

Descendants of MARGARET MEEHAN

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1. **MARGARET¹ MEEHAN** was born in Oct 1806 in LIMERICK CITY, LIMERICK, IRELAND. She died on 1 Oct 1884 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She married THOMAS SWEENEY, son of PATRICK SWEENEY and MARY KILMARTIN, on 23 Apr 1838 in ST. MARYS CATHOLIC CHURCH, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES. He was born in 1803 in TIPPERARY, IRELAND. He died on 07 Sep 1867 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for MARGARET MEEHAN:

When Margaret was baptised on Sunday the 26th of October 1806 in the parish of St Mary's, Englishtown, Limerick City, the Godparents were Matthew Trehy and Mary Neilon. The priest was Reverend Father Regan. Margaret arrived in Australia as a Government Migrant on the ship 'Strathfieldsay' on the 30th of January 1838. She is given as being under the charge of her brother, Daniel Meehan. She is a House Servant, and her good character has been attested by Mrs Connelly of Limerick. She is given as being 27, but is actually 31, so has probably worked for Mrs Connolly for some years. Given that her mother's name was Connelly this could have been a relative. Margaret Sweeney died of cancer of the stomach which was first diagnosed in April, 1884. Dr. Bleeck last saw her on the 21st of September. Her son John Sweeney acted as undertaker. THE AGE. Thursday, October 9, 1884, page 1. 'DEATHS. SWEENEY. --- On the 1st October, at her late residence, Culla Hill, Eltham, Margaret, relict of the late Thomas Sweeney, Tipperary, Ireland, aged 75 years. Loved and respected by all who knew her.'

Notes for THOMAS SWEENEY:

Thomas Sweeney dies at his farm, 'Culla Hill', Eltham, Victoria, on the 7th of September, 1867. The cause of death is disease of the liver first diagnosed in July 1867. Dr. John Bleeck has visited him on the 5th of September.

THOMAS SWEENEY and MARGARET MEEHAN had the following children:

2. i. **PATRICK² SWEENEY** was born on 06 Dec 1838 in MELBOURNE, PORT PHILLIP, NSW, AUSTRALIA. He died on 17 Jun 1919 in NORTH FITZROY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He married MARY FITZSIMMONS, daughter of ROBERT FITZSIMMONS and ISABELLA FERGUSON, on 18 Oct 1859 in CHAPEL OF ST MONICA, HEIDELBERG, VICTORIA. She was born in 1836 in ENNISKILLEN, COUNTY FERMANAGH, IRELAND. She died on 04 Oct 1883 in NORTH FITZROY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
3. ii. **CATHERINE AGNES 'KATE' SWEENEY** was born on 19 May 1841 in BOROONDARA, PORT PHILLIP DISTRICT, NSW, AUSTRALIA. She died on 01 Sep 1921 in NEW LYNNE, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND. She married TIMOTHY 'TIM' KEARY, son of PATRICK KEARY and MARY ANNE LALLY, on 08 Jul 1867 in 'CULLA HILL', ELTHAM, VICTORIA. He was born on 31 Jul 1835 in WOODFORD, GALWAY, IRELAND. He died on 18 Sep 1876 in COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND.
4. iii. **MARGARET AUGUSTINA 'MARGERY' SWEENEY** was born on 19 May 1841 in BOROONDARA, PORT PHILLIP DISTRICT, NSW, AUSTRALIA. She died on 05 Sep 1913 in NORTHCOTE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
5. iv. **JOHN FRANCIS SWEENEY** was born on 31 Dec 1843 in NILLUMBIK, PORT PHILLIP DISTRICT, NSW, AUSTRALIA. He died on 24 May 1909 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He married ELLEN MARY KENNEY, daughter of ARTHUR KENNY and ELIZABETH MEAGHER, on 10 Nov 1868 in ST JOHN'S CHURCH, HEIDELBERG, VICTORIA. She was born about 1846 in BALLYBRAY, COUNTY KILKENNY, IRELAND. She died on 08 Mar 1910 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
6. v. **ELLEN ELIZABETH 'ELLIE' SWEENEY** was born on 16 Dec 1845 in NILLUMBIK, PORT PHILLIP DISTRICT, NSW, AUSTRALIA. She died on 05 Sep 1932 in WAIHI, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. She married JOHN FRANCIS RYAN, son of JOSEPH RYAN and KATHERINE BREEN, on 19 Apr 1880 in DRIVING CREEK, COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. He was born on 14 Aug 1855 in TIPPERARY, IRELAND. He died on 15 Jun 1921 in WAIHI, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND.
- vi. **ANN MARIA 'ANNIE' SWEENEY** was born on 15 May 1848 in NILLUMBIK, PORT PHILLIP DISTRICT, NSW, AUSTRALIA. She died on 22 Aug 1869 in ELTHAM,

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Notes for ANN MARIA 'ANNIE' SWEENEY:

Annie worked as a governess. She died aged 21 of phthisis, which in this case meant tuberculosis. The duration of her illness is given on the Death Certificate as three months. Annie was last seen by Dr. Thomas Ramsden Ashworth on the 20th of August, 1869. The Informant for the Certificate is her sister, Ellen Elizabeth Sweeney. Father William M. Finn officiated at the burial in Eltham Cemetery, W. B. Andrew of Eltham was the undertaker (Certificate 6615).

- vii. JOHANNA MARION SWEENEY was born on 04 Jun 1850 in ELTHAM, PORT PHILLIP DISTRICT, NSW, AUSTRALIA. She died on 19 Aug 1872 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for JOHANNA MARION SWEENEY:

Johanna assisted her mother in home duties at Culla Hill, Eltham and died of tuberculosis. The duration of her illness is given as three years. She was last seen by Dr. John Bleeck of Heidelberg on the 2th of May, 1872.

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2. **PATRICK² SWEENEY** (MARGARET¹ MEEHAN) was born on 06 Dec 1838 in MELBOURNE, PORT PHILLIP, NSW, AUSTRALIA. He died on 17 Jun 1919 in NORTH FITZROY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He married MARY FITZSIMMONS, daughter of ROBERT FITZSIMMONS and ISABELLA FERGUSON, on 18 Oct 1859 in CHAPEL OF ST MONICA, HEIDELBERG, VICTORIA. She was born in 1836 in ENNISKILLEN, COUNTY FERMANAGH, IRELAND. She died on 04 Oct 1883 in NORTH FITZROY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for PATRICK SWEENEY:

Witnesses at the wedding on the 10th of October 1859 at St Monica's Chapel, Heidelberg, are James McCarthy and Patrick's sister, Margaret Sweeney. In the Eltham Road District ledger for 1862, Patrick rents a hut in Eltham from Thomas Hunniford. Frank Ryan, Patrick's nephew, said he was told he was a good horseman and that he once rode his horse into the bar of a hotel at Eltham. He lost an eye at an early age. In the 1909 Electoral Roll, Patrick is living with his Daughter Ellen (Nessie) at 51 Bennett Street, North Fitzroy. Patrick is of 'independent means' and Ellen is a machinist. In 1914, he is living at his daughter and son-in-law's residence, 'Killara' at 577 Rae Street, North Fitzroy. He was last seen by Doctor Whitford on the 14th of June, 1919. Cause of Death: Senility. Cerebral Haemorrhage. He dies at 577 Rae Street and is buried at Eltham Cemetery.

Notes for MARY FITZSIMMONS:

Mary Fitzsimmons age 16 and her sister Ellen age 17, arrived as 'Female Orphan Immigrants' on the ship 'Diadem' in January, 1850. They were Church of England and had never been in service.

PATRICK SWEENEY and MARY FITZSIMMONS had the following children:

7. i. ANNIE MARY³ SWEENEY was born on 25 May 1860 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 04 Apr 1934 in NORTH FITZROY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She married JOHN FRANCIS 'JACK' SMITH, son of MICHAEL SMITH and ANN CUNNINGHAM, on 14 May 1884 in ST BRIGID'S, FITZROY NORTH, VICTORIA. He was born in 1862 in GOULBURN RIVER, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 06 Feb 1946 in NORTH FITZROY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
- ii. THOMAS JOHN 'JACK' SWEENEY was born on 24 Apr 1862 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died in 1904 in QUIRINDI, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for THOMAS JOHN 'JACK' SWEENEY:

Jack Sweeney was registered (No. 122) at Eltham School, in September 1868. It is stated that his age on the day he was admitted was 6 years and 2 months, whereas he was actually 6 years and 4 months. He left the school in May 1877 and was in grade 5. His later life is a mystery. A Thomas John Sweeney was appointed as an Attendant 3rd Grade, Hospitals for the Insane, from 15th April 1898. This was on twelve months probation (Victoria Government Gazette 46, page 1756, May 20,

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1898).

- iii. MARY ELLEN 'NESSIE' SWEENEY was born on 26 May 1869 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 21 Mar 1955 in NORTH FITZROY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for MARY ELLEN 'NESSIE' SWEENEY:

Mary Ellen began at Eltham State School in August 1875. Her age on the day she was admitted was 6 years and 1 month. She left the school in May 1881 and was in grade 4 when the family moved to North Fitzroy. She became a machinist and forelady at Foy and Gibson's factory in Collingwood. In the 1909 and 1912 Electoral Rolls, 'Ellen' Sweeney is living with her father at 51 Bennett Street, North Fitzroy. In 1914 and 1915 she and her father are at 577 Rae Street, North Fitzroy. In April, 1934 when her sister Annie Smith dies, Nessie is still at "Killara;" 577 Rae Street.

3. CATHERINE AGNES 'KATE'² SWEENEY (MARGARET¹ MEEHAN) was born on 19 May 1841 in BOROONDARA, PORT PHILLIP DISTRICT, NSW, AUSTRALIA. She died on 01 Sep 1921 in NEW LYNNE, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND. She married TIMOTHY 'TIM' KEARY, son of PATRICK KEARY and MARY ANNE LALLY, on 08 Jul 1867 in 'CULLA HILL', ELTHAM, VICTORIA. He was born on 31 Jul 1835 in WOODFORD, GALWAY, IRELAND. He died on 18 Sep 1876 in COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND.

Notes for CATHERINE AGNES 'KATE' SWEENEY:

The Australasian (Melb.) Saturday, July 13, 1867, page 28. 'KEARY - SWEENEY On the 8th inst., by the Rev. Father Finn, at the residence of the bride's father, Thomas Sweeney, Esq., farmer, Culow Hill, Eltham, Timothy Keary, gold-miner, County Galway, Ireland, to Kate Agnes Sweeney.' Notes on Catherine 'Kate' Keary (Sweeney) from Ellie Goss (Ryan), state that she migrated to New Zealand from Victoria and arrived there on the 14th of April, 1868 (More likely 1869). After many years in Coromandel she moved to 6 Hutchinson Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland, New Zealand. She died at her residence there.

Notes for TIMOTHY 'TIM' KEARY:

Tim Keary arrives in Melbourne on the 14th of August, 1860 and walks out to Eltham to visit his sister Eliza Bourke and her husband Laurence. He sails to Hokitika, New Zealand in October 1865 on the steam ship Gothenburg. He has returned to Victoria by July, 1867. In August 1867 he sails on the 'Egmont' for, 'New Zealand Ports'. The Australasian, Saturday, July 13, 1867, page 28: 'KEARY--SWEENEY. -- On the 8th inst., by the Rev. Father Finn, at the residence of the bride's father, Thomas Sweeney Esq., farmer, Culow-hill, Eltham, Timothy Keary, gold-miner, County Galway, Ireland, to Kate Agnes Sweeney.' In the Electoral Roll of 1876-77, Timothy resides at Upper Township, Coromandel. When he dies in September 1876, he was described as, 'for some time manager of the Government Tramway.'

TIMOTHY 'TIM' KEARY and CATHERINE AGNES 'KATE' SWEENEY had the following children:

8. i. MARGARET AGNES³ KEARY was born on 30 Apr 1868 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 30 May 1903 in COROMANDEL, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. She married JAMES PATRICK COTTER, son of RICHARD JAMES COTTER and ELIZABETH 'BESSIE' SHAW, on 19 Sep 1890 in COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. He was born on 01 Mar 1868 in ROSSBRIN, COUNTY CORK, IRELAND. He died on 07 Nov 1948 in EPSOM, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.
9. ii. PATRICK THOMAS 'TOM' KEARY was born on 28 Feb 1871 in AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 18 Nov 1918 in RAETIHI, MANAWATU-WANGANUI, NEW ZEALAND. He married MARY LETITIA DUNN, daughter of BENJAMIN DUNN and MARY VICKERS, on 27 Jan 1897 in ST COLMAN'S CHURCH, COROMANDEL. She was born on 07 Sep 1872 in UPPER TOWN, COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. She died on 10 May 1965 in WOLVERTON RD. AVONDALE, NEW ZEALAND.
- iii. ANNE CAROLINE KEARY was born in 1872 in DRIVING CREEK, COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. She died on 25 May 1897 in COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND.
- iv. TIMOTHY AUGUSTINE KEARY was born in 1875 in DRIVING CREEK, COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 21 Aug 1945 in LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, PONSONBY, NZ.

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- v. MARY FRANCES 'BIRDIE' KEARY was born in 1876 in DRIVING CREEK, COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. She died on 16 May 1944 in WAIHI, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND.
4. **MARGARET AUGUSTINA 'MARGERY'² SWEENEY** (MARGARET¹ MEEHAN) was born on 19 May 1841 in BOROONDARA, PORT PHILLIP DISTRICT, NSW, AUSTRALIA. She died on 05 Sep 1913 in NORTHCOTE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for MARGARET AUGUSTINA 'MARGERY' SWEENEY:

Margaret Sweeney is born on her parent's 146 acre leasehold on the Yarra River in the parish of Boroondara. Thomas Sweeney purchases 110 acres in the parish of Nillumbik in 1842 and this property is named 'Culla Hill' after the Townland in the Parish of Bourney in Tipperary North. 'DEATHS. SWEENEY.-- On the 7th September, Margaret, eldest daughter of the late Thomas and Margaret Sweeney, of "Culla Hill", Eltham, aged 72 years. R.I.P.' THE AGE, Tuesday, September 9, 1913, page 1. Margaret's daughter, Caroline Sweeney, born at Eltham in October, 1862, died in 1902.

MARGARET AUGUSTINA 'MARGERY' SWEENEY had the following child:

- i. CAROLINE³ SWEENEY was born on 04 Oct 1862 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 31 Jul 1902 in FITZROY SOUTH, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for CAROLINE SWEENEY:

The informant for the registration of Caroline's birth was, 'Margaret Sweeney, Grandmother, Eltham.' She signs with a cross. THE AGE. Friday, August 1, 1902, page 1: 'DEATHS. SWEENEY. --- On the 31st July, at St Vincent's Hospital, Caroline (Carrie) Sweeney, the dearly beloved sister of Mrs. J. Smith and J. and N. Sweeney, 51 Bennett-street, North Fitzroy.' Caroline Sweeney is admitted to Eltham Primary School in January, 1869 at the age of 6 years 2 months. She leaves in December, 1877 at the age of 15.

5. **JOHN FRANCIS² SWEENEY** (MARGARET¹ MEEHAN) was born on 31 Dec 1843 in NILLUMBIK, PORT PHILLIP DISTRICT, NSW, AUSTRALIA. He died on 24 May 1909 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He married ELLEN MARY KENNEY, daughter of ARTHUR KENNY and ELIZABETH MEAGHER, on 10 Nov 1868 in ST JOHN'S CHURCH, HEIDELBERG, VICTORIA. She was born about 1846 in BALLYBRAY, COUNTY KILKENNY, IRELAND. She died on 08 Mar 1910 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for JOHN FRANCIS SWEENEY:

John's place of birth was the Sweeney's 110 acres of land they called 'Culla Hill' which was near to where the Diamond Creek joined the Yarra River. The area which became the town called Diamond Creek developed to the north-west of Eltham. Witnesses to the marriage of John and Ellen were Patrick Sweeney and Ellen Sweeney. The priest was Father William M. Finn. Ellen's place of residence was Lilydale, and John's was Eltham.

Notes for ELLEN MARY KENNEY:

THE ARGUS. Thursday, March 10, 1910, page 1. 'DEATHS. SWEENEY. --- On the 8th March at her residence, Culla Hill, Eltham, Ellen, relict of the late John Sweeney, aged 64 years, R.I.P. No flowers by request.' The funeral to Eltham Cemetery was at 3.00 pm on Thursday the 10th.

JOHN FRANCIS SWEENEY and ELLEN MARY KENNEY had the following children:

10. i. ANNIE CECILE³ SWEENEY was born on 11 Oct 1869 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 14 May 1951 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. She married JOHN PATRICK FOLEY, son of JOHN FOLEY and ELLEN GILMARTIN, on 08 Jan 1901 in ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, WATERFORD, IRELAND. He was born on 03 Jul 1867 in MULLINAVAT, KILKENNY, IRELAND. He died on 08 Mar 1947 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA.
- ii. ELIZABETH AGATHA 'GATHA' SWEENEY was born on 27 Jun 1871 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 12 Sep 1917 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

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Notes for ELIZABETH AGATHA 'GATHA' SWEENEY:

Agatha Sweeney went to Wombelano in Western Victoria to help out her sister Ellen Irene Sweeney when she was Head Teacher at the State School there. This would be both in the residence and the school. By 1905 Agatha is a registered sewing teacher.

- iii. AGNES SWEENEY was born on 10 Mar 1873 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 01 May 1881 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
- iv. ELLEN IRENE 'NELLY' SWEENEY was born on 24 Oct 1874 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 25 Apr 1940 in FITZROY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She married WILLIAM 'WILL' HOOLEY, son of DANIEL HOOLEY and BRIDGET MOLLOY, on 21 Apr 1923 in ST MARY'S CHURCH, ELTHAM, VICTORIA. He was born in 1874 in TARRAYOUKYAN, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 28 Jul 1942 in KATOOMBA, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for ELLEN IRENE 'NELLY' SWEENEY:

Ellen Sweeney was also called Nellie or 'Narna'. Her birth on the 24th of October, 1874 was registered at Eltham by her mother, Ellen Mary Sweeney on the 8th of March, 1875. Jane Betison was the midwife with Margaret Sweeney assisting. Ellen became a very capable school teacher and for five years was Head Teacher at Wombelano State School in Western Victoria. Her final teaching years were at Eltham Primary School. She had to give up her job when she married Will Hooley in April, 1923. In 1924, they were living at Jackson Street, Casterton, with Will working as a mail contractor. By 1931 they were back at 'Culla Hill' and Will was a labourer. Ellen did everything she could to keep 'Culla Hill' in the family and along with her sister Mary (Carrucan), was deeply attached to this historic place. In 1934-1937 she was a live-in governess at 'Glenview', Yundool, in the Upper Goulburn Valley. Will was still at 'Culla Hill'. She finally sold the property in 1939. The terrible bushfires on Friday 13th January 1939, swept right up to 'Culla Hill', but fortunately the old place was spared. Will Hooley was also minding the nearby 'Yarra Braes' property owned by Hubert and Beulah Rutter - it was completely destroyed. Ellen died at St Vincent's Intermediate Hospital, Fitzroy. She was attended by Dr. Gerald Doyle on the day she died. The cause of death was Carcinoma of the breast (2 years) and carcinoma of the liver (6 months).

- 11. v. MARY FRANCES SWEENEY was born on 09 Mar 1876 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 20 Nov 1961 in HEIDELBURG, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She married MICHAEL CARRUCAN, son of PATRICK CARRUCAN and MARY O'BRIEN, on 12 Oct 1910 in ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, HEIDELBERG, VICTORIA. He was born in 1860 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died in Dec 1943 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
- vi. CAROLINE 'CARRIE' SWEENEY was born on 17 Feb 1878 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died in 1878 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
- 12. vii. THOMAS BERNARD SWEENEY was born on 06 Aug 1879 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 22 Nov 1958 in ELSTERNWICK, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He married EVELEEN AUGUSTA NELSON, daughter of ANDREW NELSON and EMMA AUGUSTA LA PATOUREL, in 1910 in VICTORIA. She was born on 20 Dec 1881 in YAN YEAN, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 08 Oct 1972 in ELTERNWICK, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
- viii. ARTHUR SWEENEY was born on 27 Mar 1881 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 01 Jul 1881 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for ARTHUR SWEENEY:

On Friday the 1st of July 1881, John and Ellen Sweeney went to Melbourne on business. They left Culla Hill at 7.00 am and returned at 10.30 pm. They had three month old Arthur with them and because it was a cold night, he was wrapped in a shawl. On arriving at Culla Hill, they handed Arthur to their niece Caroline, who immediately took him inside to warm by the fire. At first she thought he was asleep,

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but on realising something was wrong she called her aunt who took him in her arms and said, 'Oh Caroline, he is dead.' The cause of death was accidental suffocation while travelling in a spring cart between Lower Plenty and Eltham and the Coroner's finding was that no blame could be attached to any person.

13. ix. JOHN FRANCIS 'FRANK' SWEENEY was born on 26 May 1882 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 15 Aug 1952 in SUBIACO, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. He married ELLEN SULLIVAN, daughter of DENNIS SULLIVAN and SARAH ORNSBY, in 1911 in WEST PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA. She was born on 16 Oct 1880. She died in Jul 1958 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA.
14. x. KATHLEEN A. 'KASSIE' SWEENEY was born on 05 Oct 1884 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 14 Oct 1916 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She married FRANCIS 'FRANK' CARRUCAN, son of PETER CARRUCAN and HANNAH WOODS, on 08 Dec 1915 in HEIDELBERG, VICTORIA. He was born in 1872 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died in Jan 1953 in BELGRAVE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
6. ELLEN ELIZABETH 'ELLIE'² SWEENEY (MARGARET¹ MEEHAN) was born on 16 Dec 1845 in NILLUMBIK, PORT PHILLIP DISTRICT, NSW, AUSTRALIA. She died on 05 Sep 1932 in WAIHI, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. She married JOHN FRANCIS RYAN, son of JOSEPH RYAN and KATHERINE BREEN, on 19 Apr 1880 in DRIVING CREEK, COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. He was born on 14 Aug 1855 in TIPPERARY, IRELAND. He died on 15 Jun 1921 in WAIHI, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND.

Notes for ELLEN ELIZABETH 'ELLIE' SWEENEY:

Family tradition states that Ellen Elizabeth Sweeney was born on the 16th of December, 1845 at 'Culla Hill' on the Yarra River in the Parish of Nillumbik in the Port Phillip District of New South Wales. Victoria was not established and named until it became a separate Crown Colony in 1851. Thomas and Margaret Sweeney applied to purchase 110 acres on the Yarra River in the Parish of Nillumbik in June 1842. The Certificate of Title is dated March, 1843. The first building erected was a slab hut high above the river flats. This was followed by a stone dwelling built in the style of an Irish Long House. This continued to be the detached kitchen when a larger slate roofed residence was built in the mid 1850s. Both the long-house and the slab hut survived until the 1950s. The 1850s house and the old barn have been preserved and the property is called 'Sweeneys'.

Notes for JOHN FRANCIS RYAN:

John Ryan from Tipperary, a farm labourer aged 21, is an assisted migrant when he leaves from Gravesend, Kent on the migrant ship 'Bebington' on the 12th of February, 1876. An iron barque built in Belfast in 1859, the 924 ton 'Bebington' has the misfortune to collide with another vessel 20 miles off St Catherine's Point, Isle of Wight. The ship loses its bowsprit and all attached, as well as the figurehead, foresail, and foreroyal mast carried away. With two plates on the port bow damaged, the port lifeboat stove in, and water getting into the fore compartment, they are taken into Portsmouth and spend nine days there undergoing repairs. Later in the voyage they are short of water and provisions and sail into Algoa Bay (Port Elizabeth) on the coast of South Africa. They spend more than a week there, and finally make New Zealand in forty days, arriving on the 17th of July, 1876. With 236 passengers, there are 67 cases of fever and other contagious diseases. They are met at Rangitoto Reef. The Harbourmaster has ordered the pilot to take the ship to the Quarantine Station at Motuihe Island. Sixteen passengers have died and of those remaining, there are 3 cases of typhus, 12 typhoid fever, 23 scarlatina, 4 measles, 11 not determined, with the rest pneumonia and infantile diseases. In the New Zealand Electoral Roll for 1885, John Francis Ryan is listed as a Miner at Coromandel (1362). He resides at Whangapoua a coastal mining town. In an 1890s Roll, he is a Miner and his wife Ellen is listed as a married woman. The family are living at Upper Town, Driving Creek, near the main township of Coromandel. Ellen Sweeney had travelled from Victoria to Coromandel to help her sister Kate Keary after she was widowed in 1876. John is buried at Waihi Cemetery, Block D. Plot No. 345. A family tree on Ancestry posted by Melynda Thourot. Ellie Goss in some notes on the Ryan family states that she heard from her Aunt, Margaret 'Tissa' Morton (Ryan) that John Francis Ryan arrived in New Zealand in August 1875 and was aged 20 when he landed.

JOHN FRANCIS RYAN and ELLEN ELIZABETH 'ELLIE' SWEENEY had the following children:

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 - i. THOMAS JOSEPH 'TOM'³ RYAN was born on 16 Feb 1882 in DRIVING CREEK, COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 18 Jul 1959 in MORRINSVILLE, NEW ZEALAND. He married ELLEN 'NELLIE' JOHNSON, daughter of THOMAS 'TOM' JOHNSON and HONORA O'CONNELL, on 26 Nov 1906 in WAIHI, HAURAKI, WAIKATO. She was born in 1881 in NEW ZEALAND. She died on 13 Sep 1957 in HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND.
 - ii. MARGARET KATHERINE 'TISSA' RYAN was born on 25 Sep 1883 in DRIVING CREEK, COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. She died on 09 Mar 1960 in WAIHI, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. She married HAROLD CASTLE 'HAL' MORTON, son of WILLIAM HENRY MORTON and CLARA ELIZABETH CASTLE, on 25 May 1931 in WAIHI, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. He was born on 10 Feb 1887 in AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 30 Dec 1972 in WAIHI, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND.
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 - iii. JOHN DESMOND 'DES' RYAN was born on 19 Jan 1885 in DRIVING CREEK, COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 21 Feb 1942 in WAIHI, HAURAKI, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. He married RUBY PHILOMENA DEUCHAR, daughter of JAMES SHARP DEUCHAR and ELIZABETH ALICE EVANS, on 01 Jan 1935 in CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MT EDEN, AUCKLAND. She was born on 02 Apr 1899 in MANGAWEKA, RANGITIKEI, NEW ZEALAND. She died on 26 Dec 1976 in WAIHI, HAURAKI, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND.
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 - iv. FRANCIS MICHAEL 'FRANK' RYAN was born on 02 Mar 1887 in DRIVING CREEK, COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 06 Jan 1965 in PRAHRAN, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He married MARY ANN 'MAY' SMALE, daughter of ALBERT MORRISH SMALE and CATHERINE LOUISA 'KATE' KEOGH, on 12 Jan 1916 in NORTH FITZROY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She was born on 24 May 1889 in SEYMOUR, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 29 Mar 1937 in BLACK ROCK, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

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7. **ANNIE MARY**³ **SWEENEY** (PATRICK², MARGARET¹ MEEHAN) was born on 25 May 1860 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 04 Apr 1934 in NORTH FITZROY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She married JOHN FRANCIS 'JACK' SMITH, son of MICHAEL SMITH and ANN CUNNINGHAM, on 14 May 1884 in ST BRIGID'S, FITZROY NORTH, VICTORIA. He was born in 1862 in GOULBURN RIVER, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 06 Feb 1946 in NORTH FITZROY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for ANNIE MARY SWEENEY:

Annie Mary began at Eltham School in April 1864. Her age on the day when first admitted was 3 years 5 months. She left in December 1876 having reached grade 4. THE AGE. Thursday, April 5, 1934, page 1. 'DEATHS. SMITH. --- On the 4th April, at her residence, "Kallara." 577 Rae-street, North Fitzroy, Annie, dearly loved wife of John Smith, loving mother of Nellie (Mrs. W. Oliver), and loved sister of N. Sweeney. R.I.P.' Annie was said to have worked as a seamstress at Foy and Gibsons in Smith Street, Fitzroy.

Notes for JOHN FRANCIS 'JACK' SMITH:

The Age. Wednesday, June 11, 1884, page 1. 'Marriage. SMITH - SWEENEY.--- On the 14th May, at St. Brigid's R. C. Church, Fitzroy, by special licence, by the Rev. Father McKenna, John, second eldest son of Michael Smith, to Annie Mary, eldest daughter of Patrick Sweeney, both of North Fitzroy.' In the 1914 Electoral Roll, John and Annie are living at 577 Rae Street, North Fitzroy. John is a quarryman. THE AGE. Friday, February 8, 1946, page 6: 'DEATHS. SMITH.--- On February 6, at his residence, 577 Rae-street, North Fitzroy, John Francis, dearly beloved husband of the late Annie Mary Smith, loved father of Nellie (Mrs. W.T. Oliver), loved brother-in-law of Nell Sweeney. R.I.P.' Requiem Mass was held at the Church of Our Lady, Nicholson Street, East Brunswick. The funeral left at 11.00 am for Eltham Cemetery.

JOHN FRANCIS 'JACK' SMITH and ANNIE MARY SWEENEY had the following child:

- i. ELLEN 'NELLIE'⁴ SMITH was born in 1885 in BRUNSWICK, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 24 Feb 1956 in NORTH FITZROY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She married WILLIAM THOMAS 'WILL' OLIVER, son of THOMAS WILLIAM OLIVER and SUSAN SAUNDERS, in 1915 in ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, NORTH FITZROY,

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VICTORIA. He was born about 1886 in COBURG, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
He died on 26 Jul 1950 in NORTH FITZROY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for ELLEN 'NELLIE' SMITH:

In the 1911 Victoria Post Office Directory, 'Miss Smith teacher of music' is living with her father John Francis 'Jack' Smith at 51 Bennett Street, Fitzroy North. She would marry William Thomas 'Will' Oliver in 1915.

8. **MARGARET AGNES³ KEARY** (CATHERINE AGNES 'KATE'² SWEENEY, MARGARET¹ MEEHAN) was born on 30 Apr 1868 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 30 May 1903 in COROMANDEL, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. She married JAMES PATRICK COTTER, son of RICHARD JAMES COTTER and ELIZABETH 'BESSIE' SHAW, on 19 Sep 1890 in COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. He was born on 01 Mar 1868 in ROSSBRIN, COUNTY CORK, IRELAND. He died on 07 Nov 1948 in EPSOM, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

Notes for MARGARET AGNES KEARY:

According to her 'Intention to Marry' notice, Margaret Agnes Keary arrived in Coromandel when she was two years old. She had been born at 'Culla Hill', Eltham, Victoria with Margaret Sweeney acting as midwife and Eliza Bourke (Keary) assisting.

Notes for JAMES PATRICK COTTER:

James Cotter son of Richard Cotter and Elizabeth Shaw, was baptised on the 1st of March, 1868 at Schull East, County Cork. the sponsors were Amos Bennett and Catherine Coleman.

JAMES PATRICK COTTER and MARGARET AGNES KEARY had the following children:

- i. JOHN BERNARD STEPHEN⁴ COTTER was born in 1891 in NEW ZEALAND. He married (1) ELIZABETH CHARLES.
- ii. RICHARD TIMOTHY COTTER was born on 09 Jul 1891 in COROMANDEL, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 07 Jul 1965 in POINT CHEVALIER, NEW ZEALAND. He married (1) ELIZABETH PARKES.
- iii. KATHLEEN ELIZABETH COTTER was born on 06 Nov 1892 in COROMANDEL, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. She died on 01 Dec 1983 in AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND. She married (1) JAMES MCKINSTRY.
- iv. THOMAS PATRICK COTTER was born in Jun 1894 in COROMANDEL, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 03 Oct 1968 in MATAMATA, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. He married SARAH ELIZABETH MALLIGAN in 1928 in NEW ZEALAND. She was born in 1906 in NEW ZEALAND. She died on 10 Feb 1990 in MATAMATA, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND.

Notes for THOMAS PATRICK COTTER:

In 1935, Thomas Patrick Cotter lived at Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand.

- v. WINIFRED CAROLINE COTTER was born on 08 Apr 1896 in COROMANDEL, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. She died in 1974 in NEW ZEALAND. She married (1) FRANCIS RAUCH.
- vi. PHILLIP JAMES COTTER was born on 11 Jul 1897 in COROMANDEL, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 19 Oct 1959 in HINUERA, NEW ZEALAND. He married (1) HILDA MABEL ROIRGARD. She was born in Apr 1898 in PAHIATUA, HAWKES BAY, NEW ZEALAND. She died on 29 Aug 1958 in MATAMATA, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND.
- vii. CHARLES AUGUSTINE COTTER was born in 1898 in AWHITU, FRANKLIN, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 07 Jul 1899 in COROMANDEL, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND.
- viii. RAYMOND LAURENCE COTTER was born on 21 Apr 1900 in COROMANDEL, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. He died in 1972 in AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.
- ix. JOHN BERNARD COTTER was born on 21 Jun 1901 in COROMANDEL, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. He died in 1967 in AUCKLAND, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND..

9. **PATRICK THOMAS 'TOM'³ KEARY** (CATHERINE AGNES 'KATE'² SWEENEY, MARGARET¹ MEEHAN) was born on 28 Feb 1871 in AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 18 Nov 1918 in

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RAETIHI, MANAWATU-WANGANUI, NEW ZEALAND. He married MARY LETITIA DUNN, daughter of BENJAMIN DUNN and MARY VICKERS, on 27 Jan 1897 in ST COLMAN'S CHURCH, COROMANDEL. She was born on 07 Sep 1872 in UPPER TOWN, COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. She died on 10 May 1965 in WOLVERTON RD. AVONDALE, NEW ZEALAND.

Notes for MARY LETITIA DUNN:

' PERSONAL ITEMS. On Wednesday morning St. Colman's Church was the scene of a pleasant ceremony, when Mr. Thomas P. Keary was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Mary Letitia Dunn, eldest daughter of Mr. Benjamin Dunn, of the Upper Township, Coromandel. The bride was given away by her father. Miss E. Dunn (sister of the bride) and Miss M. Malone (cousin of the bride) acted as bridesmaids, and Mr. Timothy Keary, brother of the groom as best man. The bride was dressed in cream velvet, with trimmings to match, and the bridesmaids in white and heliotrope. A number of friends assembled later at the residence of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of and toasts suitable to the happy event were honoured. Later the party proceeded to Auckland in the s.s. Coromandel, whose pennants were flying.' NEW ZEALAND HERALD, January 29, 1897.

PATRICK THOMAS 'TOM' KEARY and MARY LETITIA DUNN had the following children:

- i. JAMES THOMAS 'JIM'⁴ KEARY was born in 1898 in COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 19 Jun 1967 in WOLVERTON RD. AVONDALE, NEW ZEALAND.
 - ii. CATHERINE MARY 'KIT' KEARY was born in 1900 in COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. She died on 01 Nov 1968 in 76 ASTLEY AVE. NEW LYNNE, NEW ZEALAND. She married PATRICK EDWARD NEVILLE, son of JAMES NEVILLE and CATHERINE, on 19 Mar 1929. He died in 1976 in NEW ZEALAND..
 - iii. BERNARD AUGUSTINE [BEN] KEARY was born in 1902 in COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. He died in 1976 in PUNI, NEW ZEALAND.. He married MURIEL OLIVER in 1925 in NEW LYNNE, NEW ZEALAND.
 - iv. THOMAS PATRICK 'TOM' KEARY was born in 1903 in COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 07 Sep 1964 in AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND. He married (1) ALFREDA JESSIE LEE.
 - v. ROBERT TIMOTHY 'ROB' KEARY was born in 1905 in COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 05 Mar 1943 in AVONDALE, NEW ZEALAND.
 - vi. ALFREDA CAROLINE 'FREDA' KEARY was born on 26 Feb 1907 in CHRISTCHURCH, CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND. She died on 15 Sep 1973 in CHRISTCHURCH, CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND. She married JAMES LANGAN 'LANG' CONSEDINE on 27 Jan 1940 in AVONDALE, NEW ZEALAND. He was born on 10 Feb 1908 in CHRISTCHURCH, CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 23 Oct 1973 in CHRISTCHURCH, CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.
 - vii. CONSTANCE MAY [CON] KEARY was born in 1909 in KOMATA, NEW ZEALAND. She died in 1948. She married ARTHUR OCCLESTON in 1937.
 - viii. FRANCES ELIZABETH 'SAS' KEARY was born in 1911 in KOMATA, NEW ZEALAND. She died on 29 Mar 1977 in AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.
 - ix. AGNES VERONICA KEARY was born in 1914 in KOMATA, NEW ZEALAND. She died in 2002 in NEW ZEALAND.
10. ANNIE CECILE³ SWEENEY (JOHN FRANCIS², MARGARET¹ MEEHAN) was born on 11 Oct 1869 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 14 May 1951 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. She married JOHN PATRICK FOLEY, son of JOHN FOLEY and ELLEN GILMARTIN, on 08 Jan 1901 in ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, WATERFORD, IRELAND. He was born on 03 Jul 1867 in MULLINAVAT, KILKENNY, IRELAND. He died on 08 Mar 1947 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for ANNIE CECILE SWEENEY:

In the 1890s, Annie Cecile Sweeney is the governess and teacher on Wallangambone Station near Quambone in north-western New South Wales. Manwarren and Mary Green had fourteen surviving children who were educated on the station. In 1899, May Green 1884-1947 writes to the Town and Country Journal (Sydney), of a four week stay at 'Culla Hill', Eltham at Christmas/New Year 1998/99. In the 1940s Annie Cecile was living in Pinjarra, Western Australia. In the South Western

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Advertiser of Wednesday, December 31, 1947, page 5 we read: 'Mark Foley spent the weekend with his mother Mrs. Annie Foley in Pinjarra. Cousin Jack Sweeney, a chief engineer of the merchant navy, who has left the sea for a land job with William Adams and Co. was also a Xmas guest.' Annie's funeral was after a requiem mass at Pinjarra Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 16, 1951. The cortege left at 10.00 am for Pinjarra Cemetery.

Notes for JOHN PATRICK FOLEY:

John Foley is baptised the day of his birth the 3rd of July, 1867 at Mullinavat, Kilkenny. His Sponsors are William Barry and Bridget Phelan. The priest is E. Delahunty. The Advocate (Melbourne), Saturday, March 2, 1901, page 17: MARRIAGE. FOLEY -- SWEENEY. ---On January 8, 1901, at the R.C. Cathedral, Waterford, Ireland, by Rev. M. Walsh, John, second son of John and Ellen Foley, of Mullinavatt, County Kilkenny, to Annie Cecile, eldest daughter of John and Ellen Sweeney, of Culla Hill, Eltham, Victoria.' In 1911 there are newspaper reports of John being a drunkard and violent in the home. Annie wishes for a separation and maintenance payments. The marriage survives this time and in the 1916 to 1925 Electoral Rolls, John and Annie are at West Coolup, Murray Shire, Western Australia. John is a farmer and Annie a teacher.

JOHN PATRICK FOLEY and ANNIE CECILE SWEENEY had the following children:

- i. MARCUS FRANCIS 'MARK'⁴ FOLEY was born on 24 May 1902 in PONTYPRIDD, WALES REGISTRATION DISTRICT. He died on 11 Dec 1989 in GLENDALOUGH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. He married VERONICA AGATHA 'VERA' LOGAN, daughter of EDWARD WILLIAM LOGAN and KATHLEEN AGATHA O'SHEA, on 02 Jun 1930 in ST THOMAS' CHURCH, CLAREMONT, WESTERN AUSTRALIA. She was born in 1900 in BUNBURY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 23 Nov 1985 in GLENDALOUGH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for MARCUS FRANCIS 'MARK' FOLEY:

The Western Mail, Thursday, July 3, 1930, page 30. 'FOLEY-LOGAN. At St. Thomas's Roman Catholic Church, Claremont, on Monday, June 2, the marriage was solemnised of Mr. Marcus F. Foley and Miss Vera Logan, of Claremont. The Rev. Father Masterson performed the ceremony, which was followed by a nuptial Mass, served by the bridegrooms cousin, Master Jack Sweeney of Subiaco. Miss Alma Urguhart played the "Wedding March." In the Commonwealth Electoral Rolls from 1931 to 1943, Marcus Francis Foley and Veronica Agatha Foley are at 60 Elizabeth Street, Balkatta, Western Australia. Marcus is a motor driver and Veronica is home duties. From 1954 to 1980, they are at 83 Heytesbury Road, Subiaco. Mark is a salesman. Mark Francis Foley died in 1989 aged 87 in the Perth Registration District (No. 105215). The death location is Glendalough.

- ii. THOMAS RICHARD FOLEY was born on 26 Apr 1903 in BUNBURY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. He died in 1979 in ALBANY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. He married (1) MATILDA ADAMS 'TILLIE' KINSELLA. She was born on 31 Dec 1902 in QUINDALUP, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 11 Oct 1970 in MIDLAND, PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for THOMAS RICHARD FOLEY:

In the 1943 Electoral Roll, Thomas Richard lives with his parents in James Street, Pinjarra, Western Australia. He is a railway employee. In the 1949 Roll he is living with his wife Tillie Adams Foley in Racecourse Road, Pinjarra. He is still a railway employee. In the 1954 Roll they are living at Sirius Street, Southern Cross. Thomas works for the W.G.A.R. (Western Australia Government Railways). The death of Thomas Richard Foley in 1979 at Albany, Western Australia was in the Registration District of Plantagenet and was number 5400066.

11. **MARY FRANCES**³ **SWEENEY** (JOHN FRANCIS², MARGARET¹ MEEHAN) was born on 09 Mar 1876 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 20 Nov 1961 in HEIDELBURG, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She married MICHAEL CARRUCAN, son of PATRICK CARRUCAN and MARY O'BRIEN, on 12 Oct 1910 in ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, HEIDELBERG, VICTORIA. He was born in 1860 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died in Dec 1943 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

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Notes for MARY FRANCES SWEENEY:

Mary Frances Sweeney marries Michael Carrucan on the 12th of October, 1910, seven months after her mother's death and some sixteen months after her father's. The wedding party had a family friend Michael O'Heare and Mary's brother Thomas Bernard Sweeney as groomsmen. Mary's youngest sister Kathleen and her cousin Ellen 'Nellie' Smith, granddaughter of Patrick Sweeney, were the bridesmaids. Mary spent her last years at the Carrucan house in Dalton Street, Eltham. She died at Heidelberg House, Austin Hospital, Heidelberg.

MICHAEL CARRUCAN and MARY FRANCES SWEENEY had the following children:

- i. PATRICK JOHN⁴ CARRUCAN was born on 14 Dec 1911 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 09 Apr 1991 in TATURA, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He married (1) LOUISE NORMAN.
- ii. JOHN FRANCIS 'JACK' CARRUCAN was born on 22 May 1913 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 03 May 1976 in MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for JOHN FRANCIS 'JACK' CARRUCAN:

Jack Carrucan lived on in the old Dalton Street family residence in Eltham and was an important source of information on the Sweeney, Murray and Carrucan families. He was shocked to hear from Peter Cuffley that Thomas Sweeney had been a convict. He was friendly with the author Alan Marshall who also lived in Eltham and when Alan came to write 'Pioneers & Painters (1971), which incorporated Peter's information, the convict background was finally accepted.

- iii. ELIZABETH AGATHA 'BETTY' CARRUCAN was born on 28 Dec 1915 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 06 Mar 1990 in HEIDELBERG, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She married NILS ERIC GUNNER ERICKSON in 1946 in ST AUGUSTINE'S, BOURKE STREET, MELBOURNE. He was born in 1910. He died on 30 Oct 1968 in BROKEN HILL, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for ELIZABETH AGATHA 'BETTY' CARRUCAN:

Having lived at Captain's Flat in New South Wales in the late 1940s while her husband worked on the Snowy Mountains Scheme, Betty decided in 1950 to move back to Eltham to live with her mother in Dalton Street. She could not face bringing up a third child in the mountains of New South Wales. Tim was born in Greensborough in November, 1950 and they lived at Dalton Street for eight years. Betty and the boys then lived with her husband in Queenstown, Tasmania, after a year she decided to return to Melbourne. Details from Tim Erickson July 2024.

12. THOMAS BERNARD³ SWEENEY (JOHN FRANCIS², MARGARET¹ MEEHAN) was born on 06 Aug 1879 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 22 Nov 1958 in ELSTERNWICK, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He married EVELEEN AUGUSTA NELSON, daughter of ANDREW NELSON and EMMA AUGUSTA LA PATOUREL, in 1910 in VICTORIA. She was born on 20 Dec 1881 in YAN YEAN, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 08 Oct 1972 in ELTERNWICK, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for THOMAS BERNARD SWEENEY:

In the 1913 to 1915 Electoral Rolls, Thomas Sweeney, Yarra River, Eltham, is a farmer. Ellen Irene Sweeney is the executor of the estate of their Father, John Francis Sweeney 1843-1909. In 1916 when his sister Kassie dies, Tom is living at Tynong. In the 1916 Electoral Roll, Thomas and Eveleen Sweeney are at Tynong and Thomas is a farmer. In the 1922 to 1931 rolls Thomas and Eveleen are at 26 Portland Place, South Yarra and Thomas is a carter. In the 1921 to 1925 Electoral Rolls, Thomas Bernard Sweeney is also listed as a farmer at Tynong.

Notes for EVELEEN AUGUSTA NELSON:

THE AGE. Tuesday, October 10, 1972, page 24: 'DEATHS. SWEENEY. --- On 8th October, at her home, 52 Riddell Parade, Elsternwick, Eveleen Augusta, loved wife of the late Thomas, loving mother of Mollie (Mrs. V. Smith) and Ellie (Mrs. Sweeney). Rest in Peace.'

THOMAS BERNARD SWEENEY and EVELEEN AUGUSTA NELSON had the following children:

- i. MARY IRENE 'MOLLY'⁴ SWEENEY was born on 31 Aug 1911. She died on 10 Nov 1995 in MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She married (1) VINCENT JOSEPH 'VIN' SMITH. He was born on 19 Feb 1912 in WARRNAMBOOL, VICTORIA,

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AUSTRALIA. He died on 11 Aug 1985 in ELSTERNWICK, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

- ii. ELLEN AUGUSTA SWEENEY was born on 23 Dec 1913 in NORTHCOTE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 06 Apr 1997 in CARNEGIE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She married JAMES SWEENEY, son of DENIS SWEENEY and ANNIE THOMPSON, on 01 Mar 1949 in VICTORIA. He was born on 31 Aug 1896 in HAWTHORN, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 08 Feb 1982 in ST KILDA, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
13. JOHN FRANCIS 'FRANK'³ SWEENEY (JOHN FRANCIS², MARGARET¹ MEEHAN) was born on 26 May 1882 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 15 Aug 1952 in SUBIACO, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. He married ELLEN SULLIVAN, daughter of DENNIS SULLIVAN and SARAH ORNSBY, in 1911 in WEST PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA. She was born on 16 Oct 1880. She died in Jul 1958 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for JOHN FRANCIS 'FRANK' SWEENEY:

In the 1906 Commonwealth Electoral Roll, 'Frank' Sweeney is a driver living in the Perth suburb of Subiaco. The family would become well known as carriers living in that place. John Francis 'Frank' Sweeney married Ellen Sullivan in 1911 in West Perth (Registration number 100657).

JOHN FRANCIS 'FRANK' SWEENEY and ELLEN SULLIVAN had the following children:

- i. MARY LOYOLA⁴ SWEENEY was born on 31 Jul 1912 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. She died in 1983 in MOUNT LAWLEY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. She married (1) WILLIAM STARLING.
- ii. ELLEN MARY 'NELL' SWEENEY was born on 26 Jan 1914 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 02 Jun 1983 in WEMBLEY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. She married (1) IVAN HAROLD REYNOLDS. He was born in 1913 in YORK, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. He died in 1987 in NEDLANDS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA.
- iii. JOHN FRANCIS 'JACK' SWEENEY was born on 20 Nov 1916 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 14 Nov 1987 in BENTLEY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. He married BRENDA AMY WILLIAMS on 14 Nov 1951 in ST MARY'S CHURCH, WEST PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA. She was born in 1920 in WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 23 Nov 2013 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for JOHN FRANCIS 'JACK' SWEENEY:

In the South West Advertiser (Western Australia) of Wednesday, December 31, 1947, page 5, we read: Mark Foley spent the week-end with his mother Mrs. Annie Foley in Pinjarra. Cousin Jack Sweeney a chief engineer of the merchant navy, who has left the sea for a land job with William Adams and Co. was also a Xmas guest.'

- iv. KATHLEEN THERESA SWEENEY was born on 31 Oct 1918 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 19 Jul 2002 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA.
- v. THOMAS ALPHONSUS 'TOM' SWEENEY was born on 18 Jul 1921 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 25 Apr 2008 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA.
- vi. FRANCIS RAYMOND 'FRANK' SWEENEY was born on 18 Feb 1924 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 03 Jun 1944 in NEAR SOFIA, BULGARIAN OCCUPIED YUGOSLAVIA.

Notes for FRANCIS RAYMOND 'FRANK' SWEENEY:

Francis Raymond Sweeney of Subiaco enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force in Perth on the 11th of October, 1942 (Service Number 427959). He was a Flight Sergeant with 40th Squadron when he died on the 3rd of June, 1944. Apparently he parachuted under orders from Wellington bomber BX LP 120 near Sofia in Bulgarian occupied Yugoslavia. This aircraft was based in Malta and with no trace of the body of Francis Raymond being found his memorial is on Panel 16, column 2 at the Malta Memorial.

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- vii. PATRICK JOSEPH 'PAT' SWEENEY was born on 06 Aug 1925 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 14 Nov 2016 in PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for PATRICK JOSEPH 'PAT' SWEENEY:

Pat Sweeney was very interested in family history and visited cousins in Victoria and also the house at Culla Hill, Eltham. In his later years he made a trip to Ireland and while there he met with distant relative, Pat Sweeney of Roscrea Road, Templemore, Tipperary.

14. **KATHLEEN A. 'KASSIE'³ SWEENEY** (JOHN FRANCIS², MARGARET¹ MEEHAN) was born on 05 Oct 1884 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 14 Oct 1916 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She married FRANCIS 'FRANK' CARRUCAN, son of PETER CARRUCAN and HANNAH WOODS, on 08 Dec 1915 in HEIDELBERG, VICTORIA. He was born in 1872 in ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died in Jan 1953 in BELGRAVE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for KATHLEEN A. 'KASSIE' SWEENEY:

Kathleen A. Sweeney (Cassie or Kassie) began at Eltham State School in January 1890. She remained at the school until December 1901. Records show that she received three Certificates of Merit. THE AGE. Monday, October 16, 1916, page 1: 'DEATHS. CARRUCAN. --- On the 14th October, at "Culla Hill" Eltham, Kathleen, the beloved wife of Francis Carrucan, Eltham; Mother of Francis Kenny, and daughter of the late John and Eileen Sweeney, and sister of Mrs. A. C. Foley, Agatha and Frank Sweeney, of Western Australia; also of Mrs. Michael Carrucan, Thomas Sweeney of Tynong, and Ellen Sweeney of Eltham. No flowers. Rest in Peace.'

Notes for FRANCIS 'FRANK' CARRUCAN:

In 'The Argus' of Saturday 7th of August 1926, Frank advertises his parents 'homestead' 'surplus furniture' and livestock, vehicles, harness etc. It is to be auctioned on that day. The residence in Bridge Street, Eltham, is a seven roomed weatherboard house, and there are stables, a barn and a dairy.

FRANCIS 'FRANK' CARRUCAN and KATHLEEN A. 'KASSIE' SWEENEY had the following child:

- i. FRANCIS KENNY 'KEN'⁴ CARRUCAN was born on 12 Sep 1916 in IVANHOE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 21 Jun 1987 in ROSEBUD, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He married RUBY SPRING, daughter of ARTHUR SPRING and GRACE FLORENCE McKISSOCK, in 1949 in VICTORIA. She was born on 06 Mar 1914 in ASCOT VALE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 29 Aug 1996 in SEYMOUR, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

15. **THOMAS JOSEPH 'TOM'³ RYAN** (ELLEN ELIZABETH 'ELLIE'² SWEENEY, MARGARET¹ MEEHAN) was born on 16 Feb 1882 in DRIVING CREEK, COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 18 Jul 1959 in MORRINSVILLE, NEW ZEALAND. He married ELLEN 'NELLIE' JOHNSON, daughter of THOMAS 'TOM' JOHNSON and HONORA O'CONNELL, on 26 Nov 1906 in WAIHI, HAURAKI, WAIKATO. She was born in 1881 in NEW ZEALAND. She died on 13 Sep 1957 in HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND.

THOMAS JOSEPH 'TOM' RYAN and ELLEN 'NELLIE' JOHNSON had the following children:

- i. ARTHUR FRANCIS⁴ RYAN was born on 21 Jun 1909 in WAIHI, HAURAKI, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 05 Feb 1969 in ROTORUA, BAY OF PLENTY, NEW ZEALAND. He married MARY 'MOLLIE' EMMERSON, daughter of ERNEST WALKER EMMERSON and MARIA TERESA 'CIS' BELL, on 29 Oct 1941 in GISBORNE, NEW ZEALAND. She was born on 17 Apr 1919 in MATAWAI, GISBORNE, NEW ZEALAND. She died on 03 Apr 2013 in ROTORUA, BAY OF PLENTY, NEW ZEALAND.
- ii. NORA ELLEN 'NONIE' RYAN was born on 30 Oct 1912 in HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND. She died in Dec 1991.
- iii. EILEEN MARY RYAN was born on 09 Jan 1925 in WAIHI, NEW ZEALAND. She died on 30 Apr 1999 in ROTORUA, NEW ZEALAND.

Notes for EILEEN MARY RYAN:

Notes from Ellie Goss (Ryan) born 1919, state that Eileen's middle name was Margaret.

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16. **JOHN DESMOND 'DES'³ RYAN** (ELLEN ELIZABETH 'ELLIE'² SWEENEY, MARGARET¹ MEEHAN) was born on 19 Jan 1885 in DRIVING CREEK, COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 21 Feb 1942 in WAIHI, HAURAKI, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND. He married RUBY PHILOMENA DEUCHAR, daughter of JAMES SHARP DEUCHAR and ELIZABETH ALICE EVANS, on 01 Jan 1935 in CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MT EDEN, AUCKLAND. She was born on 02 Apr 1899 in MANGAWEKA, RANGITIKEI, NEW ZEALAND. She died on 26 Dec 1976 in WAIHI, HAURAKI, WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND.

Notes for JOHN DESMOND 'DES' RYAN:

John Desmond Ryan was a Fireman at the Waihi Gold Mine in 1912 when the six month strike occurred. His address is given as Wenlock Street, Waihi. An Engine Driver named Frederick George Evans was shot and died in Waihi Hospital on the 13th of November 1912. John Desmond Ryan is in the list of Cases Dismissed. See: 'The Tragic Story of the Waihi Strike.' by W. E. Holland et al. John Desmond Ryan was drawn in the ballot for the 31st Reinforcements in May 1917. Thames Star, Issue 18336, 9th May, 1917.

JOHN DESMOND 'DES' RYAN and RUBY PHILOMENA DEUCHAR had the following child:

- i. ELIZABETH ANNE 'BETTY'⁴ RYAN.

17. **FRANCIS MICHAEL 'FRANK'³ RYAN** (ELLEN ELIZABETH 'ELLIE'² SWEENEY, MARGARET¹ MEEHAN) was born on 02 Mar 1887 in DRIVING CREEK, COROMANDEL, NEW ZEALAND. He died on 06 Jan 1965 in PRAHRAN, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He married MARY ANN 'MAY' SMALE, daughter of ALBERT MORRISH SMALE and CATHERINE LOUISA 'KATE' KEOGH, on 12 Jan 1916 in NORTH FITZROY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She was born on 24 May 1889 in SEYMOUR, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 29 Mar 1937 in BLACK ROCK, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for FRANCIS MICHAEL 'FRANK' RYAN:

Frank Ryan worked as an itinerant carpenter in New Zealand in the early 1900s. He travelled to Australia in 1908 and visited cousins in Northern New South Wales, in North Fitzroy, Melbourne, Victoria, and out at Eltham 13 miles from Melbourne. It is known that he saw the famous Tommy Burns versus Jack Johnson open-air boxing match in Sydney on the 26th of December, 1908. This was a historic World Heavyweight Championship match. He returned to New Zealand for some years but was back in Australia by 1912. While he worked on building horse stalls on troop ships he avoided service in the Australian Army. The Irish diaspora in both Australia and New Zealand were often against fighting in Europe on behalf of Britain, given the centuries of British rule in Ireland. In World War II Frank, who was a champion rifle shot, was on volunteer coast guard duties in Victoria. He and May and their three daughters moved from East Brunswick in Melbourne to the bay-side settlement at Black Rock in 1919. In 1926 they purchased a small general store and residence at Tynong in West Gippsland. While Frank built an adjoining tearooms hoping to attract travellers on the Gippsland Road, the highway was soon relocated to North Tynong, taking away much of their business. They regularly advertised the property for sale, but in the end were forced to drive away with their belongings piled on a Ford truck due to the effects of the Great Depression. A Government policy of 'Debt Adjustment' for farmers allowed them to ignore their debts at local stores. Occasionally a bag of potatoes would be left on the verandah. The family returned to Black Rock in 1933 and purchased 5 Fifth Street with Sheila, Kitty and Ellie helping to pay it off. Frank was living there when he died at the Alfred Hospital, Prahran, on the 6th of January, 1965.

Notes for MARY ANN 'MAY' SMALE:

The birth registration states that 'May Ann' Smale, the elder of twins, was born on the 24th of May, 1889, at Stoney Creek, Seymour. The Informant is Mary Smale, Widow, Landowner, Northwood. The accoucher is Mrs Sloper, and the nurse is Mrs Smale. Albert Morrish Smale is given as the occupier of the house (Registration number 26180). RYAN. - The Friends of Mr. Francis M. Ryan are most respectfully informed that the funeral of his beloved wife, Mary Ann, will leave his residence, No. 5 Fifth street, Black Rock, THIS DAY (Tuesday), at 2.30 p.m., for the Eltham Cemetery, arriving at cemetery 4 p.m. J. MONKHOUSE and SON, Funeral Directors (The Argus 30 March 1937). May died at the family home, 5 Fifth Street, Black Rock.

FRANCIS MICHAEL 'FRANK' RYAN and MARY ANN 'MAY' SMALE had the following children:

- i. CECILIA MARY 'SHEILA'⁴ RYAN was born on 13 Nov 1916 in EAST BRUNSWICK, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 24 Oct 1995 in STRATHPINE,

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QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA. She married LAURENCE GEOFFREY 'GEOFF' SCARROTT, son of LAURENCE GEORGE SCARROTT and MARGARET MARY O'MALLEY, in 1942 in VICTORIA. He was born on 20 Sep 1917 in SOUTH MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 01 Jun 2008 in BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA.

- ii. CATHERINE ELLEN 'KITTY' RYAN was born on 27 Dec 1917 in EAST BRUNSWICK, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 16 Dec 2016 in MALDON, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She married WILLIAM ALFRED CUFFLEY, son of WILLIAM PATRICK CUFFLEY and CHARLOTTE ANN CATHCART, on 23 Jan 1943 in SACRED HEART CHURCH, SANDRINGHAM, VICTORIA. He was born on 23 Jan 1909 in MOONEE PONDS, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 17 Apr 1968 in MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Notes for CATHERINE ELLEN 'KITTY' RYAN:

Catherine first attends Sacred Heart School, Sandringham when her family is living in Fifth Street, Black Rock. Later she is at Tynong State School from 1926 to 1933. She is Confirmed at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Iona, Victoria, on the 10th of November, 1929. She is given Veronica as her Confirmation name. From DNA testing with Genographic 2.0 (National Geographical Society), Catherine is identified as being 2.4% Neanderthal, and 2.9% Denisovan. Her mitochondrial Haplogroup is J2b1a2 which is traced to Susan Devin who married John McIlroy in Ireland prior to 1831. Catherine was a blood donor over many years and recorded her blood group as A2 Positive. This is a subgroup the A blood group.

- iii. EILEEN MARGARET 'ELLIE' RYAN was born on 05 Mar 1919 in EAST BRUNSWICK, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She died on 04 Mar 2006 in MENTONE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. She married ERNEST 'ERNIE' GOSS, son of EBENEZER GOSS and JOHANNA KENNEALLY, on 05 Apr 1947 in SACRED HEART CHURCH, SANDRINGHAM. He was born on 16 Oct 1911 in NORTHCOTE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 13 Dec 1972 in MENTONE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
- iv. JOHN FRANCIS 'JACK' RYAN was born on 19 Jun 1924 in SANDRINGHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. He died on 16 Mar 1945 in NEAR WIESETH, BAYERN, GERMANY.

Notes for JOHN FRANCIS 'JACK' RYAN:

John Francis 'Jack' Ryan is born on the 19th of June, 1924 at a private hospital called 'Moir' in Sandringham. He is brought home to Black Rock in a Yellow Cab. He begins his education at Tynong State School. When the family move back to Black Rock in 1933, he goes to a convent school. He later obtains a scholarship to attend St Bede's Christian Brothers College at Mentone. He works in Melbourne in a photographic store and is a keen photographer. He enlists in the RAAF on the 14th of July, 1942 (Number 419142). He trains in Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia. The journey to England begins on the 5th of December, 1943 with a train trip from Melbourne to Sydney. According to fellow airman, Wally Searl, they go to Luna Park in Sydney the night before boarding the US troopship Willard A. Holbrook for San Francisco. After disembarking they make the long trip by train across the United States including a few hours in Chicago before moving on to Philadelphia and arrive in New York at Penn Station on the 5th of January, 1944. They have a number of days of leave in New York. They depart New York on the troopship 'Ill de France' and sail to Glasgow. From there they travel to by train to Bristol. There is further intensive training at various locations in England before they begin active service with Bomber Command. Jack and his crew are with 576 Squadron based at Fiskerton, Lincolnshire. On the 16th of March, 1945, Lancaster bomber PA 265 with Jack as Pilot is approaching Nuremberg when a German fighter plane fires into the fuselage from below. A fire breaks out and the order to bail out is given. It crashes in a wood two kilometres west of the village of Wieseth, south-west of Nuremberg (Nurnburg), at 11.00 pm. The only survivor is rear gunner Mervyn Hall who manages to parachute to the ground. He lands some 200 yards from the burning plane and is soon taken captive by a farmer. He becomes a

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prisoner of war and did not speak of the whole traumatic experience until his later years. Jack's official status is Pilot, though he also acts as the captain and would usually be referred to as 'Skipper' or 'Skip' by his crew.