

Callaghan Family History

Michael Callaghan (2) and Catherine Slevan (nee Reid)

The Callaghan family came from convict beginnings and it was the second generation Michael Callaghan (2), his wife and family that paved the way for the establishment of the later generations of the Callaghan family in the Young district of New South Wales.

Michael Callaghan (2) and his family were among the early settlers who ventured west to seek their fortune on the Lambing Flat Goldfields (from which the township of Young NSW developed).



Gold was discovered in 1860 on part of the "Burrangong Station" Run belonging to squatter James White. A section of the property that had been once used to shelter ewes at lambing time was the locality where gold was initially found, hence the name for the new goldfield, "Lambing Flat".

Stockmen had camped at Lambing Flat on the banks of Burrangong Creek and one of the men was struck with the gold bearing appearance of the place and washed a spadeful of earth in a billy and secured a good prospect of gold.

The news that gold had been discovered was published in the Sydney Morning Herald on 4 August 1860 and thus began one of the biggest gold diggings in Australia.

As is to be expected in the discovery of a rich goldfield, the Lambing Flat field drew in thousands of miners and prospectors from both near and far.

Among the new arrivals were **1500 Chinese miners**, who staked their claim on the Lambing Flat field from its earliest days. The Chinese were organised labourers, arriving in NSW in groups of around 100 people, complete with a leader. This approach allowed them to undertake mining in a vastly more systematic way than European miners, who worked alone or in small groups.

The Chinese kept their distance from the European diggers well aware of the ill fate that had befallen their countrymen on the Victorian goldfields. However, their presence at Lambing Flat was destined to bring about the greatest anti-Chinese riots the continent has known.

**Lambing Flat
miners camps 1860**



Lambing Flat Riots, (1860–61), involved a wave of anti-Chinese disturbances in the goldfields of [New South Wales](#), [Australia](#), which led to restriction of Chinese immigration.

The first disturbance grew out of a demonstration organized by a white miners' vigilance committee against gambling dens and other alleged vice on 12 December, 1860. After venting their rage on these establishments, the miners attacked the Chinese quarter of the settlement, killed several people, and wounded many others. Other attacks followed the December incident; eventually the Chinese miners had to abandon the fields. While the white miners justified their brutality by claiming that the Orientals were squandering the [water supply](#) so vital to alluvial prospecting, racism was probably an equally significant factor.

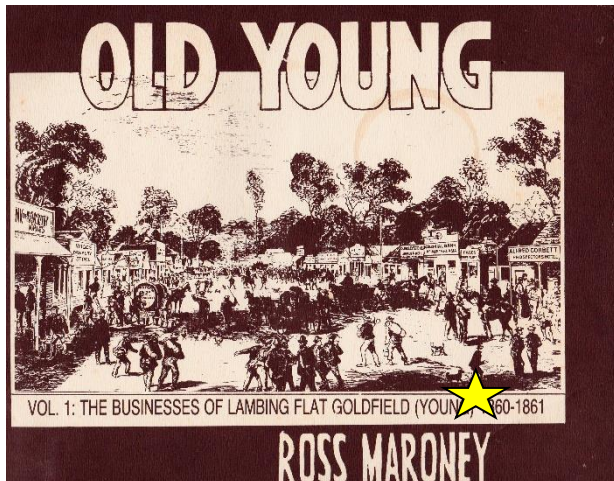


A military detachment restored order at the flat from March until June 1861, and most of the Chinese returned to the settlement. Soon after the departure of the troops, however, a final, devastating [riot](#) occurred on 30 June 1861. Several thousand miners descended on the Orientals, plundering their dwellings; mounted pursuers overtook the fleeing Chinese and degraded, beat, and robbed them. The authorities returned quickly and restored order. The Lambing Flat Riots led the New South Wales government to pass the Chinese Immigration Act in November 1861, severely limiting the flow of Chinese into the colony.

The Lambing Flat Petition – Michael Callaghan (2)

In February 1861, a total of 3,356 inhabitants of Lambing Flat signed a petition to the government to take steps to remove the Chinese population of Lambing Flat. The petition, plus 75 pages of signatures, were discovered in Parliament House, Sydney, as recently as 1986.

❖ *The name of [Michael Callaghan \(2\)](#) is listed among the signatures on the petition.*



Ross Moroney's book "Old Young" has a printed list of 3,169 petition name rearranged in alphabetical order. Another 187 names have proved illegible or undecipherable.

BURNS James (4)
BURNS James (43)
BURNS James R. (17)
BURNS John (6)
BURNS John (21)
BURNS Richard (68)
BURROW Frank (40)
BURTINSHALL Charles (42)
BURTON Halfred (9)
BUSBY (?) James (52)
BUSH Samuel (13)
BUSHELL Edward (38)
BUSKBY Thomas (23)
BUTLER John (37)
BUTLER Robert (19)
BUTLIN Joseph (6)
BUTLIN William (6)
BUTTLER Fredrick (32)
BUTTLER John (40)
BYRNE John (5)
BYRNE Laurance (11)
BYRNE Thomas (36)
BYRNE Thos. P. (17)
BYRON W.R. (18)
CABLE Robert (65)
CAKCLIN Cornealian (17)
CADOGAN George (10)
CADOGAN Wm. (51)
CAIN W. (38)
CALDER Charles C. (29)
CALDWELL Saml. (17)
CALIGAN Joseph (X) (26)
CALLAGHAN John (34)
CALLAGHAN Michael (12)
CALLAGHAN Terence (21)
CALLAN Denis (35)
CALNAN Michael (68)
CALWELL William (16)
CAMERON Allen (24)
CAMERON D. (32)
CAMERON Thomas (72)
CAMPBELL David (22)
CAMPBELL William (29)
CAMPBELL William (49)
CAMPION Robert (47)
CANNON Christopher (36)
CANNON William (22)
CANNON Willm. (60)

There are 3 Callaghans appearing on the petition:

Michael Callaghan {page 12}

John Callaghan {page 34}

Terence Callaghan {page 21}



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Michael Callaghan (2) and Catherine Sleven (nee Reid)

As well as the signature on the Lambing Flat petition, two documents give a clear background insight into the life story of Michael Callaghan (2).

- ✓ The first document, the **death certificate of Michael Callaghan (2)** was sourced at the Young Court House some 30 years ago.

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DEATH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

Surname of deceased	CALLAGHAN	
Other names	MICHAEL	
Occupation	Farmer	
Sex and Age	Male 60 years	
Marital status		
Date of death	25th January, 1879	
Place of death	Jerrybang	
Usual residence		
Place of birth	Sydney	
Father - Surname	CALLAGHAN (Soldier)	
Other names	MICHAEL	
Mother - Maiden surname	-	
Other names	-	
Place of marriage		
Age at marriage	Michael 26 years	
To whom married	John 24 years	
Children of marriage	3 males and 1 female deceased	
Informant	Michael Callaghan (son) Jerrybang	
Cause of death	Paralysis 8 years	
By whom certified		
Particulars of burial or cremation		
Particulars of registration	Court House Young	Date Number

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of particulars recorded in a register kept by me.

Name	Age	Sex	Religion	Condition	Date of Emigration	Assignee
Michael Downey	34	Male	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	Rev. H. B. Smith
Joseph Ann White	31	Female	Roman	Free	"	Bathurst
Patrick Murphy	41	Male	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	Wm. J. Jones
Mary Chambers	38	Female	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	Wm. J. Jones
John Smith	28	Male	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	Wm. Jones
Martha Smith	25	Female	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	Rev. Stephens
Arthur Crover	32	Male	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	Wm. J. Jones
Mary McMillan	28	Female	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	Rev. Stephens
Isaac Beaumont	26	Male	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	J. B. Giesche
Mary Whitland	19	Female	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	Campbell Town
John Jackson	30	Male	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	Frederick Lewis
Mary Burgess	24	Female	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	West. Hillman
Peter March	44	Male	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	Edw. A. Rogers
Elizabeth Canoll	36	Female	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	Brisbane Water
Rich. A. Staggins Taylor	31	Male	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	Wm. J. Jones
Abraham White	27	Male	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	Melbourne
John Brown	38	Male	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	Wm. J. Jones
Bridget Brown	28	Female	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	Wm. J. Jones
Michael Callaghan	34	Male	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	Sutton Forest
Catherine Sleven	36	Female	Roman	Free	1st Dec 44	"

- ✓ The second document, a **"Convict Permission to Marry"** was sourced some 30 years later while in a motel at Penrith, dabbling on the internet after the funeral of my wife's first cousin Geoff Callaghan.

The following day, we were preparing to visit a headstone at nearby **Wilberforce Cemetery**.

Research had given a very strong indication that this was the burial place of the first **Michael Callaghan (1)**.

As outlined above, the second document was an 1844 **"Convict Permission to Marry"** one, and it stated the following:

Catherine Sleven (nee Reed / Reid)

Extract from Website: Free Settler or Felon

Convict Ship "Margaret 3"

Embarked: 131 women

Voyage: 109 days

Deaths: 1

Surgeon's Journal: yes

Previous vessel: King William arrived 17 August 1840

Next vessel: Pekoe arrived 6 November 1840

Captain Edward Canney

Surgeon Superintendent Colin Arrott Browning

Female prisoners were transported to New South Wales on the *Margaret* in 1837, 1839 and this voyage in 1840. The *Margaret* was the **last convict ship to transport female prisoners to New South Wales**.

Colin Arrott Browning kept a Medical Journal from 20 April 1840 to 26 August 1840. On 15th April he attended the Grange Gorman prison in Dublin to inspect women who were to be embarked on the *Margaret*.

They were all dressed in new clothes. For the voyage they were each issued with two jackets, two linen shifts, two pairs of stockings, two handkerchiefs, two caps, one pair of shoes and two petticoats. He accepted 101 women on this day and they were embarked on 20th April. Another 32 were embarked four days later. One was later returned to the prison, too ill to make the voyage.

The *Margaret* departed Kingstown, Dublin on 30 April 1840 with 131 female prisoners, 21 children of convicts and 17 free female settlers. Mr Swanzy (Swansea) also came as a free settler.

The surgeon remarked that his duties consisted of endeavouring to prevent rather than to cure disease. When the prisoners were embarked they were instructed with reference to the important points of giving due attention to the state of their stomach and bowels and of making the earliest possible application to him in the event of the slightest deviation of perfect health. The hospital bell was rung at stated hours morning and evening which called the attention of all to the regulations laid down for their health.

Dr Browning became ill with a severely injured leg on 2nd August 1840 and remained so until the vessel reached Sydney although he continued his medical duties throughout the voyage. He came into conflict with the male passenger Mr. Swanzy *whose embarkation on the Margaret I cannot but deeply regret as I must consider him the cause of unutterable mischief...at a time when I was almost sinking under the influence of fever and of arduous labour amongst the prisoners, and disappointment, chiefly arising from the destructive tending of Mr. Swanzy to conduct to neutralize all my efforts to instruct and reclaim the wretched women who had been entrusted to my care.*

Children on the Margaret -

Edward O'Neill, Patrick Traynor, William Nugent, Mary Byrne, Eliza Sloan, Mary Kelly, Mary A. Mooney, Maria Dunne, Mary Reilly, Patrick Rourke, Nicholas Doyle, William Sullivan, Peter Victory, John Cranson, Bridget Hollywood, Thomas, John and Patrick Flaher, Elizabeth Taylor, Jane Furlong, Judith Callaghan, John and Hugh Hanna

Free passengers on the Margaret -

Mary Dwyer, Mary Ryan, Norah Ryan from Tipperary Eliza Green, Isaac Gree, James Green, Thomas Green from Antrim Mary Clarke, John McEntee, James McEntee from Cavan Catherine Doyle, Mary Doyle from Roscommon Thoms Shearer, Andrew Shearer from Wicklow John and Hugh Hanna from Londonderry.

One hundred and thirty female prisoners arrived in Port Jackson on 18th August 1840, one having died early in the voyage. There had been two births.

Surgeon on Convict Ship Margaret (3) - Browning, Colin Arrott (1791–1856)

by Charles Bateson

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Colin Arrott Browning (1791-1856), naval surgeon from Scotland. He was appointed an assistant surgeon in the navy on 7 July 1813, and surgeon on 8 February 1817. He became an M.D. of Edinburgh University Medical College in 1825. He first visited Australia as surgeon-superintendent in the convict ship *Surry* to Sydney in 1831 and later served in a similar capacity in the *Arab* (to Hobart, 1834), *Elphinstone* (Hobart, 1836), *Margaret* (Sydney, 1840), *Tortoise* (Hobart, 1842), *Earl Grey* (Hobart, 1843), *Mount Stewart* (Hobart, 1845) and *Hashemy* (Sydney, 1849).

Browning, a kindly and religious man but restricted and narrow in outlook, protested against sick prisoners being embarked and complained of the quantity and quality of the medicines and medical comforts placed in convict ships. He was attentive in the medical care of the prisoners and sought to further their education. After the voyage of the *Elphinstone* Browning published *England's Exiles; or a View of a System of Instruction and Discipline ...* (London, 1842). It included verbatim reports of his frequent sermons, with medical details relegated to the appendix. An account of his experiences in the *Earl Grey* was published under the title *The Convict Ship; a Narrative of the Results of Scriptural Instruction and Moral Discipline ...* (London, 1844).

Lieutenant-Governor Sir John Franklin more than once recommended him for further appointments and in 1843 detained him in Hobart to assist in forming female schools and in establishing a ladies' society for visiting the female prisoners. Browning died of cancer at Charlton, Woolwich, on 23 October 1856, leaving an estate valued at under £1500 to his wife, Elizabeth.

Extract: Medical and surgical journal of Her Majesty's female convict ship Margaret (3)

Medical and surgical journal of Her Majesty's female convict ship "Margaret" for 20 April to 26 August 1840 by C A Browning, Surgeon, during which time the said ship was employed in conveying female prisoners from Kingstown in Ireland to Sydney in New South Wales.

❖ *Note: {obstipatio is listed in the dictionary as severe or complete constipation}*

Eliza [McGarry?], aged 16; disease or hurt, pleurodynia. Put on sick list, 29 April 1840. Discharged 6 May 1840.

Thomas Farlong, aged 2; disease or hurt, bronchitis. Put on sick list, 28 April 1840. Discharged 8 May 1840.

Rose Parks, aged 24; disease or hurt, diarrhoea. Put on sick list, 3 May 1840. Discharged 13 May 1840.

Mary Connor, aged 15; disease or hurt, obstipatio. Put on sick list, 7 May 1840. Discharged 13 May 1840.

Pierce Ryan, aged 10; disease or hurt, obstipatio. Put on sick list, 7 May 1840. Discharged 14 May 1840.

Margaret Smith, aged 49; disease or hurt, tabes. Put on sick list, 12 May 1840. Discharged dead 23 May 1840.

Mary Grey, aged 17; disease or hurt, syphilis. Put on sick list, 15 May 1840. Discharged 11 June 1840.

Mary Kieffe, aged 25; disease or hurt, syphilis. Put on sick list, 15 May 1840. Discharged 17 June 1840.

Winnefred Kelly, aged 20; disease or hurt, obstipatio. Put on sick list, 17 May 1840. Discharged 30 May 1840.

Margaret Burke, aged 26; disease or hurt, obstipatio. Put on sick list, 19 May 1840. Discharged 30 May 1840.

Mary Dillon, aged 32; disease or hurt, colica, pleurodynia. Put on sick list, 23 May 1840. Discharged 25 May 1840.

Eliza Conlan, aged 26; disease or hurt, obstipatio. Put on sick list, 23 May 1840. Discharged 5 June 1840.

Catherine Johnson, aged 25; disease or hurt, colica. Put on sick list, 24 May 1840. Discharged 30 May 1840.

Mary Woods, aged 20; disease or hurt, obstipatio. Put on sick list, 25 May 1840. Discharged 4 June 1840.

Biddy Reilley, aged 37; disease or hurt, menorrhagia. Put on sick list, 29 May 1840. Discharged 5 June 1840.

Convict Indent – Catherine Sleven

The convict indent for Catherine Sleven gives a greater insight into her background:

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NEW SOUTH

LIST of 131 FEMALE CONVICTS by the Ship MARGARET (3), CANNEY, Master ;

Standing No. of Convict.	Indent No.	Name.	Age.	Education. R Reads W Writes	Religion.	Single, Married, or Widower.	Children.		Native Place	Trade or Calling.	Offence	Tried.	
							Male.	Female.				Where.	When.
390-40	68	Reilly Bridget or Maguire	37	None	Catholic	Married	1	3	Fermanagh	Kitchen maid.....	Stealing fowls	Fermanagh	1 January, 1840
419-40	89	Rice Margaret	21	None	Catholic	Single		Drogheda	Kitchen maid.....	Receiving stolen goods	Drogheda	16 January, 1840
302-40	31	Rose Margaret	40	None	Catholic	Widow	1	1	County Cork	Laundress and house servant	Picking pockets	Cork City	31 January, 1840
411-40	81	Rourke Mary	34	R	Catholic	Married	2	1	King's County	House maid	Receiving stolen goods	King's	3 January, 1840
371-40	40	Ryan Margaret.....	22	R & W	Catholic	Married		Dublin	Thorough servant	Passing base coin	Dublin City	24 July, 1839
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332-40	1	Scully Mary	22	R & W	Catholic	Single		County Drogheda	Needlewoman and house maid....	Cow stealing	Antrim	20 July, 1839
363-40	37	Steven Catherine	22	R	Catholic	Widow	..	1	Dublin	Country servant and needlewoman	Stealing clothes	Dublin	13 April, 1840

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Reads/Writes</u>	<u>Religion</u>	<u>Single/Married</u>	<u>Children</u>
Sleven Catherine	22 yrs	Reads	Catholic	Widow	1 female
<u>Native Place</u>	<u>Trade / Calling</u>		<u>Offence</u>	<u>Tried Where</u>	<u>Tried When</u>
Dublin	Country servant and needle woman		Stealing clothes	Dublin	13 April 1840

WALES, 1840.

COLIN A. BROWNING, Surgeon-Superintendent, arrived from IRELAND on the 17th August, 1840.

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Indent No.	Sentence.	Former Conviction.	Height.		Complexion.	Color of		Particular Marks, or Scars. Remarks.	Colonial History.						
			Feet.	Inches.		Hair.	Eyes.		Colonial Sentence.	Ticket of { Exemption. Leave.	Pardon { Conditional. Absolute. Colonial.	Certificate of Freedom.	Dead or left the Colony.		
68	7 Years	3 months	5	2 1/2	Fair ruddy and a little freckled	Brown	Grey	Little finger of right hand contracted, mark of a burn on back of left hand.						47/396	
89	7 Years	8 Months ditto	4	8	Fair ruddy freckled and slightly pockpitted	Brown	Hazel	Scar on left side of forehead.							
31	7 Years	6 Weeks 3 Months	4	10 1/2	Sallow	Brown mixed with grey	Grey	Lost all the front upper teeth, three scars on right cheek, two scars on right side of forehead, scar over right eyebrow, scar on each side of upper lip.							
81	7 Years	None	4	11 1/2	Fair ruddy and much freckled	Dark brown mixed with grey	Chesnut	Scar on right eyebrow, mole on upper part of nose, breast and arms freckled.						47/389	
9	7 Years	6 months 7 ditto 12 ditto 6 ditto	4	9	Ruddy	Dark brown	Dark hazel	Small scar on left eyebrow, scar on right cheek, near the nose, scar inside fore finger of left hand; Aunt, Bridget Donnelly, a prisoner, out 2 years.							
1	14 Years	None	5	2 1/2	Fair and freckled	Dark brown	Brown	Eyebrows partially meeting.							
37	7 Years	None	4	10 1/2	Pale and freckled	Brown	Dark hazel	Raised mole on right side of nose.							

<u>Sentence</u>	<u>Former Conviction</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Complexion</u>	<u>Hair</u>	<u>Eyes</u>
7 Years	None	4 ft 10 3/4 in	Pale & freckled	Brown	Dark hazel
<u>Particular Marks or Scars, Remarks</u>			Raised mole on right side of nose		

As per the above document, Catherine Sleven was a widow and she was accompanied by 1 female child. *(later documents list Catherine Sleven's maiden name as likely to be Reid/Reed)*

NSW State Record research give the listing for Catherine Sleven's child as 6 month old Eliza Sleven – what a momentous journey for the widowed Catherine Sleven and her very young daughter Eliza.

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Firstname</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Copy</u>	<u>Page/s</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Series</u>
Margaret	<u>SLEVEN</u>	<u>Eliza</u>	6 mths	17/08/1840	Reel 2424	319	[2/8268]	NRS 1155

At this stage the fate of Eliza Sleven is unknown, but research in the future may uncover more details of her passage in life.

Catherine Sleven – Ticket of Leave

Catherine Sleven was to gain her Ticket-of-Leave on 5 July 1844 and was allowed to remain in the District of Berrima.

Written on the document is a notation as follows: “Per the Government Minute on a List from the Female Factory Parramatta - Record No 44/6867

The exact wording is somewhat unclear but it briefly states: “*Caution having absconded from her District 2 July 1846 from Berrima 46/5931.....*”

Per the Gov Minute on a List from the Female Factory Parramatta - R No 44/6867

Caution having absconded from her District 2 July 1846 from Berrima 46/5931.....

TICKET-OF-LEAVE.

No. *44/6867* *5th July* 184*4*

Prisoner's No. *40/368*

Name *Catherine Sleven*

Ship *Margaret*

Master *Barney*

Year *1844*

Native Place

Trade or Calling

Offence *Theft*

Place of Trial *Dublin*

Date of Trial *13th April 1840*

Sentence *Seven years*

Year of Birth

Height

Complexion

Hair

Eyes

General Remarks

Allowed to remain in the District of *Berrima*

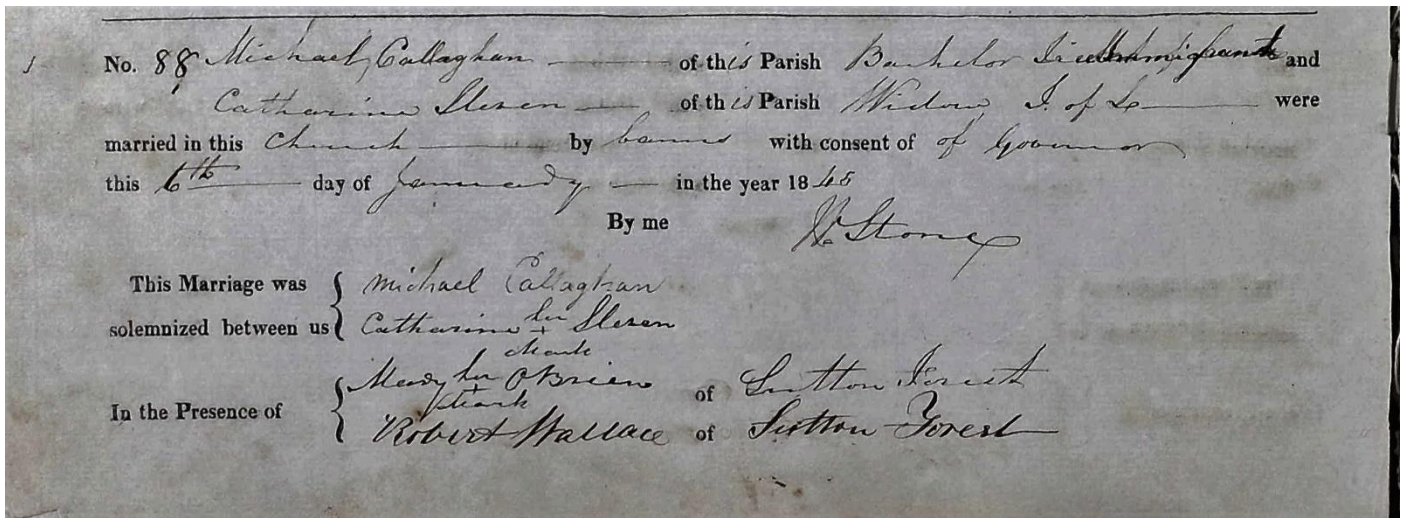
On recommendation of Bench,

Dated *Berrima*

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Marriage of Michael Callaghan (2) and Catherine Sleven

On 6 January 1845 at All Saints Anglican Church, **Sutton Forest** (Parish of Camden), Michael Callaghan (2), a bachelor, married Catherine Sleven (nee Reid), a widow. Witnesses at the marriage celebration were Mary O'Brien of Sutton Forest and Robert Wallace, also of Sutton Forest. (Index V1845362 30B/1845)



Catherine Sleven (nee Reid) was born in Dublin, Ireland, the daughter of John Reid, a gardener and Catherine Flood (parentage shown in a later marriage document).



All Saints Anglican Church, Sutton Forest

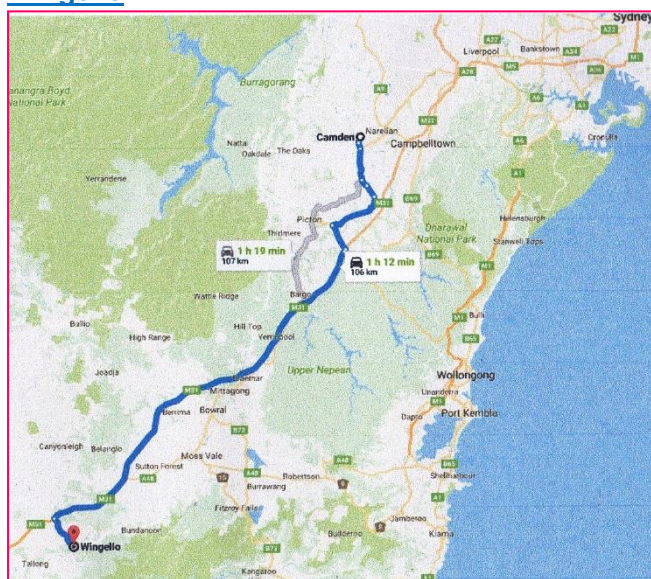
Michael Callaghan (2) and Catherine Slevin – the Inland Journey

It appears that over the next few years after their marriage Michael and Catherine Callaghan had a number of moves before reaching the Lambing Flat goldfields (Young), where like many others they were setting forth to “make their fortune” on the goldfields.

The three main moves took them to:

- **Wingello** (*approximately 100km south west of Camden and 50km north east of Goulburn*)
- **Tuena Goldfields** (*approximately 100km north west of Goulburn going through Crookwell*)
- **Lambing Flat Goldfields (Young NSW)**

Wingello



The name '**Wingello**' comes from the Aboriginal term to burn.

The first site known as Wingello was on the old Main South Road, several kilometres to the west of the present village.

A William Mannix wrote to the Surveyor General in December 1824 regarding land he wished to purchase at a location called 'Wanglow', this appears to be the earliest reference to the name.

Construction of the Main South Road began in 1834 using convict gangs in irons, one of their construction bases was at Wingello in wooden buildings built as a stockade. A detachment of troops was also located at the site in early 1835, then in 1836 a constable's hut and lock up was erected opposite the stockade. In 1838-39 the road gang was moved to [Towrang Stockade](#).^[2]

Robert Mackay Campbell (the Liverpool [Magistrate](#)) and wife Ann Hassall, moved to their new property at Wingello on the Main South Road after their marriage in 1830. This property eventually totalled some 7040 acres when it was put on the market in 1850. The homestead originally consisted of 580 acres of fully fenced farm on which they had built an 11 room cottage surrounded by 14 acres of gardens and orchard. Other improvements included, stables, coach-house, cool room, carpenter's shop, servants' cottages, fowl-house, piggery, other sheds and a huge barn.^[3]

Wingello is listed as the “abode” of Michael and Catherine Callaghan when their son Michael Callaghan (3) was baptised in September 1851

Application (22505/948) NEW SOUTH WALES
Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act, 1973

BAPTISM

Number	Vol. 58 No. 1967
CHILD	
Christian name	Michael
When born	1st September, 1851
Date of ceremony	16th September, 1851
Where ceremony performed	Parish of Burrumbidgee, in the County of Camden
Where registered	
PARENTS	
Father	Michael CALLAGHAN
Mother	Catherine SLEVIN
Abode	Wingello
Quality or Profession	
Sponsors	James Robertson Mary Robertson
By whom the ceremony was performed	W. McIlroy

I, Trevor William Helms, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of particulars recorded in a register of baptisms kept by me.

Tuena is nestled in a picturesque valley between Goulburn and Bathurst.

The name "Tuena" is said to be an aboriginal word for a "string of water holes".

It was not until 1836, that Samuel Blackman purchased land at Tuena and the following year he obtained a further 260 hectares at nearby Junction Point. Other large landholders came to the area, and with them shepherds, managers and other workers.

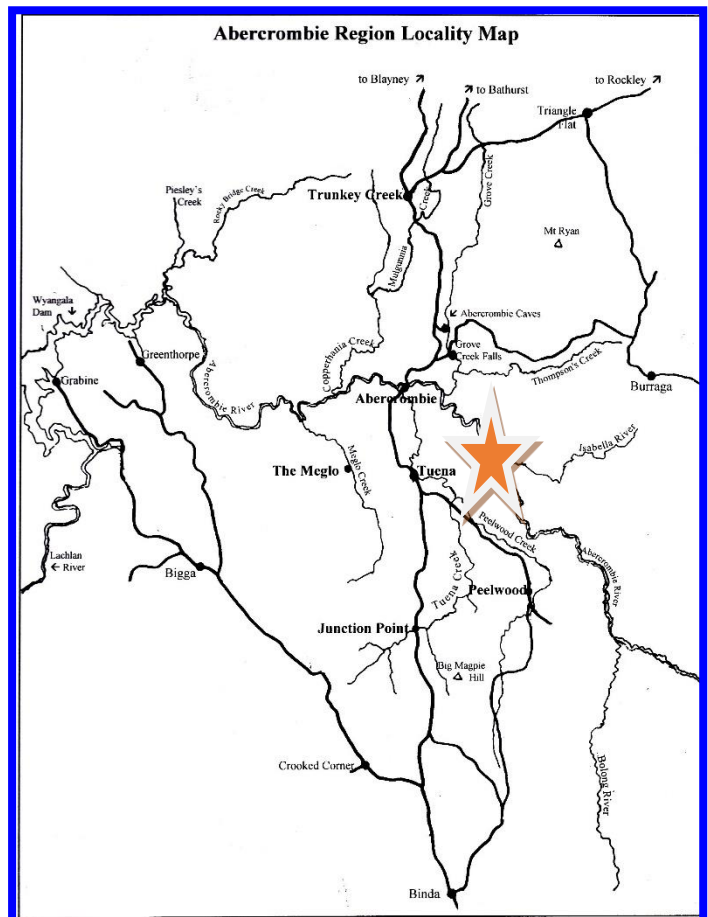
The village of Tuena is situated about 9 km from the junction of the Tuena Creek and the Abercrombie River.

During August 1851, two lots of gold were collected in the Abercrombie region and taken to Goulburn for sale.

It is thought that Rev John Douglas was the first person to find gold in the Tuena creek near the mouth of Limestone creek and below the hill which was named after him.

He had been travelling from Bigga to Tuena for a christening, and had stopped to boil his billy. On turning over a stone he saw "the glint of gold" thereby starting a rush with 41 licences being issued between May and October 1851.

It was not long before 10,000 diggers were on the scene.



Edward Hargraves, who had been made Gold Commissioner as one of his rewards for being the "first person to find payable gold", journeyed to the Abercrombie River with his servant, following this report of gold in the area.

He found about 40 people (who mainly came from the Goulburn area) panning for alluvial gold in the river, near the junction of Grove Creek and he was able to successfully correct their inappropriate methods of cradling and washing for gold. Shortly afterwards, a 7.75 ounce (220g) nugget was found at the junction of Isabella Creek and the Abercrombie River, and about 100 miners rushed to the area to try their luck.

The marriage document below of John Callaghan shows that both he and his new wife Emily Warren were born in Tuena.

His parents **Michael (2)** and **Catherine Callaghan** appear to have resided on the goldfields at **Tuena** at least covering the years c1856-1857.

EXTRACT FROM MARRIAGE REGISTER FOR THE PARISH OF YOUNG, DIO					
WHEN AND WHERE MARRIED	NAMES AND SURNAMES OF PARTIES	CONDITION OF PARTIES (BACHELOR OR SPINSTER) (WIDOWER OR WIDOW)	BIRTHPLACE	RANK OR PROFESSION	AGE
21 st OCTOBER 1881	JOHN CALLAGHAN	BACHELOR	TUENA	SELECTOR	24
AT 17 MILE CREEK AT THE HOUSE OF	EMILY WARREN	SPINSTER	TUENA	-	17

Family of Michael Callaghan (2) and Catherine Slevan

The following birth listing to Michael and Catherine Callaghan *require further research:*

(When Michael Callaghan (2) died in 1879 his sons Michael (3) aged 26 yrs and John aged 24 yrs were alive, while 3 males and 1 female were listed as deceased)

Place of marriage	
Age at marriage	
To whom married	Michael 26 years
Children of marriage	John 24 years
	3 males and 1 female deceased

Birth, Death and Marriage Index records and Research by Lionel Callaghan (Wagga Wagga) give an insight into the family of Michael Callaghan (2) and Catherine Slevan.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Born</i>	<i>Baptised</i>
<i>Catherine Callaghan</i>	<i>V18492307 66/1849</i>	<i>3 December 1849 (per Lionel Callaghan)</i>	<i>23 December 1849 (per Lionel Callaghan) Catholic Church, Berrima</i>
<i>Michael Callaghan (3)</i>	<i>V1851667 68/1851</i>	<i>1 September 1851 Wingello</i>	<i>16 September 1851 Catholic Church, Berrima Parents Abode: Wingello</i>
<i>John Callaghan</i>	<i>No B,D,M document</i>	<i>When John Callaghan married in 1881 he was listed as 24 years of age giving an approximate birth date as C1857</i>	
<i>Mary Callaghan</i>	<i>V4586/1859 4586 Vol 142B</i>	<i>C1859</i>	

Catherine Callaghan

As per Lionel Callaghan's information, Catherine Callaghan was listed as being born on 3 December 1849 and baptised at the Catholic Church Berrima on 23 December 1849.


There is a death registration relating to Catherine Callaghan at Tuena on 15 August 1856. The informant is James Jones of Tuena with the court registration taking place at the nearest Courthouse at Carcoar.

It is obvious that no parental input has been forthcoming for this particular death with all family information a "blank".

Compulsory civil registration began in 1856. In accordance with the governing Act, the NSW Government established a number of district registrars responsible for the compulsory registration of all births, deaths and marriages occurring in their district.

(James Jones was most likely the local registrar at Tuena)

Was this child, Catherine Callaghan, the young 7 year old daughter of Michael Callaghan and Catherine Slevan?



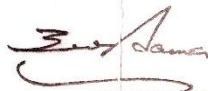
DEATH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

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REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT, 1973.

No.	Date and place of death	Name and occupation	Sex and age	Cause of death Duration of last illness; medical attendant when he last saw deceased	Name and occupation of father Name and maiden surname of mother	Informant	Particulars of registration	When and where buried; name of undertaker	Name and religion of Minister and names of witnesses of burial	Where born and how long in the Australasian Colonies or States	Place of marriage, age, and to whom	Children of marriage
5	18 Aug 1956 Sydney	Catherine Callaghan	Female		Not known	James Callaghan	Wingello, NSW Sydney, NSW 1956 Wingello			Not known		

I, TREVOR WILLIAM HAINES, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF PARTICULARS RECORDED IN A REGISTER KEPT BY ME.

ISSUED AT SYDNEY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 1984.


PRINCIPAL REGISTRAR.

Death Certificate of Catherine Callaghan (1849 – 1956)

Michael Callaghan (3)

The Baptismal Certificate of Michael Callaghan (3) states:

Born: 1 September 1851

Baptised: 15 September 1851


Ceremony: **Parish of Berrima**, in the County of Camden

Father: Michael Callaghan

Mother: Catherine Slevin

Abode: **Wingello**

Note: It appears likely that **Catherine Callaghan** may have also been born in **Wingello**, in the Parish of Berrima.




Application P23306/84BR

NEW SOUTH WALES
Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act, 1973

BAPTISM

Number	Vol: 68 No. 1667
CHILD	
Christian name	Michael
When born	1st September, 1851
Date of ceremony	15th September, 1851
Where ceremony performed	Parish of Berrima, in the County of Camden
Where registered	
PARENTS	
Father	Michael CALLAGHAN
Mother	Catherine SLEVIN
Abode	Wingello
Quality or Profession	
Sponsors	James Robertson Mary Robertson
By whom the ceremony was performed	W. McInty

I, Trevor William Haines, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of particulars recorded in a register of Baptisms kept by me.


PRINCIPAL REGISTRAR.

John Callaghan

There appears to be no NSW Birth Registration of John Callaghan.

The marriage extract below gives an approximate date of birth as **c1856 – 1857** [aged 24 years when married in October 1881]. He was therefore approximately 6 years younger than his older brother Michael (3) Callaghan.

EXTRACT FROM MARRIAGE REGISTER FOR THE PARISH OF YOUNG					DIO
WHEN AND WHERE MARRIED	NAMES AND SURNAMES OF PARTIES	CONDITION OF PARTIES (BACHELOR OR SPINSTER WIDOWER OR WIDOW)	BIRTHPLACE	RANK OR PROFESSION	AGE
31 st OCTOBER 1881	JOHN CALLAGHAN	BACHELOR	TUENA	SELECTOR	24
AT 17 MILE CREEK AT THE HOUSE OF	EMILY WARREN	SPINSTER	TUENA	-	17

The section of his marriage certificate indicates he was born on the **Tuena goldfields**.

Mary Callaghan

There is an 1859 NSW Births, Deaths and Marriages Birth Index Registration (parents Michael / Catherine) of Mary Callaghan, but at this stage no documentation has been sourced to further expand our knowledge of the family of Michael and Catherine Callaghan.

Lambing Flat Goldfields

As mentioned at the commencement of this story, the lure of gold at Lambing Flat undoubtedly brought Michael Callaghan to the Young area.

The news that gold had been discovered at Lambing Flat was published in the Sydney Morning Herald on 4 August 1860.

Michael, Catherine and family most likely joined the exodus of miners from other goldfields, including the Tuena goldfields and hurriedly made their way to Lambing Flat to seek their fortune.

Michael Callaghan (2) and Catherine Slevin – Lambing Flat to “Jerrybang”

The deposits of alluvial gold on the Young goldfields were extremely rich but with so many claims staked on each new deposit discovered, it was inevitable that the alluvial deposits would soon be worked out.

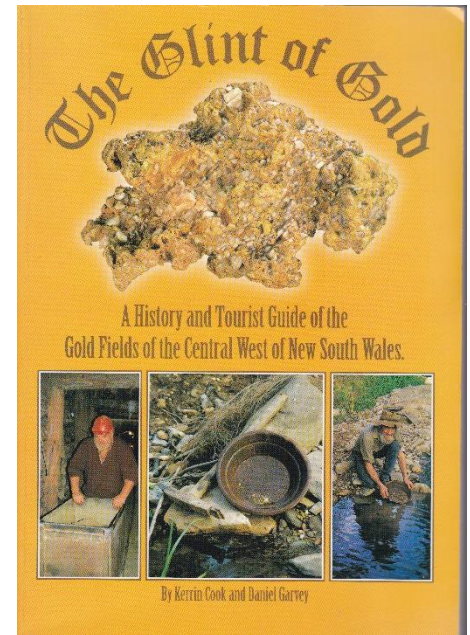
At its peak, the goldfields at Lambing Flat (later proclaimed the township of Young in mid 1861) was to play host to 20,000 miners.

Various gold discoveries in the **Forbes area** saw the commencement of a small exodus of miners from Young to Forbes.

An article published in the Sydney Mail, dated 16 November 1861 estimated that there were 2000 to 3000 miners were on the ground at Forbes and there was no township or provisions for the miners.

By the end of 1861 the estimation had greatly increased to an estimated 28,000 to 40,000 people living there, only about one-sixth being miners. The rest was made up of traders, mechanics, professional men, women and children as well as many camp followers, which included many of the criminal class.

[The Glint of Gold – various extracts]



After their gold mining stints at both Tuena and Lambing Flat, it appears that Michael Callaghan (2), his wife Catherine and family were to settle down to more rural / farming pursuits and they moved to an area called **“Jerrybang”** which is located near the village of Monteagle.



Turnoff to Jerrybang Lane, Young to Grenfell Road

Where is “Jerrybang”?

The St Mary’s Church, Young baptism transcription listed below records the abode of James and Margaret Tunney as “**Jerrybang**” or the **17 Mile** *fie. 17 Mile in distance from Young*.

St Mary’s Catholic Church, Young Baptisms 1862 – 1908				(Young & District Family History Group)		
Born	Baptised	Name	Parents	Abode	Sponsor	Priest
3/11/1872	2/2/1873	Elizabeth Ann	Tunney James Moroney Margaret	Jerrybang or 17 Mile	McNamara Thomas Jasprizza Bridget	Finnegan

The marriage in 1880 shows **Michael Callaghan [3]** *(the son of Michael Callaghan [2] and Catherine Slevan)*, shows he was a farmer and his “usual place of residence” as **20 Mile Creek**. His bride Elizabeth Warren was a resident of the **17 Mile Creek**.

EXTRACT FROM MARRIAGE REGISTER FOR THE PARISH OF YOUNG						DIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN A.D. 1880		
WHEN AND WHERE MARRIED	NAMES AND SURNAMES OF PARTIES	CONDITION OF PARTIES (BACHELOR OR SPINSTER (WIDOWER OR WIDOW))	BIRTHPLACE	RANK OR PROFESSION	AGE	USUAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE	FATHER'S CHRISTIAN NAME AND SURNAME MOTHER'S CHRISTIAN NAME AND MARRIED SURNAME	FATHER'S RANK OR PROFESSION
16 th DECEMBER 1880	MICHAEL CALLAGHAN	BACHELOR	WINGELOW	FARMER	27	20 MILE CREEK	MICHAEL CALLAGHAN CATHERINE FLOOD	DECEASED
AT 17 MILE CREEK AT THE HOUSE OF MR. WARRIN ACCORDING TO THE RITES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.	ELIZABETH WARRIN	SPINSTER	TJENA	-	20	17 MILE CREEK	WILLIAM WARRIN ELIZA HONEYMAN	FARMER
WITNESSES: HENRY WARREN EMILY CONSTANCE HARDMAN OFFICIATING CLERGYMAN J. MAITLAND WARE								


A year later his brother John Callaghan is listed as a “**selector**” residing at **20 Mile Creek**. His bride Emily Warren is residing at **17 Mile Creek**.

EXTRACT FROM MARRIAGE REGISTER FOR THE PARISH OF YOUNG					DIOCESE OF CANBERRA - GOULBURN; A.D. 1881			
WHEN AND WHERE MARRIED	NAMES AND SURNAMES OF PARTIES	CONDITION OF PARTIES (BACHELOR OR SPINSTER) WIDOWER OR WIDOW	BIRTHPLACE	RANK OR PROFESSION	AGE	USUAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE	FATHER'S CHRISTIAN NAME AND SURNAME MOTHER'S CHRISTIAN NAME AND MARRIED SURNAME	FATHER'S RANK OR PROFESSION
21 st OCTOBER 1881	JOHN CALLAGHAN	BACHELOR	TJENA	SELECTOR	24	20 MILE CREEK	MICHAEL CALLAGHAN CATHERINE REID	DECEASED
AT 17 MILE CREEK AT THE HOUSE OF THU WARREN ACCORDING TO THE RITES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND	EMILY WARREN	SPINSTER	TJENA	-	17	17 MILE CREEK	WILLIAM WARREN ELIZA WARREN (RICHARDS)	FARMER
						WITNESSES: HENRY WARREN ADA ANN HARDMAN		
						OFFICIATING CLERGYMAN J. HATLAND WARE		

The presumption is that Michael Callaghan [2], his wife Catherine and sons Michael and John Callaghan were all residing at the **20 Mile Creek** and William and Eliza Warren and their large family which included Elizabeth and Emily were all residing at the **17 Mile Creek**, both properties part of the “**Jerrybang**” area.

The death certificate of Michael Callaghan (2) lists the following details:

- ✓ Occupation a farmer
- ✓ Age 60 years (more likely to be 68-69 years according to his "Permission to Marry" document)
- ✓ Died 25 January 1879 at "Jerrybang"
- ✓ Born in Sydney
- ✓ Father Michael Callaghan (soldier)
- ✓ Mother – unlisted
- ✓ Children of marriage – Michael 26yrs, John 24yrs, 3 males & 1 female deceased
- ✓ Informant – Michael Callaghan (son) – Jerrybang
- ✓ Cause of death – Paralysis 8 yrs

 Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act, 1973. D 97825		
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DEATH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA		
Surname of deceased	<u>CALLAGHAN</u>	
Other names	<u>MICHAEL</u>	
Occupation	Farmer	
Sex and Age	Male 60 years	
Marital status		
Date of death	25th January, 1879	
Place of death	Jerrybang	
Usual residence		
Place of birth	Sydney	
Father - Surname	CALLAGHAN (Soldier)	
Other names	MICHAEL	
Mother - Maiden surname	---	
Other names		
Place of marriage		
Age at marriage		
To whom married	Michael 26 years	
Children of marriage	John 24 years	
	3 males and 1 female deceased	
Informant	Michael Callaghan (son) Jerrybang	
Cause of death	Paralysis 8 years	
By whom certified		
Particulars of burial or cremation		
Particulars of registration	Court House Young	Date Number


Catherine Callaghan remarries George Kirkwood

Some 3 years after the death of Michael Callaghan (2), his widow Catherine Callaghan, a housewife now aged 56 years married George Kirkwood.

The wedding took place at the District Registry Office at Young on 4 September 1882. Witnesses to the marriage were Thomas Little and James McGee.

George Kirkwood was listed as a salesman, aged 52 years. George Kirkwood was born in Scotland c1830, the son of George Kirk'well' (sic), an innkeeper and his wife Christine Hislop, a gardener.

Catherine and George resided at Iandra, a small rural settlement almost centrally equidistant from the major townships of Young, Grenfell and Cowra. .

 Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act, 1973		
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MARRIAGE REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA		
Date of marriage	4th September, 1882	
Place of marriage	District Registry Office, Young	
	Bridegroom	Bride
Surname	<u>KIRKWOOD</u>	<u>CALLAGHAN</u>
Other names	<u>GEORGE</u>	<u>CATHERINE</u>
Usual occupation	Salesman	Housewife
Usual place of residence		
Conjugal status	Bachelor	Widow
Birthplace	Scotland	Ireland
Date of birth/Age	52 years	56 years
Father's name in full	George Kirkwell (Innkeeper)	John Reed
Mother's maiden name in full	Christine Hislop (Gardener)	Catherine Flood
Name of person giving consent where party a minor		
Name of celebrant		
Rites according to which marriage was celebrated		
Names of witnesses to marriage	Thomas Little James McGee	
Particulars of registration	Court House, Young	Date Number JM.


Catherine Callaghan (Kirkwood) - death

Catherine Kirkwood (formerly Callaghan) died at Crowther on 5 December 1889 aged 63 years. She is likely to have spent her last days with her son Michael Callaghan (3) and daughter-in-law Elizabeth (nee Warren) who were then living at Crowther.

Her cause of death was listed as softening of the brain and was last visited by Dr A C Hutchings on 28 November 1889.

Catherine was buried at Young Cemetery on 7 December 1889 by Rev J Hennessy RC with witnesses being listed as J C Upton and W Millard.

Catherine was survived by her sons Michael aged 37 years and John aged 33 years, as well as her husband George Kirkwood.

 Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act, 1973. D 97825	
CERTIFIED COPY	
DEATH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA	
Surname of deceased	<u>KIRKWOOD</u>
Other names	<u>CATHERINE</u>
Occupation	
Sex and Age	Female 63 years
Marital status	
Date of death	5th December, 1889
Place of death	Crowther
Usual residence	Iandra
Place of birth	Dublin, Ireland
Father - Surname	----- Reid (Gardener)
Other names	
Mother - Maiden surname	unknown
Other names	
Place of marriage	1) Near Goulburn age uncertain
Age at marriage	Michael CALLAGHAM
To whom married	2) Young 56 years George KIRKWOOD
Children of marriage	Michael 37 John 33 living
Children	2nd marriage: none
Informant	George Kirkwood husband Iandra
Cause of death	Softening of the brain
	Visited by Dr A.C. Hutchings 28 Nov, 1889
By whom certified	
Particulars of burial or cremation	Buried 7th December, 1889 at Young
Witnesses	Rev. J. Hennessey R.C. J.C. Upton W. Millard
Particulars of registration	Date Number

George Kirkwood - death

George Kirkwood is listed on three occasions within the hospital records for the Liverpool Asylum for the Deaf and Destitute.

Records show that he finally succumbed to influenza on 25 June 1899 aged 69 years.

ADMISSIONS					DISCHARGES	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Religion</u>	<u>Date of Admission</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Date of Discharge</u>	<u>How Discharged</u>
Kirkwood George	68	Presbyterian	30 Jan 1899	Abscess of gr.....	22 Mar 1899	To yard
Kirkwood George	69	Presbyterian	5 May 1899	Bronchitis	26 May 1899	To yard
Kirkwood George	69	Presbyterian	25 June 1899	Influenza	25 June 1899	Died 4pm

ADMISSIONS.						DISCHARGES.		
Names.	Ages.	History Folio. w.	Religion.	Date of Admission.	By-whom Admitted. Disease	Date of Discharge.	Age when Discharged	How Discharged.
Kavanagh. Arthur	47	4	R.C.	12.9.98	Alcoholism	15.9.98	47	To Macquarie St.
Kennedy. Michael	50	16	R.C.	5.11.98	Alcoholism	14.12.98	50	Request.
Kooligan. Samuel	75	41	R.C.	5.11.98	Sen. Deb.	7.11.99	75	Request.
Kennedy. Denis	49	4	R.C.	10.11.98	Chr. Uter. gleg	7.3.99	49	Request.
Kernaghan. John	45	20	C.E.	23.11.98	Phthisis	22.4.99	45	Request. Request.
Kentlock. Alexander	55	21	Presby.	26.11.98	Bronchitis	16.6.99	55	Request.
King. Alfred	29	20	C.E.	27.11.98	Phthisis	20.4.1900	30	Died 14.30 pm
Kelso. Hans	75	4	C.E.	5.12.98	Ch. diarrhoea	15.12.98	75	To yard
Karvyna. Innocent	72	2	R.C.	11.1.99	Rheumatism	27.3.99	72	Died 11. am
Kellett. Joseph	39	4	R.C.	30.1.99	- do -	22.3.99	68	To yard
Kirkwood. George	68	4	Presby.	30.1.99	Abscess of gr. etc.	22.3.99	68	To yard
Kohl. William	66	21	"	2.2.99	Chr. phthisis	26.3.99	66	Died 10.45 am
Kelly. Michael	64	4	R.C.	17.2.99	Influenza	20.2.99	64	Request.
Kayser. W. William	62	17	C.E.	16.2.99	Dyspepsia	22.2.99	62	To yard
Kennedy. Michael	53	4	R.C.	17.2.99	Influenza	8.4.99	53	To yard
King. William	29	21	C.E.	28.3.99	Phthisis	26.4.99	29	Request.
Kirkby. James	56	16	C.E.	8.4.99	Influenza	7.5.99	56	Died 6.15 pm
Knappe. John	46	16	C.E.	9.4.99	Alcoholism	18.4.99	46	To yard
Kendall. William	42	21	Methodist	21.4.99	Phthisis	11.6.99	42	Request.
Knappe. John	46	4	C.E.	24.4.99	Alcoholic Neuritis	2.5.99	46	Request.
Kirkwood. George	69	2	Presby.	5.5.99	Bronchitis	26.5.99	69	To yard
Kellett. Joseph	39	16	R.C.	5.5.99	Rheumatism	28.11.99	39	Died 10.11.99
Kewley. Thomas	42	1	C.E.	10.5.99	Phthisis	23.6.99	42	To yard
Kyle. John	34	10	C.E.	11.5.99	do.	15.6.99	34	To yard
Ketcher. George	39	10	C.E.	23.6.99	Epilepsy	16.2.01	40	Request.
Kerr. Jno. Campbell	50	4	Presby.	24.6.99	Phthisis	7.7.99	50	Died 10 pm
Kirkwood. Alexander	56	28	"	24.6.99	Scrup. labialis	18.11.99	56	Died 10.11.99
Kirkwood. George	69	4	"	25.6.99	Influenza	25.6.99	69	Died 4 pm
Kernaghan. Matthew	60	25	R.C.	5.7.99	Sen. Deb.	24.6.01	62	To yard
Kelly. Thomas	37	16	R.C.	21.7.99	Phthisis	2.8.99	37	Request.
Knappe. Hans	75	3	C.E.	26.7.99	Sen. Deb.	16.8.99	75	To yard

Internment took place at the Old Presbyterian Cemetery, Liverpool (Sydney) on 26 June 1899.

Old Presbyterian Cemetery
December, 1897 *W.H.*

22 Wednesday			<i>Age</i>	<i>No</i>
1899				
Jan 23 rd	James M ⁽³⁵⁶⁻⁹⁾ Donald	47	1	
24 th	Mr. Troon	40	2	
24 th	Matthew Baxter	44	3	
28	George Todd	41	4	
28	Angus M ^r Donald	45	5	
Feb 15	David Livingstone	85	6	
Mar 24 th	Colin Houston	68	7	
Apr 26	James M ^r Gruer	44	8	
May 6 th	Alexander Johnstone	69	9	
12	Jacob Blum	62	10	
26 th	Hugh Munro	82	11	
June 12 th	Walter Redpath	80	12	
14	Adam Orr	68	13	
26	George Stirkwood	69	14	
Aug 8	Peter Hitchen	66	15	
Sep 1 st	James Nesbitt	76	16	
Oct 6 th	Thomas Logan	58	17	
12	Thomas Dickson	66	18	
Nov 23	John M ^r Pherron	82	19	