

Descendants of MICHAEL SMYTH

Generation No. 1

1. MICHAEL¹ SMYTH was born in IRELAND. He married ELLEN "UNKNOWN".

Notes for MICHAEL SMYTH:

Occupation FARMER

Residing in FALTAGH, civil parish of Aghabog, Monaghan - 1860.

Probable owner of land in Faltagh, Civil Parish of Aghabog as noted in Griffiths Valuation 1858.

Notes for ELLEN "UNKNOWN":

Residing at Faltagh townland, civil parish of Aghabog - 1860.

Faltagh is a bordering townland of Lisnaveane (where son Patrick's wife Rose Smyth was from).

Children of MICHAEL SMYTH and ELLEN "UNKNOWN" are:

2. i. PATRICK² SMYTH, b. Abt. 1826, FALTAGH, County Monaghan, Ireland; d. 11 Mar 1918, ALDAVILLA, WARNETON, MACLEAY SHIRE, NSW.
3. ii. OWEN MICHAEL SMYTH, b. Abt. 1836, FALTAGH, County Monaghan, Ireland; d. 10 Jun 1901, WAVERLEY, NSW.
4. iii. ELLEN SMYTH, b. Abt. 1840, FALTAGH, County Monaghan, Ireland; d. 29 Nov 1881, Yarravil, Macleay River, NSW.

Generation No. 2

2. PATRICK² SMYTH (*MICHAEL*¹) was born Abt. 1826 in FALTAGH, County Monaghan, Ireland, and died 11 Mar 1918 in ALDAVILLA, WARNETON, MACLEAY SHIRE, NSW. He married ROSE SMYTH 07 Jan 1858 in Ematris Parish, County Monaghan, Ireland, daughter of PATRICK SMYTH and ELLEN MILLIGAN. She was born Abt. 1836 in County Monaghan, Ireland, and died 17 Aug 1902 in YARRAVIL, NSW.

Notes for PATRICK SMYTH:

Arrived in Australia aboard ship "Tudor" 17/8/1860.

Settled on a Dairy Farm, ALDAVILLA, around 1868.

ALDAVILLA was a settlement of small farmers and was named after the hometown in GERMANY of early settler ANTON GERSBACH.

ALDAVILLA is two miles down the road from YARRAVIL.

Some family records (Book on life of JACK SMYTH - Cattle Dealer) - suggest that "Black Pat" was born in County Armagh.

Death Reference No. 1420 - Warneton, Macleay River.

Marriage to Rose Smyth in Ematris church Parish, County Monaghan, 7/1/1858

First 3 children were born in Sydney between 1860 and 1864, so we could assume that Patrick and Rose spent their early arrival years in Sydney. Patrick's brother Owen was residing at Waverley (Sydney) at that time.

Notes for ROSE SMYTH:

Married PATRICK in Ematris Parish, County Monaghan, IRELAND 7/1/1858.

Family links to LISNAVENE, STRANOODEN, County MONAGHAN.

Probably emigrated to Australia with husband Patrick on the ship "Tudor" on 17/8/1860 - although one family source (Book JACK SMYTH - Cattle Dealer "One in Ten Thousand" suggested that Patrick and Rose came to Australia separately. First child ELLEN was born in Sydney 20/9/1860 - some 4 weeks after arrival in Sydney.

It is interesting to note that Patrick Smyth married Rose Smyth in 1858 - however shipping records show Patrick Smyth arriving with wife MARY in 1860 - then birth records show Ellen being born to Patrick and Rose in 1860.

Her brother Patrick emigrated to Australia on the ship "Racehorse" in 22/9/1866.

ROSE of JOHNSONS FLAT was witness on death certificates of ELLEN KEARNS (SMYTH) in 1881 and PHILIP KEARNS in 1881.

Children of PATRICK SMYTH and ROSE SMYTH are:

- i. ELLEN³ SMYTH, b. 20 Sep 1860, Parish of St. James, County of Cumberland, NSW; d. 17 Feb 1862, WAVERLEY.

Notes for ELLEN SMYTH:

Birth registered as ALLEN SMITH - District of Paddington -3588/1860-parents Patrick & Rose Smith.
Death registered as ELLEN SMITH- District of Paddington-1891/1862-parents Pat & Rose Smith.

- ii. MICHAEL SMYTH, b. 30 Sep 1862, WAVERLEY; d. 19 May 1950, KEMPSEY.

Notes for MICHAEL SMYTH:

MICHAEL never married

Birth Registration 1862/003539 WAVERLEY, NSW shows date of birth 30/9/1862 -

Name was registered as MICHAEL SMITH with parents PATRICK SMITH and ROSE SMITH

- iii. MARGARET SMYTH, b. Abt. 1864, WAVERLEY; d. 29 Dec 1927, KEMPSEY; m. JOHN PURCELL;
b. Abt. 1860; d. 07 Aug 1906.

Notes for MARGARET SMYTH:

BIRTH Reg. - MACLEAY RIVER 1864 No. 9956 - Name registered as SMITH.

- iv. PATRICK SMYTH, b. 24 Dec 1867, ALDAVILLA, MACLEAY RIVER; d. 30 Jun 1951,
TAMWORTH; m. AGNES SARAH CLARK; b. 10 May 1869; d. 30 Jul 1918.

Notes for PATRICK SMYTH:

PATRICK'S UNCLE - PATRICK SMYTH also married an AGNES CLARK in 1871.

Patrick first worked as a Labourer, then lived at FERNHILL (near KEMPSEY) . He then acquired a Butchery business.

Birth Registration MACLEAY RIVER 1867 Reg. No. 10976 - Name registered as SMITH.

Notes for AGNES SARAH CLARK:

AGNES was the grand daughter of a couple who sailed to Australia in 1835.

- v. MARY SMYTH, b. 01 May 1869, ALDAVILLA; d. 10 Sep 1954, KEMPSEY.

Notes for MARY SMYTH:

MARY never married

Birth Registration 1869 No. 12759 - Name registered as SMITH.

- vi. ELLEN SMYTH, b. 16 Sep 1872, ALDAVILLA; d. 19 Sep 1958, KEMPSEY.

Notes for ELLEN SMYTH:

ELLEN never married

ROSE SMYTH b.1928 of ALDAVILLA has a letter in her possession, addressed to ELLEN SMYTH, advising of the death of her uncle in IRELAND 26/1/1928. The address of the letter was LISNAVEANE, STRANOODEN P.O. COUNTY MONAGHAN (this may have been a brother of ROSE of Monaghan). Subsequent research has shown this to be PHILLIP SMYTH, age 90 years.(Death registration 1609603, Monaghan, Kilmore-Number 76).

Birth Registration of ELLEN -MACLEAY RIVER 1871 No. 12331 - Name registered as SMITH.

- vii. JOHN SMYTH, b. 20 Nov 1874, ALDAVILLA; d. 22 Feb 1951, KEMPSEY; m. MARGARET MARY CLARKE.

Notes for JOHN SMYTH:

Birth Registration 1873 No. 12772 - Name registered as SMITH.

- viii. JAMES OWEN SMYTH, b. 30 Mar 1876, ALDAVILLA; d. 25 Sep 1955, KEMPSEY; m. ANN CLARE; b. Abt. 1888; d. 29 Feb 1984, KEMPSEY, NSW.

Notes for JAMES OWEN SMYTH:

Purchased a property at YARRAVIL in 1940/1 - 50 acres belonging to the HOULEY estate - could have been where KEARNS/SMYTH farm was situated.

Birth Registration 1876 No. 13735 - Name registered as SMITH.

3. OWEN MICHAEL² SMYTH (MICHAEL¹) was born Abt. 1836 in FALTAGH, County Monaghan, Ireland, and died 10 Jun 1901 in WAVERLEY, NSW. He married HONORAH BOWES Abt. 1860 in SYDNEY. She was born Abt. 1836 in County Cork, Ireland.

Notes for OWEN MICHAEL SMYTH:
Probably lived at WAVERLEY in SYDNEY
Occupation BAKER
Death registration 1901/007519, NSW, WAVERLEY
Arrived in Australia around 1858.

Children of OWEN SMYTH and HONORAH BOWES are:

- i. MARY E³ SMYTH, b. Abt. 1865.

Notes for MARY E SMYTH:
Ciss remained single
Lived at Waverley, NSW
Lived with Theresa Gilchrist.

- ii. MICHAEL SMYTH, b. Abt. 1867.
- iii. WILLIAM WALTER SMYTH, b. Abt. 1869; d. 12 Dec 1920; m. POLL.

Notes for WILLIAM WALTER SMYTH:
Memorial card, in possession of ROSE SMYTH - ALDAVILLA 2005, shows age 54 at death.

- iv. MALE SMYTH, b. Bef. 1871; d. Bef. 1871.
- v. THERESA SCHOLASTICA SMYTH, b. 17 Jan 1871, WAVERLEY; m. JOHN? GILCHRIST.

Notes for THERESA SCHOLASTICA SMYTH:
Birth Registration 1871/004621, WAVERLEY, NSW
Lived in Waverley ,NSW

- vi. EDWARD SMYTH, b. Abt. 1874.

4. ELLEN² SMYTH (MICHAEL¹) was born Abt. 1840 in FALTAGH, County Monaghan, Ireland, and died 29 Nov 1881 in Yarravil, Macleay River, NSW. She married PHILIP KEARNS 03 May 1861 in Aghabog, County Monaghan, Ireland, son of OWEN KEARNS and ELLEN O'NEIL. He was born Abt. 1837 in County Monaghan, Ireland, and died 07 Aug 1881 in Yarravil, Macleay River, NSW.

Notes for ELLEN SMYTH:

Ellen arrived in Australia around 1861.

ELLEN was 20 when son OWEN was born (1864) = there was an existing female child at that time (ELLEN).

At son OWEN'S birth her name was shown as ELLEN SMITH

Flood and Bushfire in 1949 ravished the West Kempsey area, hence the Cemetery lost many of its markings and we are unable to locate the exact burial site of ELLEN.

Notes for PHILIP KEARNS:

Surname shown as KAIRNS on death certificate 8336/1022 YARRAVEL 7/8/1881

Arrived in Australia around 1861.

Marriage date as ascertained from OWEN's (son) birth certificate is shown as 1/5/1859,

on son MICHAEL's birth cert the wedding date is shown as 1/5/1860.

There were many variations in the spelling of the Surname Registered at Birth on each of Philip and Ellen's children :-

KERIAN, KARENS, KARINS, KERRINS, KARNES, CARENS, KAIRNS.

Occupations: Labourer - then Farmer - (Teamster - from Mary's Death Certificate)..

Philips Last WILL and TESTAMENT (18473), dated 29th July 1881, bequeathed his estate to his wife

ELLEN. Estate was valued at 404 Pounds. Sureties were ANTON GERSBACH ,Carpenter, of

BELGRAVE, MACLEAY RIVER and TIMOTHY SULLIVAN, Farmer, also of BELGRAVE.

Floods and Bushfire ravished the Kempsey area in 1949 and much of the markings in the cemetery at West Kempsey was lost - hence we are unable to locate the actual grave site of Philip.

Children of ELLEN SMYTH and PHILIP KEARNS are:

- i. ELEANOR³ KEARNS, b. 09 Jun 1863; d. 22 Jul 1959, MACKSVILLE; m. CHARLES ANDREW HOULEY, 15 Apr 1883, PRESBYTERY, KEMPSEY, MACLEAY DISTRICT; b. Abt. 1859, MACLEAY RIVER; d. Sep 1939, MACKSVILLE.

Notes for ELEANOR KEARNS:

Unable to trace birth registration of ELLEN under the surname KEARNS or any of the variations of the name as used in the registration of her siblings.

Patrick Smith (Smyth?) , Guardian, (brother of ELLEN of Monaghan?) gave consent to the marriage of the Bride.

Marriage Registration No. 05453 Year 1883 KEMPSEY, MACLEAY RIVER DISTRICT.

Family source suggests that one son lost his life in WW1?.

Notes for CHARLES ANDREW HOULEY:

Charlie grew delicious black grapes and had a winery .

Occupation 1883 Labourer - place of residence YARRAVELL

Witnesses to Wedding P. McPhillips & Jane Crosbie

Death Registration - MACKSVILLE 1939 Reg. No. 24760

Birth Registration - MACLEAY RIVER 1859 Reg. No. 8716 - Name - HOWLEY

- ii. OWEN KEARNS, b. 18 Nov 1864, BELGRAVE, MACLEAY RIVER NSW; d. 06 Jan 1952, MARRICKVILLE; m. THERESA ANN MOSS, 07 Sep 1904, BOWRAVILLE NSW; b. 03 Mar 1881, MISSABOTTI, BOWRA; d. 01 Jan 1943, CANTERBURY.

Notes for OWEN KEARNS:

Birth Certificate 9955/1864 MACLEAY RIVER shows name as OWEN KERIAN and date of birth 18/11/1864. His mother is shown as ELLEN SMITH.

Family Source has birth date as 16/11/1865.

KEARNS Farm was at SIMPSONS RIDGE, BOWRAVILLE - apparently today (2005) it is known as "RIDGEHAVEN" and is owned by K & R SIM.

Witnesses to marriage 1904 - KATHERINE ELLEN HOULEY and JOHN MOSS.

OWEN left his wife and children around 1924.

Owen's family lived in Matilda Street Macksville, opposite his brother's Phillip Felix's family

- iii. MICHAEL KEARNS, b. 08 Aug 1866, KALATUNIE, MACLEAY RIVER NSW; d. 27 Aug 1950, MACKSVILLE.

Notes for MICHAEL KEARNS:

Mick remained a bachelor

He lived at Port Macquarie ,where he was a successful LAWN BOWLER

Built the bridge at Simpsons Ridge School

Birth registration 10028/1866 Macleay River shows name as MICHAEL KARENS

He had property at TINTENHULL near TAMWORTH.

- iv. MARY ELIZABETH KEARNS, b. 12 Aug 1868, MACLEAY RIVER NSW; d. 09 Jan 1948, MARRICKVILLE; m. THOMAS SWIFT, 02 Jun 1890, REGISTRY, NAMBUCCA; b. Abt. 1866, MANNING RIVER; d. 1906, BELLINGEN.

Notes for MARY ELIZABETH KEARNS:

Registration indexes show birth surname as both KERRINS and KARINS

Registration number 11236/1868 MACLEAY RIVER

Occupation ,1890 , DOMESTIC - Residence NAMBUCCA RIVER

Witnesses to marriage Frederick Hilliar, John Swift

Marriage registration 05150 Year 1890 Place NAMBUCCA

Death Registration 03445 Year 1948 Place Marrickville.

Notes for THOMAS SWIFT:

1890 - Occupation Farmer - residence Manning River.

- v. PATRICK JOSEPH KEARNS, b. Abt. 1871, YARRAWELL, MACLEAY RIVER NSW; d. 25 Sep 1956, BELLINGEN; m. ELLEN ADA MCNALLY, 08 Jan 1913, BELLINGEN; b. 1874, BELLINGEN, MACLEAY RIVER NSW; d. 1952.

Notes for PATRICK JOSEPH KEARNS:

Surname on birth certificate shown as KAIRNS.

Mothers Christian name on birth certificate shown as ANN.

Registration number of birth 12159/1871 MACLEAY RIVER.

Occupation 1913 - Contractor - Residence BELLINGEN.

Owned a FARM - FERNMOUNT in North Bank Rd. BELLINGEN, was sited on a hill overlooking the Bellingen River.

(2005 - this land currently owned by Doctor BERRY).

Patrick also owned land where the BELLENGEN PUBLIC SCHOOL is located - Family sources suggest that the CROWN has never paid for the resumption of the land for school purposes.

Witnesses at Marriage Joseph Francis O'Keefe & Annie Martin

Marriage registration 00932 Year 1913 Place BELLINGEN
Death Registration 288 Year 1956 Place BELLINGEN

Notes for ELLEN ADA MCNALLY:

Occupation Domestic Duties

Ellen's Birth details, on NSW Registry 1869, show parents as James & Catherine - registration number 12780/1869 -Macleay River

Ellen's Marriage 1913, details show parents as Henry & Rose - registration number 00932/1913 - Bellingen - (this chart has followed this path.)

James & Henry were brothers.

- vi. PHILIP FELIX KEARNS, b. 12 Jan 1873, JOHNSONS FLAT, MACLEAY RIVER NSW; d. 04 Aug 1952, MACKSVILLE; m. SARAH ROSS BLICK; b. 28 Oct 1887, HORSE SHOE BEND, WEST MAITLAND; d. 01 Jan 1960, MACKSVILLE.

Notes for PHILIP FELIX KEARNS:

Birth Registration 12577/1873 MACLEAY RIVER shows name as PHILIP KARNES

Was a FETTLER on the Railways

His family lived in Matilda Street Macksville (opposite his brother Owen's family).

- vii. CATHERINE ANN TERESA KEARNS, b. 14 Oct 1874, MACLEAY RIVER NSW; d. 28 Oct 1965, SYDNEY; m. JOHN THOMAS GILL, 18 Feb 1896, GRAFTON; b. Abt. 1867, CHATSWOOD ISLAND, CLARENCE RIVER; d. 16 Nov 1930, BALMAIN NORTH, SYDNEY.

Notes for CATHERINE ANN TERESA KEARNS:

Birth Registration 13099/1874 shows name as CATHERINE ANN CARENS

On the death of her mother (1881) Catherine was raised by her uncle Patrick (SMYTH?).

Occupation FARMER'S DAUGHTER

Catherine had a farm near Kempsey, brought a house in Jane St. BALMAIN (only 2 houses up from the church), and looked after Hotels for a long time.

Family sources tell of CATHERINE and another relative giving money to the IRA because both sides of the family had martyrs , one flogged to death for harbouring a priest.

Marriage registration 01127 Year 1896 Place GRAFTON

NANA spent a lot of time with the CASTLE family, they lived near PALMER CHANNEL, near GRAFTON - they had 14 children (two of whom were lost down a well). The CASTLES were good friends of the whole family.

Notes for JOHN THOMAS GILL:

Occupation LABOURER - 1896 - Place of residence GRAFTON.

Wittnesses to Marriage DAVID JAMES GILL, SUSANNA KEARNS

DA was a good horseman.

He was a romantic and was gentle with NANA

He was an ENGINEER on ships.

- viii. SUSANNA KEARNS, b. 25 Oct 1876, YARRAWELL, MACLEAY RIVER NSW; d. 07 Jan 1964, DUBBO; m. ARTHUR WILLIAM MORSE, 27 May 1908, BELLINGEN; b. 20 Apr 1877, CLANFIELD, OXFORD, OXFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND; d. 28 Jul 1936, KENMORE, GOULBURN.

Notes for SUSANNA KEARNS:

Birth Registration 13832/1876 MACLEAY RIVER shows name as SUSANNA CARENS

On the death of her mother (1881) Susanna was raised by her uncle Patrick (SMYTH?).

Notes for ARTHUR WILLIAM MORSE:

Occupation DRAPER at Bellingen