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## Child 1: Michael Henry Murray

**Michael** was born in 1843 at Kangaroo Swamp, Essington, Brisbane Valley. He married **Julia Johanna Rawson** at Fish River Creek on 16<sup>th</sup> January 1866. {ref: Registration # 1421}. They had 6 children;

- twins male and female who died at birth in 1866.
- [Mary Jane Murray](#) – born 15<sup>th</sup> June 1867 Brisbane Valley. She married James Knight at Blayney on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1884. They lived in Kyabram Victoria, SA and finally in Kalgoorlie where James committed suicide by swallowing cyanide on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1902. The couple had 4 children:
  - Phoebe Ann [1887-1935];
  - John James [1890-1961];
  - William Henry [1892-1893] and
  - Elsie May [1894-1980].



Left to Right: Phoebe aged 13, John aged 10, James, Elsie aged 6 and Mary Jane aged 32 yrs [ Ref: Rebecca Loring Ancestry post].

## JAMES KNIGHT'S DEATH INQUEST

The death of James Knight, which took place on the night of Monday last under peculiar circumstances, was the subject of an inquest yesterday, before Mr. P. Whelan, J.P., acting coroner, and a jury of three.

Sergeant Thomas conducted the inquiry.

Mary Jane Knight, widow of the deceased, deposed that she returned to her house shortly before eight o'clock on Monday night last from Kalgoorlie. Her husband expressed annoyance at her late arrival. After sitting at the table, in company with John Dyas, Wm. McLeod, and witness' daughter, deceased went to the back premises and returned in a few minutes with a glass in his hand containing what appeared to be water, and after saying "Good-by Jack," he drank the contents. He then said, "It's £1000 to £1 on the dose of cyanide." Knight sat down on a form, and asked for a drink of water, which was supplied by his daughter Phoebe. He then went into the passage way and fell. Dyas went to his assistance, and administered salad oil without result, and witness directed that medical assistance be sent for. Dr. Barber subsequently arrived and pronounced life to be extinct. Her husband had been out of work for six months, and had often threatened self-destruction. He was a very hot tempered man.

William McLeod, blacksmiths' striker, stated that he was at Knights' house nearly the whole of Monday last. During the day Knight drank four glasses of ale. When Mrs. Knight returned shortly before eight o'clock her husband reprimanded her for being late.

The witness gave evidence corroborative of the previous witness' statements regarding deceased taking poison. Had examined the glass from which deceased had drank, and found that it had contained cyanide solution. After drinking from the glass deceased remained conscious for about 15 seconds.

Phoebe Knight, daughter of the deceased gave evidence similar to that

tendered by previous witnesses, and in reply to Sergeant Thomas, said she could not assign any reason why her father had taken poison. He was very warm tempered, and occasionally quarrelled with her mother, but there had been no disagreement on Monday last.

John Dyas, a carpenter, deposed that he was present when Mrs. Knight returned, and heard her husband complain of her being late. He afterwards saw deceased drink the contents of a glass which subsequently proved to be cyanide solution. Deceased had frequently informed witness that he would do away with himself. On last Christmas eve he had severed a vein in his arm and had nearly bled to death before the arrival of a doctor. Knight was of a very quarrelsome nature, and was at times very violent and of peculiar behavior.

After Constable Bendall had given formal evidence the inquiry was adjourned to a date to be fixed, in order to secure the attendance of Dr. Love, who is now ill.

This inquest explains why **Mary Jane** looks so sad in the photo above. It was not an easy life. James death certificate shows the family moved around- James had lived in NSW for 15 years, SA 10 and WA 5 years where he died at Brown Hill. However, looking at where the children were all born it was in Kyabram Victoria.

**Mary Jane** died on 14<sup>th</sup> February 1958 in Perth and is buried with her daughter **Elsie** at Karrakatta Cemetery.

- [John Murray; 1870-1876](#)
- [Michael Henry Murray](#) – born 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1872 Bathurst. Known as **Henry Michael**. He marries Caroline Barry [1869-1942] in Sydney in 1889 and they have 5 children;
  - [Cecilia W b 1898;](#)
  - [Arthur Joseph \[1902-1962\];](#)
  - [Eileen M \[1905-1994\];](#)
  - [Caroline S \[1909-1963\] and](#)
  - [Arthur Joseph.](#)

**Michael Henry** dies on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 1942 in North Sydney. Electoral rolls show the family lived at 49 Albert Ave Chatswood in 1912 and 1930 and Henry was a panman. **Henry** had served in WW1 in the 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He was nearly 44 yrs when he signed up and the family was living at Chatswood. From his papers we know he was fair skinned, blue eyed with grey hair. He weighed 9lbs and was five foot four inches. He suffered chronic rheumatism and was hospitalise din 1916 but sent out to battle days later in France. He had bouts of hospitalisation and returned to Australia in 1917. He

was in the field for only 1 month due to his health. He was discharged on basis of lumbago and over age.

- [Samuel Murray](#)- was born 1874 at Brisbane Valley Essington. He married **Maud Jane Smith** in 1902 at Rockley and they had one son
  - [Stanley Warren Samuel Murray](#) born 1909.Samuel died on 16<sup>th</sup> December 1953 in Chatswood. The family had lived at 1 Moonbria St Naremburn. Samuel was a labourer. Maud was not a Smith relative.

## Child 2: Edward Murray

**Edward** was born at the Whalan's Glyndwir property in 1844. Charles Whalan of Glyndwr Fish River was an early pioneer.<sup>1</sup> Hamilton and Celia may well have been working for Charles Whalan at the time. He married **Margaret Hope [1850-1938]** in 1868 at Bathurst. **Margaret** was the daughter of **Redmond Hope** and **Ann Donnelly** and younger sister to **John Redmond Hope** who married **Frances Jane Green**, daughter of **Charles Smith Green** and **Sarah Heffernan** later Mrs Joseph Sewell. Frances was the granddaughter of **Francis Green** [also later Mrs Joseph Sewell] and most probably **John alias Richard Smith**. [ read his story on his page].

Edward and Margaret had 7 children:

- [John Murray](#) born 1869
- [Edward Murray](#)-1872-1872
- [Anne Jane Murray](#)-1873-1883
- [Elizabeth Mary Murray](#) – born 1876 and married Alban Wilcox in 1892. Elizabeth died 15<sup>th</sup> December 1952 in Sydney and is buried at Rookwood Cemetery. They had a daughter Vera
  - [May Wilcox Miles](#).
- [William James Murray](#)- born 1879 married Elsie Hewitt 1909
- [Hannah Murray](#) – born 1882
- [Edward Thomas Murray](#) - born 1883 at Mayfield Oberon. He married Eva M Thomas in 1918 at Bathurst. He was killed in a fatal car crash in 1929. They had 6 children.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.visitoberon.com/about-oberon/history/>



### Fatal Oberon Road Smash.

When a car overturned near Oberon, at 3.30, on Monday afternoon, Mr Edward Murray, a well known Oberon district man, was killed outright, and his companion, Mr. Ray Bouchier, an Oberon grazier, was severely injured. Messrs. Murray and Bouchier were returning from the Mount David district, and were approaching a railway crossing about a quarter of a mile from Oberon. It is thought that the car skidded, and the driver, being unable to get it under control, it turned over completely. Mr Murray was thrown against the body work of the car with terrific force, and suffered injuries to the head, so that he died almost immediately. Several children who witnessed the accident, called a doctor, who found that Mr. Bouchier was suffering from concussion and a fractured rib. The late Mr Murray was a married man, 35 years of age, and is survived by a widow and six children.

## Child 3: John Murray

**John** was born at Fish River in 1845. Quite possible also at the Whalan's property. He married **Anne Burgess** in 1873 at Hartley. Anne had been born in Dapto Wollongong on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1850 to Joseph and Mary Anne Burgess. This explains why John ended up in Wollongong. They went on to have 11 children:

- [Annie Louisa Murray](#)- 1874-1874
- [Edward John Joseph Murray](#) – was born in Unanderra on 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 1876. He went on to marry **Mary Ann Puckeridge** on 20<sup>th</sup> March 1901 in Wollongong. They had 6 children:
  - [Hamilton Murray](#) [1901-1959];
  - [Hilda Muriel Murray](#) [1903-1968];
  - [John Edward Cyril Murray](#) [1905-1948];
  - [Eva Mary Murray](#) [1907-1933];
  - [Marjorie Violet Murray](#) [1908-2000] and
  - [Francis Cecil Murray](#) [1911-1978]. Edward died 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 1932 at Unanderra.
- [Eva Celia Maud Mary Murray](#) – born 1878 in Wollongong. She married **William Samuel Gillespie** on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1899 in Sydney and they 3 children:
  - [Georgina Gillespie](#) [1901-1902]
  - [Annie Gillespie](#) [born 1905]
  - [William Charles Gillespie](#) [1911-1998]

William dies on Anzac Day 1914 ie 25<sup>th</sup> April at his home in William St Unanderra. Hid Find a Grave site states he was also born on 25<sup>th</sup> April in 1863 in Wollongong.

Eva remarries **Walter Alexander Harcourt Macfarlane** in 1917 in Wollongong. He was a widower with 5 children

- Harcourt MacFarlane [1896-1940];
- Marjory MacFarlane [1899-1964];
- Russell MacFarlane [1903-1967];
- Lucy MacFarlane [1905-1970];
- Robert Cuthbertson MacFarlane [1911-1993].

This family had lived in Dubbo. Walter's wife Clara Eleanor Gilmour died on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 1913 in Dubbo Hospital.

Eva goes on to have another child with Walter

- Alexander Eric MacFarlane born in 1921. He marries Lillian Margaret Apsted in Wollongong in 1942.

Eva dies on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1931 in Burwood Sydney. She is buried in the Berkeley Pioneer Cemetery, Unanderra. Likely with her first husband. Her second husband outlives her by 10 years.

- **William Henry Hamilton Murray** – born 22nd July 1880 in Wollongong. He married **Violet Wilson** in 1908 in Sydney. They had 3 children:
  - **William Thomas Murray**- born 8th April 1909 Wollongong. He Married **Eileen Warrington** in 1933 in Wollongong. William died on 13th July 1975 and is buried in Berkeley Pioneers Cemetery.
  - **Reginald John Murray** – born 23rd Sept 1911 Wollongong. He married **Martha Douglas** in 1938 in Wollongong. Reg died on 26th Sept 1966 and lays at Wollongong City Memorial Gardens and Crematorium aka Berkeley Crematorium.
  - **Dulcie Violet Hamilton Murray** – born 32nd Feb 1914 in Wollongong. Little Dulcie died in 1916 and is buried with her mum and dad in the Berkeley Pioneers Cemetery.





- [Laura Henrietta Murray](#) – born 1882 in Wollongong. She married Patrick Connaughton Jnr in St Michaels Church, Wollongong on 30th Feb 1901. Laura was 18 and a General Store Assistant. Patrick was a labourer and they lived in Central Kembla which would have been Berkeley / Unanderra. John Murray gave his consent to the marriage. Laura and Patrick had 6 children:
  - [Eric Hamilton John Connaughton](#) – born 21st July 1901 Wollongong which may explain the early marriage. Laura was pregnant. He marries **Minnie Tate** at St Michaels Church Wollongong on 29th April 1933. Minnie is listed as undertaking domestic duties whilst Eric is a miner. He dies in Kiama on 17th December 1961. He lies at Wollongong City Memorial Gardens and Crematorium aka Berkeley Crematorium.
  - [Patrick Connaughton](#)- 1904 to 25th May 1968. He is also at Wollongong City Memorial Gardens and Crematorium aka Berkeley Crematorium.
  - [Cecil Charles Connaughton](#) – born 7th July 1904 Unanderra. Married **Daisy Doreen Johnson** in 1928 in Kiama. Cecil died on 12th November 1972 and is also at Berkeley Crem. They had 1 daughter
    - [Roma Connaughton](#)- who died in 1938.
  - [Annie Noreen Connaughton](#) – born 1906 Wollongong. Married **James William Blackburn Hunter** in All Saints Church Leichhardt on 30th April 1932. Annie was from Unanderra and undertaking domestic duties. James was a bricklayer of Wollongong. Patrick Annie's father is a fetler. Annie dies on 2nd March 1979 and is also at Berkeley Crem.
  - [Ettie Isobel Connaughton](#) – born 16th Jan 1909 Wollongong. She marries **Mervyn James Maddalena** in 1941 in Wollongong. She dies on 20th January 1994. They have 3 children- names unknown but their third child was born and died in 1942.
  - [Albury Keith Connaughton](#) – born 19th November 1911 Unanderra. Married **Lily Linda Lye** on 24th Nov 1934 at St Michales Church in Wollongong. She was a domestic from Mt Keira and he a labourer from Unanderra. Dad Patrick by this stage is a miner. Lily's father gave consent to the marriage. She was 19 years of age. Albury served in WW2.
- [Ettie Isobel Murray](#) – born in Wollongong on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1884 and baptised on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1884. She marries **Walter Wells** in 1909 and dies on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1981. She too lies at Berkeley Crem.
- [Cecil Oberon Murray](#) – born Wollongong 9<sup>th</sup> January 1887. He marries **Daisy Isobel Bridgman** on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1912 at St Michaels in Wollongong. He is a fetler of Unanderra and she undertakes domestic duties. The marriage certificate states Cecil was born at Figtree and his father John is of independent means. No father is listed for Daisy only her mother Mary Jane Bridgman and Daisy was born in Drouin Victoria.. They go on to have 8 children:

- Cecil Gordon (Cod) Murray – 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 1912- 1<sup>st</sup> July 1990. He marries **Edna Frances Smith** on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1934 at St Michaels Wollongong, His Dad is listed as an engine driver and Cecil Jnr as a labourer. Of course Edna is listed as domestic duties. They had 3 children names are kept private. Their photo to the left.



- Eric Edward Murray – 1914 -30<sup>th</sup> August 1985. He married **Olive Eileen Berkery** of Coniston on 28<sup>th</sup> November 1936 at St Michaels Church Wollongong. [photo below] She was a minor aged 19 and needed permission to marry her father was deceased so she had a guardian give permission R Musgrave as her mother could not legally do this. Olive was born in Orange and her father had been a farmer. Eric was 22 years of age and a labourer of Coniston. His father is still listed as an engine driver. They have 4 children, their eldest is:

- *Charles Brian Murray* – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1937- 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1988. He married **Judith Ann Bellamy** in 1962 in Wollongong. He other 3 children are private.

Eric died on 30<sup>th</sup> August 1985 and lies at Berkeley Crem.



- John Joseph [Jack] Murray – 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 1916 to 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2003. He lived at 7 Mackle St Coniston according to the 1977 Electoral Roll. He was cremated and lies in the 1st Rose Gdn 7J at Berkeley Crem along with his extended family. He did not marry.
- Daisy Isobel Murray – 6<sup>th</sup> August 1917 – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009. She marries **Reginald Bates** 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 1949 in Marrickville Sydney. See family photo below. They have one son:
  - *Ian James Bates* – born 28<sup>th</sup> November 1941 in Lismore NSW and died 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at Dapto NSW. The family lived at 143 Laver Rd Dapto. He was married with 2 children all listed as private. Thanks to the public family tree of Troy Bates. Photo of young Ian below.



- Anne Murray – 13th October 1920- 12th December 2010. She married John Jardine Sharp in Wollongong in 1958. Thanks to Bates and Ryan family trees for information and photos.



*L to R Back Row: Fred Munday; John Sharpe (Groom); 'Cod' Murray; Ian Bates Front Row: Rose Gardiner (Murray); Sandra Bates; Anne Murray (Bride); Barbara Warner*

- [Dorothy A Murray](#) – 4<sup>th</sup> June 1921- 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016 Wollongong. She married **Leslie Michael Warner** at St Michaels Wollongong on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1942. At the time of their marriage Lelsie was a baker from 73 Ormond St Ashfield NSW and Dorothy was undertaking domestic duties at 7 Mackie St Coniston. Cecil Oberon is still an engine driver. Dorothy’s mother is listed as Daisy Anderson. Her borther John Joseph was a witness. They had 2 children one private and the other:
  - [Phillip Warner](#) 1947-1947.

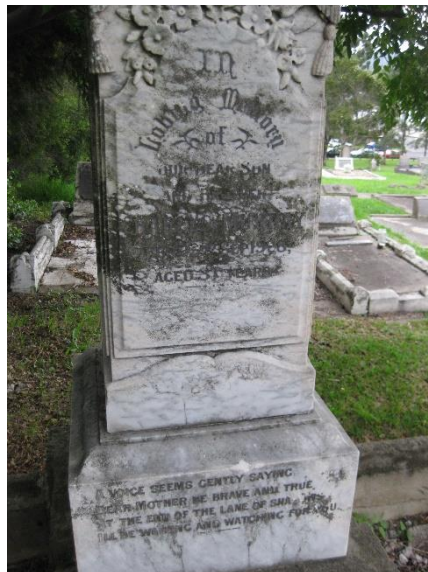
Dorothy rests at Berkely Crematorium also.

- [Mary Ann Murray](#) 18<sup>th</sup> October 1924 – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Wollongong. She married **Frederick Clark Munday** [ see wedding photo of Ann above for photo of Fred] on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1943 at St Michaels Wollongong. Fred was a fitter and turner of 127 Keria St Wollongong and he had been born in Lithgow. Mary Anne was undertaking domestic duties at the family home 7 Mackie St Coniston. They had no children and she also rests at Berkeley Crem.
- [Rose Murray](#) – 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 1926- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2007. She married **John Thomas Gardiner** at St Michaels on 19<sup>th</sup> October 1946. She was a shop assistant living at the family home in Coniston. He was a labourer also living at the Murray family home at 7 Mackie St. John was born in Lane Cove. As Rose was 20 years of age consent was required and this time both mum and dad are cited on the consent form. Witnesses were Rose’s sister Dorothy Warner and brother John Murray. It appears from family trees that they had 1 child. Thanks to the Bates and Ryan family trees for the below wedding photo.





- [Georgina Snow Murray](#) 1888-4<sup>th</sup> March 1953. Married John Newton Watson at Hurstville in 1908. According to his daughter's marriage certificate he was a coke worker- at the steelworks. The 1930 Electoral role has them living in Macquarie St Wollongong and John is a labourer. They had 2 daughters:
  - [Alina Lillian Watson](#) 28<sup>th</sup> April 1908- 29<sup>th</sup> June 1964. She married **George Forsyth Bryson** in 1934 in Wollongong. Her burial records indicate she was born in Figtree and she is buried at Berkeley Pioneer Cemetery.
  - [Ida Alva Watson](#) about 1913- 12th August 2004. She married **Walter Thomas Barrett** [Ref: 6658] in 1934 at St Michaels in Wollongong. Their marriage certificate says Walter was a miner of Mt Kembla and Ida of course is listed as domestic duties. They had 1 son:
    - [James Walter Barrett](#) 19<sup>th</sup> July 1934-20<sup>th</sup> March 1994. He is at Berkeley Crem. Thanks to the Barrett, McAvoy and Barrett / Reynolds Burlong / Emery family trees we know he married Carol Delphine West in Wollongong in 1957. They had 2 sons:
      - [Clayton James Barrett](#) 1958-2020
      - [Bradley Barrett](#) 1965-2018
- [Charles Aubrey Rupert Murray](#) baptised 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1891 – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1928. His baptism record lists John as a farmer. He is buried at Berkeley pioneer Cemetery. Photo courtesy of Bates Public Family tree.



- [Eric James Frederick George Murray](#) 1893-1975. He was baptised on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1893 at St Michaels Wollongong. He lies at Berkeley Crematorium.
- [Muriel Murray](#) 1894-19<sup>th</sup> February 1993. She married Duncan Sahe McInnes on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1919 at St Michaels Wollongong. Their marriage record indicates Duncan was a labourer born in Kilsyth Scotland but residing in Cardiff NSW. Muriel of course is home duties. Her dad by this stage is listed as a retired engine cleaner. John Murray's in memory of placed by Muriel for her father in 1942 identifies that she had 3 children:

- Betty McInnes
- Daphne McInnes
- John McInnes

Muriel rests at Berkeley Crematorium.

## Child 4: Daniel Murray

**Daniel** was born in 1848 on Kings Station ie Essington Park Oberon according to Rockley Manner<sup>2</sup> and his birth record registration # 7900. He married **Catherine Rourke** of Barrack Lane Bathurst at the Catholic Church Rockley in 1872. According to the Rockley Manner<sup>3</sup> she was the daughter of John Rourke and Bridget Casey. John was convicted in 1838 along with his younger brother Patrick of larceny and transported aboard the Clyde II. Daniel died on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1911. He is buried at Bathurst cemetery. Catherine died in Erskineville in 1938 according to her funeral notice.

These two funeral notices tell us that after Daniel died Catherine moved next door to her eldest

**MURRAY.**—The Relatives and Friends of the late Mrs. **CATHERINE MURRAY**, of No. 28 Sydney Street, Erskineville, are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to leave St. Mary's Church, Erskineville, **THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON**, at 2 o'clock, for the Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood, No. 3 Mortuary, Section 9.  
**P. BYRNES and CO. PTY., LIMITED.**  
Funeral Directors

**MURRAY.**—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. **A. SMITH and FAMILY**, of No. 30 Sydney Street, Erskineville, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved **MOTHER, GRAND-MOTHER, and GREAT-GRANDMOTHER**, Catherine Murray; to leave St. Mary's Church, Erskineville, **THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON**, at 2 o'clock, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.  
**P. BYRNES and CO. PTY., LIMITED.**

daughter known as Amelia Ann Smith. Catherine lived at 28 Sydney Rd and Amelia aka Bridget at 30 Sydney Rd Erskineville. She looks to have lived a long and family filled life.

**FUNERAL.**

**MURRAY.**—The Friends of Mrs. Daniel Murray and Family, Mr. and Mrs. William Murray, Mr. Edward Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry, and Misses May and Kathleen Murray are respectfully invited to attend the **FUNERAL** of their late dearly-beloved Husband and Father, to move from his late residence, 231 Keppel-street, at 3 o'clock **THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON**, for the Catholic Cemetery, Bathurst.

**W. BOYD,**  
Undertaker,  
182 Piper-street.  
Telephone, 116.

Daniel's funeral notice sees the family living at 231 Keppell St Bathurst.

Daniel and Catherine had 8 children:

<sup>2</sup> Roberson A.M The Rockley Manner. ISBN 0-7316-7862-1 1989

<sup>3</sup> Op cit page 103



- [Bridget Cecilia Murray](#) also known as Amelia Ann Smith [confirmed on her death certificate] and Celia Ann Murray Smith on various documents. The Australian Birth Index has her born in 1874 [Registration # 7027] and registered at Bathurst. The Rockley Manner states she married her first cousin William Smith. Tracking William down is a bit difficult. To be a first cousin he has to be the son of one of Daniel's siblings. The only Smith surname comes from Catherine Murray who married John Thomas Smith. Their son William Henry Smith married Eliza Cash in 1907. The conundrum is documented on the John Thomas Smith and Catherine Murray pages. It is not clear that Bridget married her first cousin William Henry Smith. Let's look at the documents:

**WEDDINGS.**


**SMITH—CASH.**—At the R. C. Church, Rockley, on Wednesday, February 4, by Rev. Father McGrath, William, eldest son of Mr. Thomas Smith, of Charlton, to Annie, daughter of Mr. James Cash, of Trunkay. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in cream silk voile, trimmed with guipure lace and insertion, and wore a shell pink erinoline hat, trimmed with pale blue tips and silk tulle. She also wore a ruby and diamond brooch, and carried a bouquet of marguerites and roses, the gifts of the bridegroom. Misses Maud Cash and Emma Smith acted as bridesmaids. Miss Cash wore pale blue silk voile, with guipure, and a pale pink hat, trimmed with roses and ospreys. She also received a gold chain and heart, the gift of the bridegroom. Miss Smith's dress was of cream silk, trimmed with guipure lace and insertion, while her hat was of cream chip, bedecked with cream tips and baby roses. She, too, received a gold chain and heart from the bridegroom. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a silver-mounted purse. Mr. Will Cash, brother of the bride, filled the role of best man. The wedding breakfast was served at "Charlton," the residence of the bridegroom, after which the happy couple left for Sydney on their honeymoon. The bride travelled in navy blue silk, trimmed with valenciennes lace and insertion, and wore a hat to match.

This Smith Cash wedding makes it pretty clear it is William Henry Smith son of Tom Smith of Charlton. The reference to Emma Smith William's sister confirms this even further.

The Australian Marriage Index does confirm that an Amelia A Murray married William Smith in 1897 in Bathurst [Registration # 655].

Bridget died in 1953 not before 1907 when William Henry married Eliza Cash.

Bridget's death certificate confirms she was also known as Amelia Ann Smith. See Below

DEATHS registered in the District of Sydney, at <u>Newtown</u> in the State of New South Wales by <u>John Bramwell Ross-Sampson</u> Assistant District Registrar.	
1. No. in Register	526.
Description—	
2. Name and surname	Bridget Cecilie known as Amelis Ann SMITH.
Rank or profession	
3. Sex and age	Female 80 years.
4. When and where died	1st. June, 1953.
Usual Residence	30 Sydney Street, Erskineville.
5. Where born, and how long in the Australian Colonies or States, indicating which	Rockley N. S. W.
6. Name and surname of father	Daniel Murrey.
Rank or profession	Labourer.
Name and maiden surname of mother	Catherine Rourke.
If deceased was married—	
7. Where	Bathurst N. S. W.
At what age	23 years.
To whom	William Smith.
Conjugal condition of deceased at time of death	Widow.
8. Issue in order of birth, their names and ages	Alma E. M. 52 years, William H. 50, Doris M. 46, living, three males and two females deceased.
9. Name, description and residence of informant	M. Smith. Son in law. 30 Sydney Street, Erskineville.
10. Cause of death	I (a) Chronic Myocarditis.
Duration of last illness	II. Senility.
Medical attendant by whom certified	G. FitzGerald.
11. When buried or cremated	3rd. June, 1953.
Where buried or cremated	Roman Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.
Undertaker or Superintendent by whom certified	Lebor Motor Funerals Limited.
12. Name and religion of Minister	T. P. Vaughan. Roman Catholic.
Names of witnesses	H. J. Fenning. W. Ristuccie.
13. Signature of Assistant District Registrar, date, and where registered	 1st. June, 1953. Newtown

This document confirms Bridget had an alias and married William Smith. It absolutely confirms we have the right Bridget aka Amelia Ann.

So who is this William? Well a search of my own family archives on ancestry does not pull up any other William Smiths who could be first cousins other than Catherine's son William Henry Smith who we know married Eliza Cash in 1907 in a quiet wedding.

We also know Bridget's husband pre deceased her. William Henry Smith died in 1951.

Let's have a look at the children's birth records to see if this sheds any light on who William might be. We know that William and Bridget had 8 children:

- Merley Phillis Smith 9/8/1897 Cobar NSW- 1898 Bathurst. Her birth record lists her father was William John Smith and her mother as Amelia A Murray. [Australian Birth Index Reg # 20887]
- John Joseph Gregory Smith 1899 Bathurst [ only family tree references here] and death record in 1903 Nyngan NSW states parents as William J and Amelia A [ Australian Death index 11162].
- Alma Edna May Smith is definitely a child of Bridget given her death certificate. We only have Bridget's death certificate to estimate Alma's birth year as about 1901. The 1958 Electoral Roll has her living at 30 Sydney St Erskineville undertaking home duties. Her mother was living with her at her death. The Index to Deceased estates has her death as 1<sup>st</sup> August 1958.
- William Henry Smith is also definitely a child given Bridget's death certificate. His Find a Grave reference has him born in 1904 which is consistent with the age on Bridget's death certificate. Courtesy of Jacquie Bishop's family tree she cites her grandparents as William Henry Smith and Olive Victoria Rollan. Jacquie's family tree has him born on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1903 Bathurst. There are records however for a William Henry Smith marrying Ellen Ida Smith and that Willima died on 23<sup>rd</sup> July

1965 and is buried at Rookwood cemetery with Ida also there according to the Find My Grave reference. Memorial reference 82835297. Not sure I can call what is the correct marriage and death date without further evidence.

- [Frederick Arthur Michael Smith](#) – the Australian Birth Index has him born in 1905 in Newtown to William J Smith and Amelia A Smith [ registration # 6212]. He dies on 12<sup>th</sup> February 1906 according to his Find A Grave reference Memorial Id 198238586. He is buried at Rookwood Cemetery M2 Section Q Grave 637. I am prepared to confirm him as a child of Bridget and William based on this information.
- [Doris Smith](#) is definitely a child of Bridget's given her death certificate. The Australia Birth index record # 26828 has her born in 1906 in Newtown. We know nothing more conclusively.
- [Phillis MM Smith](#) according to the Australian Borth index Phillis was born to William J Smith and Amelia Ann Murray in Burwood in 1909. Record 23466. I ma prepared to call Phillis a child of Bridget's based on this.
- [Allen Daniel Smith](#) according to the Australian death index Allen died in 1912 the son of William J Smith and Amelia A. Record 14962. Family trees have him born in 1912 in Croydon NSW.

I am prepared on the evidence to confirm Alma, William Henry, Doris, Phillis, Allen and Frederick as children. Merley and John I am less convinced about but the inclusion of Amelia Ann Murray on Merley's birth record is strong.

If all of these are indeed children of Bridget aka Amelia then the family moved about in the first few years before settling in Erskineville/ Newtown and later Burwood/Croydon.

There is a family tree in Geneanet by Aimee Quinlan<sup>4</sup> which seems strong on William John Smith as the son of John Matthew Smith born 1845 in Copenhagen Denmark and died June 7<sup>th</sup> 1884 in Bathurst NSW. He is buried in Holy Trinity Church Kelso. He married Susannah McDade-Graham at St Matthews Church Windsor on November 9<sup>th</sup> 1870. She had been born at the Turong diggings Sofala in 1851. Aimee cites the marriage of William John Smith to Amelia Ann Murray occurring on January 2, 1897 at Bathurst.

I am happy based upon the current evidence to say I think the Rockley manner got it wrong when they said William Smith was a first cousin of Bridget Murray. I am more likely to believe she married William John Smith on the basis of the evidence here.

- [William Henry Murray](#) born 1876 [ Australian Birth Index 7900]. He married **Joanna J Booth** in 1900 in Sydney [ Aust Marriage Index # 5401]. They had 2 known children and a family tree cites a third Ronald without references or evidence:
  - [Dulcie Lilian Kathleen Murray](#) born 1902 Bathurst [Aust Birth Index # 20018]. She married Herbert A Robson [1893-1955] in 1921 in Lithgow. They had 4 children
    - [Malcolm](#) [1935-2005] also known as Malcolm Davies.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://gw.geneanet.org/aimeequinlan?lang=en&pz=aimee+rita&nz=quinlan&p=john+matthew&n=smith>

- [Ronald](#)
- [Gloria](#)
- [Laurie](#)

She later married Thomas Henry Davies date unknown but died under that surname according to her find a grave reference on 30th July 1970 [ Memorial ID 149078881]. Her funeral notice however states she died on 28<sup>th</sup> July 1970. She was living at 180 George St Erskineville. She is buried at Rookwood Cemetery in Sect. M2 Row 21 Plot 452.

## COLEDALE

The North Bulli Colliery employees held their usual monthly meeting on Monday, the mine being idle for the occasion. There was a much larger attendance at this meeting than at most of the previous ones, which would indicate that more interest is being manifested in the doings of the lodge.

The billiard room at Coledale which was blown out of position by the recent gale, is being righted. A remarkable feature about the building is that although it was shifted fully 16 feet, not a particle of damage resulted. The two large billiard tables never moved, and not a window was cracked.

The marriage was solemnised in the Catholic Church, Newnes, recently, of Herbert, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robson, of Coledale, with Dulcie Lillian Kathleen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Murray, of Newnes. Rev. Father Dempsey officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in ivory crepe-de-chene, trimmed with georgette and

pearls, and long court train, together with the orthodox wreath and veil. Miss Mary Robson, sister of the bridegroom, was principal bridesmaid; she was attired in cream with pale pink floral sash and pink mob cap. The two other bridesmaids were the Misses Doris and Ethel Gill, of Newnes, who were dressed in cream satin, with overdresses of cream net and pearls, mauve sashes and Dutch caps. The bridegroom's little sister Mavis acted as train-bearer; she was daintily dressed in pink. Mr. Ronald McCombie, of Coledale, officiated as best man. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a diamond ring and the usual bouquet. To the chief bridesmaid he gave a gold pendant, and gold brooches to the other two. The church had been appropriately decorated by friends of the young couple, and about 200 guests participated in the wedding breakfast. A useful variety of presents were received, including a number of cheques. Mr. and Mrs. Robson will in future reside at Newnes. The bridegroom is well-known in boxing circles in this district as "Screw" Robson.

The funeral of the late Mrs. E.

This is a lovely account of Dulcie and Herbert's wedding. He was a boxer!

**DAVIES.**—The Relatives and Friends of the late **DULCIE LILLIAN KATHLEEN DAVIES** are kindly invited to attend her Funeral: to leave Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Erskineville. This Morning, after Requiem Mass commencing at 9 o'clock, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.

**LABOR MOTOR FUNERALS,**  
A.F.D.A.,  
24 Enmore Road, Newtown.  
Phone 51 2777 (4 lines).

**Mrs. DAVIES, Dulcie Lillian Kathleen.**—  
July 28, 1970 at hospital, of 180 George Street, Erskineville, beloved mother of Laurie, Gloria, Ronald and Malcolm, loved sister of Ronald Murray, aged 68 years. Requiescat in pace.

- [Alban S W Murray 1905 \[Aust Birth Index # 29148\]-1906 \[Aust Death Index # 3474\] Waterloo.](#)

- [Johanna Mary Murray](#) born 1879 according to the Rockley Manner. She married Alfred J Maybury again according to the Rockley Manner.
- [John Thomas Murray](#) born 1881 [ Aust Birth Index #11092].
- [Daniel M Murray](#) born 1884 Dubbo [ Aust Birth Index # 14346]
- [Edward J.J \[Ted\] Murray](#) born 1886 according to Rockley Manner. He never married.
- [Catherine \[Kathleen\] Murray](#) born 1890 according to the Rockley Manner. She never married.
- [Beatrice](#) born 1892 according to the Rockley Manner.



## Child 5: William Murray

William was born in 1850 near Oberon according to The Rockley Manner. He married Johanna Rourke known as Hannah in some documents at Hartley in 1870. We have no primary evidence of her birth year or parentage. There are variations of her name also. Her marriage is registered as Anna Rourko [ probably a typo], births of children name her as Hannah and some family trees have her as Annie Rooke. We know from The Rockley Manner that she was the sister of Kate or Catherine who married Daniel Murray so we can confirm her parents are John Rourke and Bridget Casey through The Rockley Manner citation against Catherine. John Rourke did indeed come as a convict on the Clyde in 1838 and he was from Carlow County Ireland convicted of larceny. He arrived in NSW on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 1838. His younger brother Patrick was also on the Clyde so we have primary evidence now supporting the citation in The Rockley Manner. There was no Rourke family listed in Rockley Manner suggesting they were not local settlers.

William and Johanna had 11 children:

- [Bridget Cecilia Murray](#) - 1872-1872. Perhaps Daniel's first born daughter was named after this little one.
- [Elizabeth Mary Murray](#)- born 1873 according to The Rockley Manner [ page 103] [Ref Australian Birth Index 1487] . Elizabeth married Sydney Hayes McMahon in 1905 in Bathurst also according to The Rockley Manner. No primary documents are available. Their daughter Bertha's marriage certificate cites Sydney as a surveyor. They had 2 daughters:
  - [Mary Alice Esme Murray](#) – born 20th December 1908 Bathurst according to her burial records. She married twice and we only have family history trees to confirm her first marriage to Albert Theodore Cameron Dean [1909-1982]. Her second marriage confirms the first as she married as Mary AE Dean to Leslie George Fountain [1922-2007] in 1945 in Narrandera NSW [ Aust Marriage Index # 3928]. Most family histories have a son born to the Dean father:
    - [Francis Stephen Fountain](#) – born 12th March 1934 in Paddington NSW. He was a milkman and married Gwenyth Hazel Cox [b 8/4/1932 in Coolamon Shire according to her burial records] in 1958 at Ganmain Coolamon Shire . I expect Mary divorced Albert and Francis adopted his stepfathers surname. Thanks to Kristine Hill and Sherrie Toman descendants we have some terrific photos below:



*Esme second from left*



*Frank*

Frank died in Laurieton NSW on 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011 and is buried there. Gwen followed on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2015 and is also buried at Laurieton Cemetery.



Newspaper article in the Wagga Advertiser



Coolamon Ganmain Farmers' Review -18th 1

We know from electoral rolls that Mary lived in Punchbowl South in 1980 and Auburn North in 1930. Mary died on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1991 in Sydney.

- [Hamilton Murray](#) – 1875-1875 Bathurst. The year after his grandfather who he was named after died.
- [John Murray](#) - born 1876 Bathurst and married Josephine Higgins in 1911 in Oberon [ Aust marriage index 2481].
- [Catherine/ Kathleen Murray](#) - born 1879 according to The Rockley Manner. She married Charles Vincent Dixon in 1914 again according to The Rockley Manner. The marriage record cites Catherine as Kathleen [Aust. Marriage Index # 4388]. Charles had a newspaper article on his death but it did not name Catherine. [thanks to Judy Dowler for article]. He died two years after their marriage.

The death took place at Bathurst yesterday morning of Mr. Chas. Vincent Dixon, late of Oberon. Deceased was thirty-six years of age and leaves a widow and one daughter, also an aged mother to mourn their loss. The funeral will take place to-day for the Catholic portion of the cemetery the cortege moving from Cam Reed's funeral parlor.

Personal (1922, Wednesday December 27). National Advocate (Bathurst, NSW : 1889 - 1954), p. 2. Retrieved November 26, 2016, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article158658730>



- o **Hannah Murray** - born 1882 [Aust Birth Index #1522] Bathurst. Hannah was known as Annie perhaps because the other Hannah Murray born 1882 was the daughter of Edward Murray , William's eldest brother and Margaret Hope. Hannah / Annie married Edward Joseph Renehan in 1906 at Bathurst [ Aust. Marriage Index # 817]. He was the son of a gentleman Patrick Stephen Renehan and Catherine "Kate" Bridget Rooney. He was brother to Joseph Harold Renehan aka Harold who would marry Hannah's youngest sister Vera.

Edward is interesting as we know he applied to enlist in the AIF on 14th December 1917. The document indicates he was to be assigned to Home Service but medically refused service as he had lost 3 fingers on his right hand. He was 33 yrs and 3 months. Height five foot eight inches and married. He was a labourer living at 330 Stanmore Rd Petersham. The documents are a little confusing as he is deemed unfit for service yet accepted for such.

The NSW Police Gazette of 1919 shows a warrant was issued for Edwards arrest for desertion.

viue, Queenstana.  
 Oberon.—A warrant has been issued by the Oberon Bench for the arrest of Edward Joseph Renehan, charged with disobeying a magisterial order for the support of his wife (£4 and 9s. costs due to 2nd June, 1919). He is 34 years of age, about 5 feet 9½ inches high, medium build, dark complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, clean shaved, long stern-looking face, good set of teeth, right index, second and third fingers missing, of smart appearance; well dressed in a dark-greenish tweed sac suit, and grey felt hat with dark band; a native of Bathurst; addicted to drink; a fireman, formerly a railway hand at Eveleigh tool sheds; was employed by the Water and Sewerage Board at Canterbury until the 1st ultimo; may seek employment on a boat. Arrest desired.  
 Redfern.—A warrant has been issued by the Children's Court Bench for the arrest of Frank Allsop (may assume the name of Ashley or Miller), charged with disobeying a summons for child desertion. He is 28 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches high, thin build, fair complexion, brown hair, dark-blue eyes, clean shaved; dressed in a dark-grey suit, felt hat, and black boots with cloth uppers. Complainant, Patience Whavell, 18 Foveaux-street, Sydney.

Edward had attended The Patrician Brothers School at Bathurst and in 1898 had won 1<sup>st</sup> prize for reading and 2<sup>nd</sup> for geology and geometry. [ref:

No. 24, 11 JUNE, 1919.—2.

[https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/104496262?searchTerm=Edward%20Renehan%20Patrician%20Brothers\]](https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/104496262?searchTerm=Edward%20Renehan%20Patrician%20Brothers)

He appears to have grown up in a reasonably well-off family.

The next document for Edward is the electoral roll of 1937 where he is living without Hannah and family at 6 Waratah St Oatley NSW and he is a powder monkey. Perhaps that might indicate how he list 3 of his fingers earlier in life. The next document is the coroners inquest in 1950 for Edward Joseph Renehan.

This document shows Edward died of self administered poison ie he took his own life at Port Kembla. He was 52 years of age.



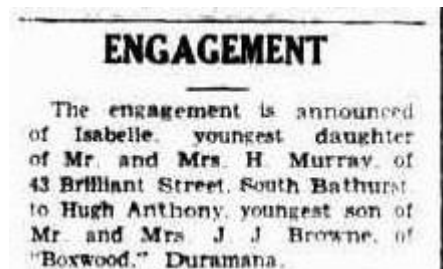
Hannah and Edward had one son:

- **Herbert P Renehan**: born 1912 Newtown [ Ref Birth Certificate # 32572/1912] and died 1913 [ Aust. Death Index # 15224]

Hannah aka Annie never remarried . Annie died at Petersham in 1920 cited on the certificate as Hannah Renehan. Her mother's name is listed as Annie. Johanna was therefore known as Hannah and Annie in documentation.

- [Amelia Murray](#) - born 1885 Carcoar [Aust Birth Index # 16751] and died 1886 at Oberon [ Aust death index # 7164]. Interestingly The Rockley Manner has her marrying James Gunn in 1903 so the book does not get everything right!
- [Ada Teresa Murray](#) – born 1887 according to The Rockley Manner. No primary evidence appears for Ada at all.
- [William Murray](#) – born 1890 according to The Rockley Manner, again no primary evidence available.
- [Henry Murray](#) - born 1894 Oberon [Aust. Birth Index #25189]. He married **Teresa Bridget Higgins** [1896-1966] sister of Josephine who married brother John. They married at Bathurst in 1916 [ Aust. Marriage Index # 3880]. They had a son and daughter:
  - [Colin Murray](#) - died 1940 [ Aust Death Index # 5501]. The agechurchill family tree has him born in 1918. No primary evidence though.
  - [Isabelle Murray](#) - a family history online agechurchill has her born in 1926 at Bathurst. Thanks to this family tree for the photos. An engagement notice confirms she was the daughter of H Murray of 43 Brilliant St South Bathurst and she married Hugh Anthony Browne most likely in 1947. The engagement notice appeared in the National Advocate Bathurst on 1st April 1947. They had 3 children according to the online family tree

- [Veronica Browne \[1948-1978\]](#)
- [John Thomas Browne \[1950-2008\]. He was a sidecar racer.](#)
- [David Garth Browne \[1964-1990\]](#)



*Isabelle Murray 1*



*Isabelle and Anthony Browne 1*

- [Vera Mary \[aka Veronica\] Murray](#): born about 1897 according to her burial records. She married Joseph Harold Renehan [1893-1947] at Redfern on December 23rd 1915. Their marriage certificate shows that he was a Blacksmith's striker and Veronica conducted home duties He had been born in Bathurst to a gentleman Patrick Renehan and his wife Kathleen Rooney. Vera was born in Oberon. At the time of their marriage Vera was living in Newtown and Joseph in Redfern, Sydney NSW. Vera needed her father's consent to the marriage as she was 17 years of age. Joseph was known as Harold.

Vera and Harold had 7 children:

- **Ethel Mary Renehan**: born 1916 Newtown Sydney [ birth certificate # 41001/1916]. She married Clarence William John Lemme at Petersham in 1938. [Aust. Marriage Index # 7469] Ethel died on 27th Oct 1970 at Glebe Sydney. The family tree of renehanbd who provided a range of this information notes a Sydney Morning Herald death notice for Ethel Mary Lemme.
- **Mabel Mary Renehan**: according to her Find a grave reference she was born on 4th October 1918 <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/175834675/mabel-mary-thompson>. She married Mr Thompson , name kept private in family trees and no primary record. She died on 14th February 1994 and is buried at Rookwood Cemetery. Her headstone does not mention her husband or is he Bill? , only her son Bryan and other family. Her newspaper obit mentions a daughter Gail but this cannot be verified. We will therefore run with the information on her headstone that she had one son:
  - *Bryan Thompson*



The 1930 electoral roll has Mabel Renehan living at 42 Shepherd St Darlington in Sydney with her father Harold and Vera is not listed. By 1943 Vera and Mabel are living at 39 Fort St Petersham North and Mabel is a machinist, Vera conducts home duties. Harold is not listed.

- **Veronica Renehan**: born according to family tree renehanbd between March 1919 and 1922. Veronica died in Lithgow in 1922 [ Aust Death Index # 5167].
- **Lily Renehan**: the only known information is from family trees renehanbd and Beasley. They show Lily was born in 1922 and died in 1962.
- **Lorraine Laureen Mary Renehan**: again the only information is from Beasley family tree. The information here is that Lorraine Laureen probably known as Laureen was born 6/11/1929. She married David Errington Campbell on 5/6/1948 and the author has a copy of the marriage certificate. Laureen also married Keith Desmond Richards and electoral rolls for 1958 and 1963 confirm a Keith and Laureen Richards living at 23 King Edward St Croydon North NSW in 1963 and Lot 146 Morotai Rd Panania in 1958.

- Valma Elizabeth Renehan: both the Beasley and renehanbd family trees have her birth as 1931 and he death as 18th March 1997 in Millicent South Australia. No primary documents can be sourced to confirm this.
- Carl Renehan: born April 1931 according to his find a grave record and died 12th September 1931. He was 5 months old and he is buried at Rookwood with his mother.

tery, Rookwood.  
**R**ENEHAN—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. and Mrs. HAROLD RENEHAN are invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, Carl: to leave 42 Shepherd-street, Darlington, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood. Motor funeral, by road.  
**F. DANGAR and CO., LTD.,**  
 Funeral Directors.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/150416242/carl-renehan>



**Child 6: Catherine Murray** – refer to separate pages on John Thomas Smith and Catherine “Kate” Murray.

**Child 7: Mary Murray:** born about 1853 Essington Park and baptised 11<sup>th</sup> March 1854 [ref; Australian births and baptisms FHL Film Number 993980]. She died in 1866 [Aust Death Index # 3103] at Native Dog Creek of diphtheria according to the Carthew/Mullis/Murray family tree. This is consistent with the dates of the loss of William Richard Smith and Mary Ann Barsden’s children in 1866 and 1867 at Native Dog Creek. Debra Carthew has her buried at Brisbane Valley creek on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1866.



Child 8 : Elizabeth Murray: born at Kelson in 1856. [Aust. Birth Index V18563353 1628]. She died at Native Dog Creek on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1865 according to two family trees Tiffany Murray and the Murray Family Tree. Her Australian death index #2630 confirms the year not the place.