry.  
 Honarah: b. 1867 (apparently died young).  
 Margaret (Maggie): b. 11.7.69; m. Albert Dainer.  
 Patrick: b. 4.10.71; m. Elizabeth Cantlay.  
 Edmund (Ted): b. 1873; m. Kathleen Barry.

Norah: b. 22.5.73; n.m.

Eva Theresa (5): b. 1875; m. Hutton Gibson, 1917 in Chicago; d. America, 20.3.1920.

Catherine (Katie): b. 1878; m. — Driscoll.

Joannah Agnes: b. 23.8.79; m. Jack McGrath.

Ellen (Nellie): b. 27.4.82; n.m.

**Footnotes:**

1. *Moruya Sacramental Register*.
2. Rev. Brian Maher, B.Sc.Agr., PP, "Down by Shannon Harbour", Canberra 1987, p.61, and Win Cleary, Burrawang, cousin.
3. Obituary, undated, *Mrs. A.J. Heffernan's Scrap-book No. 5*.

4. *ibid.*

5. Contralto Eva Mylott studied under Madame Christian then Kowalski. Encouraged by Dame Nellie Melba she left for Europe in 1902 and was taught by Mme. Marchesi in Paris and Minna Fischer. She settled permanently in America, "and appeared regularly as a soloist in oratorio and the concert circuit and was in demand as an entertainer for fashionable New York 'at homes'". She made a triumphant visit to Australia in 1912 and was accorded a public reception in Sydney. — cf. H.J. Gibbney, "Eurobodalla, History of the Moruya District", Sydney 1980, pp. 138-40. Film actor Mel Gibson is her grandson.



**Australia's Famous Contralto**

*Eva Gibson.*