

MAPPING THE TOOHEY FAMILY



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The Journey from
County Clare, Ireland
to
Carlton, New South Wales

1880 - 1952



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DEDICATION

This document is dedicated to Patrick Mannix Toohey son of Patrick Francis and grandson of Cornelius and Catherine Toohey.

Pat or Paddy as he was known by his family spent a great deal of money when he started his search for the history of the Toohey family.

This writer was fortunate to contact his daughter in law Barb Toohey, who was the keeper of the files and who has allowed me to browse and collect information. It transpired I knew Pat in the 1950s.

EXPLANATION

My own researching years have travelled on a par with Pat's research and I could see how his mind was working in collating the families with the purchase of certificates, land documents, newspaper articles and other documents, along the line I started to follow when I decided to do this project. I have included Pat's original sources in this project.

My aim has been to 'map' – their beginnings to their endings - the family from Ireland to Australia and then only include the first two generations of births, marriages and deaths and resting places. Barb Toohey had entered the early information into *The Master Genealogist* family history program and those print outs are held in safe keeping for future generations, presenting a very wide introduction for the descendants of their heritage.

Discovering Robyn Knox and Peter Toohey in the Southern Highlands and Brian Toohey in Queensland, (Toohey descendants) has been a wonderful resource with family anecdotes to share.

As research progressed, clues became evident as to the Irish location and they are listed below.

- Certificates showing place of birth –*County Clare* Ireland.
- Cottage in Willison road (previously named Webbers Road) named *Dromore*.
- Shipping records, showing *County Clare*.
- Newspaper Obituary for Cornelius in 1922.(in Family section).
- 1921 Calendar for *Dromore* dairy.

I was asked by my friend Robyn Knox to discover her unknown paternal grandfather, and my research led me into a maze of the Toohey clan from Ireland to Carlton.

Willison Road I know well, as I travelled that road every week day to my workplace in Kogarah and after contact was made, Barb assigned me with the responsibilities of three boxes of documents which had been collected by Pat Toohey her father in law, who it transpired, had been an old acquaintance of mine from the late 1950s. Armed with Pat's research and my own experience of genealogy sleuthing I have set out a story of the Tooheys keeping only to the first Australian born generation. Barb Toohey has entered further generations into a program and a print out has been retained.

When writing family history an author has facts recorded in government and church records they are legal documents, then there are the conclusions that you know can be correct because an understanding has grown while searching into their lives.

A good family historian does not just deal with facts but with a depth of appreciation of the person or persons.

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- County Clare, Ireland library holdings and the forum.
- Find mypast.com -various records.
- Familysearch.org - various records.
- Findagrave volunteers.
- Lands Department on line land records historic land research records.
- Local Study Bayside library, Kirsten Broderick Community History Librarian.
- Local Study library, Georges River Julie Fitzimmons.
- National archives of Australia. World War 1 records.
- National Library of Australia – images.
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- St Michaels Roman catholic church, Hurstville records.
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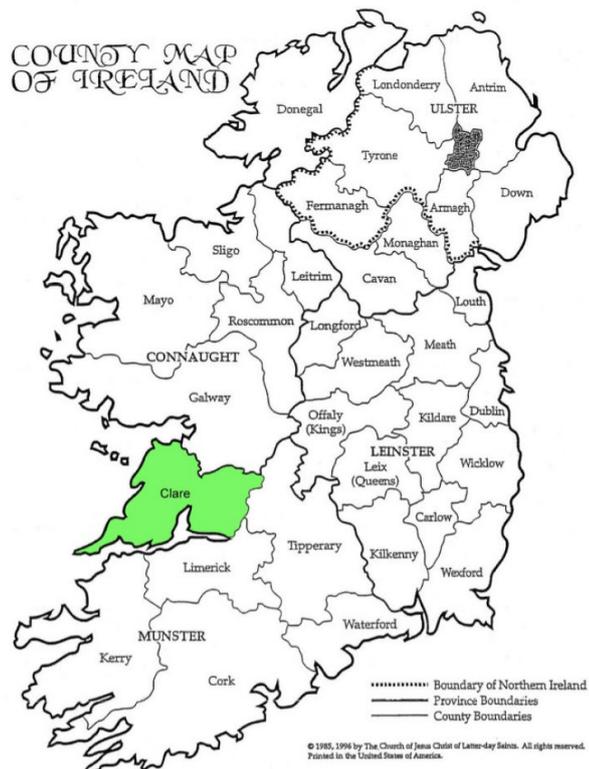


CHAPTER ONE

County Clare Ireland

Ireland is an island in the North Atlantic. It is separated from Great Britain to its east by the North Channel, the Irish Sea, and St George's Channel. Ireland is the second-largest island of the British Isles, the third-largest in Europe, and the twentieth-largest on Earth and has an area¹ of approx. 84,421km (32,595 miles.)

Clare is the 7th largest of Ireland's 32 traditional counties in area and the 19th largest in terms of population. It is bordered by Limerick and Kerry to the south, Tipperary to the east and [County Galway](#) to the north. The county covers a total area of 3,400 square kilometres (1,300 sq miles) and is north west of the River Shannon. The county town and largest settlement is Ennis. Clare's nickname is *the Banner County*.



¹ Wikipedia

LAND EXPLANATION²

The county is divided into eleven baronies – historical subdivisions. These in turn are divided into civil parishes, (Feakle) which are divided into townlands (Dromore).

TOWNLAND is the smallest territorial division within each county and can range in size between one and several thousand acres. They have been used extensively in land surveys, censuses and polling systems since the 17th century and are the basis for rural postal addresses. In County Clare, standardisation of townland names and boundaries took place during the survey carried out by the *Ordnance Survey of 1842*. These townland names and boundaries were used in the *Griffith's Valuation of 1855* and the *1901 Census* (and subsequent censuses) and are still in use today. Many earlier townland names, such as those recorded in the *Tithe Applotment Books (1823-1837)*, disappeared with their amalgamation or division following the Ordnance Survey. The Tuohy name features in this record.

GRIFFITH'S PRIMARY VALUATION took place throughout Ireland during the middle of the 19th Century and the valuation of Clare was published in 1855. This Parish Index to the valuation gives Forename, Surname, Town or Townland, Parish and Poor Law Union of individuals named in the published valuation. The Tuohy name features in this record.

² *These records are readily available in the County Clare Library site.*
<http://www.clarelibrary.ie>

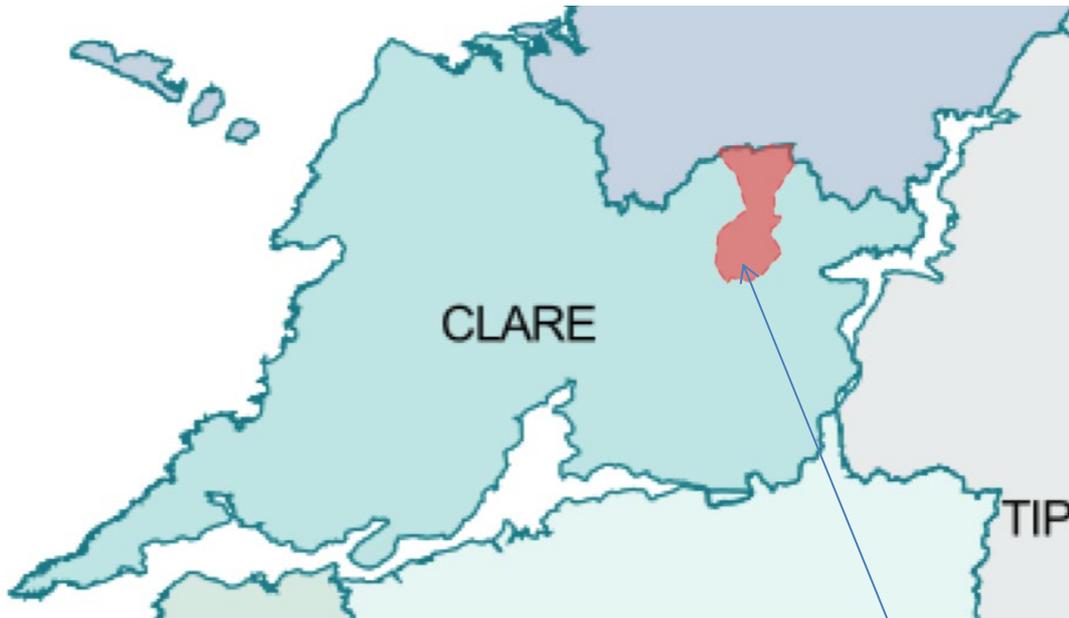
TITHE APLOTMENT BOOKS. They were compiled between 1823 and 1837 in order to determine the amount which occupiers of agricultural holdings over one acre should pay in tithes to the Church of Ireland (the main Protestant church and the church established by the State until its dis-establishment in 1871).

There are many TUOHY names featured in both Griffiths Valuation and Tithe Applotment books indicating the prevalence of the families in the county.

Pat Toohey's research showed the earliest record of the name was in 1810 with the birth/baptism of Patrick Tuohy and a marriage to Ellen Minogue c1830. (grandparents of Cornelius (1861-1922)).

No primary records for this have been evident. Research has revealed evidence of many Tuohy family members who did emigrate to Australia and it is believed they would be the distant relations of Cornelius Toohey.





Map of County Clare showing the parish of Feakle.

Searching the parish records can be a daunting task as the writing, done by pen and ink and over 100 years old, then digitised and transferred to a computer, does not make for easy reading.



This is an image of records which can be searched – difficult to read both incumbent's writing and the resolution of the image.

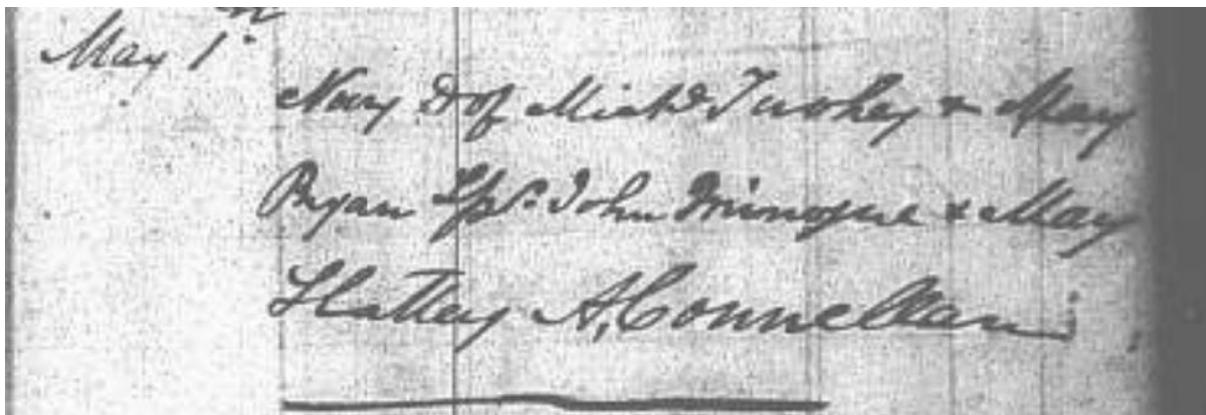
The parish of Feakle³ is in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Killaloe.

Feakle <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feakle> is a village in County Clare, Ireland, in a civil parish and Roman Catholic parish of the same name.

The Diocese OF Killaloe today comprises 58 parishes. The Cathedral Church and seat of the Bishop is located in Ennis, Co. Clare. These entries

³ Feakle <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feakle>

were searched for a baptism of Cornelius and not successful, however his brother Henry was there on 26th July 1869.



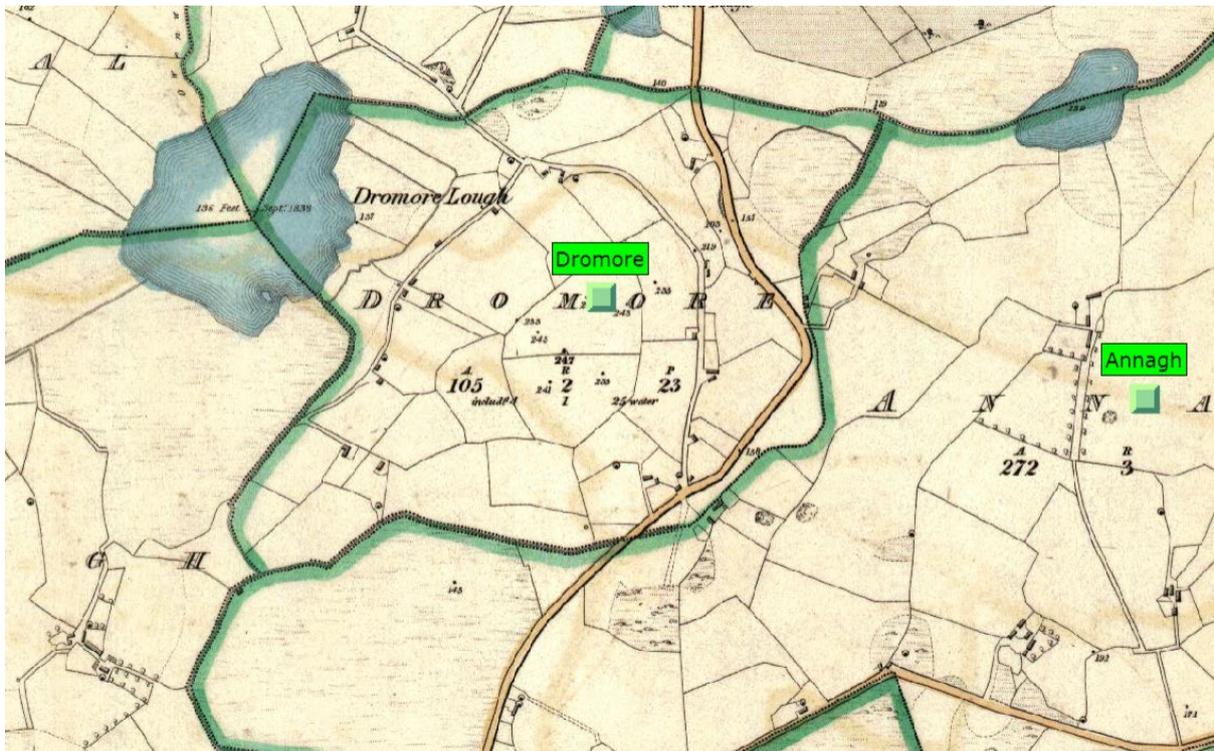
Example from register showing the TUOHY name – Microfilm 02476/07 held by from County Clare Library.

Feakle Parish⁴ was described by Samuel Lewis in 1837 as the largest in the county.

Samuel Lewis (c. 1782-1865) was the editor and publisher of *topographical dictionaries and maps of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland* issued his Topographical Dictionary of Ireland in two volumes running to over 1400 pages and aimed to present every facet of importance tending to illustrate the local history, or convey useful information respecting the past and present state, of Ireland (and) to give, in a condensed form, a fateful and impartial description of each place.



⁴ http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/coclare/places/feakle_village.htm



Dromore townland Feakle parish.
1842 ordnance survey map source county Clare library.

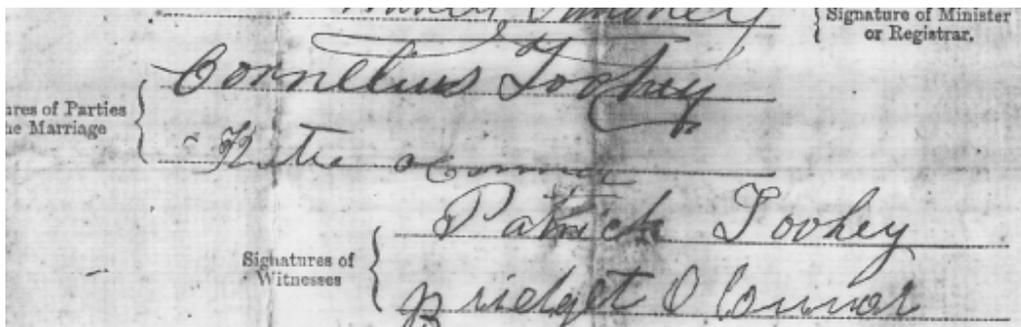
Today Feakle is a small pleasant village particularly popular with anglers and sportsmen, situated as it is within a region of lakes, rivers, mountains, moorland and deep sheltered valleys. It is steeped in the tradition of Irish music. Sons of Feakle, like Dr. Bill Loughnane, P.J. Hayes and Martin Hayes have distinguished themselves in the famed Tulla ceili band. The annual Feakle Festival is growing in popularity every year. It covers every aspect of traditional music.

EXPLANATION OF NAME Tuohy⁵

Read more: <http://www.surnamedb.com/Surname/Tuohy>

While researching this family in Irish records the name was written down in many variations- to name a few- Tuohey, Tuohy Touey Toohey, Towey. Early church records, written by pen and ink had become quite illegible, photographed in most cases for preserving their content and it depended on the transcribers' abilities to get it right. Once the families arrived in Australia they may have realised the need for converting to an easier spelling and the first incidence of this is the marriage register of Cornelius and Catherine in 1891.

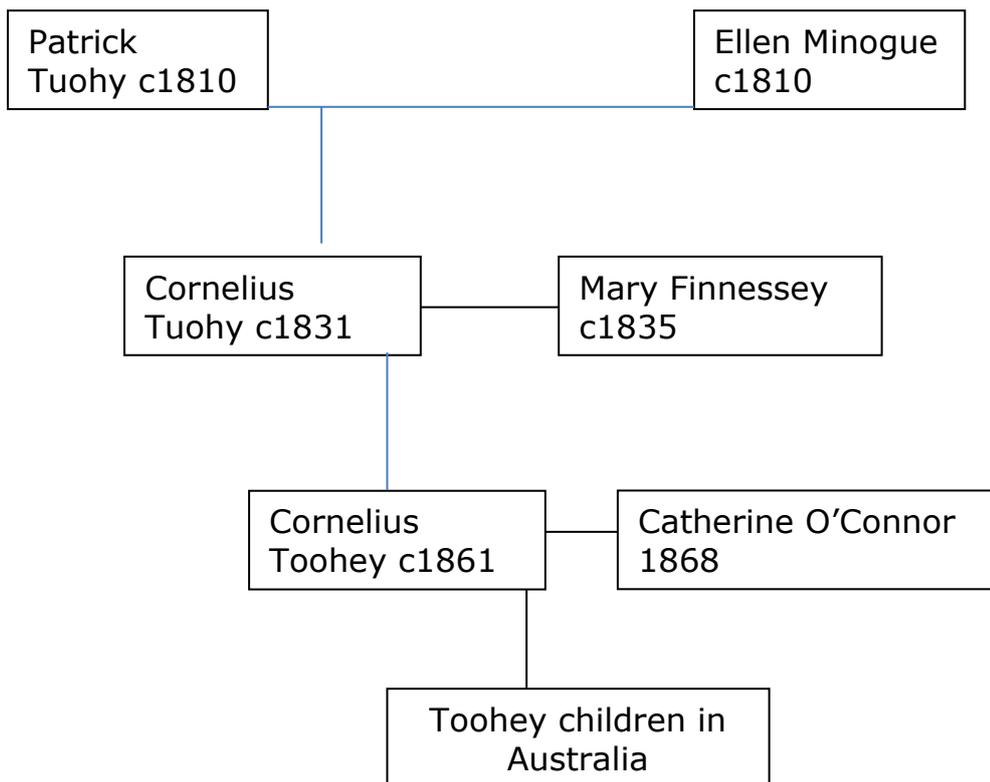
⁵ <http://www.surnamedb.com/Surname/Tuohy>



Cornelius' signature in the marriage register 1891.

No.	NAME	Married					Single					Calling	Native Place and Country	Religion	Read or Write	
		18 Years and upwards	7 and under 15 Years	4 and under 7 Years	1 and under 4 Years	Under 1 Year	18 Years and upwards	7 and under 15 Years	4 and under 7 Years	1 and under 4 Years	Under 1 Year					
	Toohey											Labour	Clare	R.C.	Read	Write
	John Cornelius											do	do	do	do	do
	Ann											do	do	do	do	do

The name in the shipping lists TUOHY 1880.



It would have been necessary for the Dromore Tuohy family to have all hands on deck to manage the farm and make it pay. The boys helping

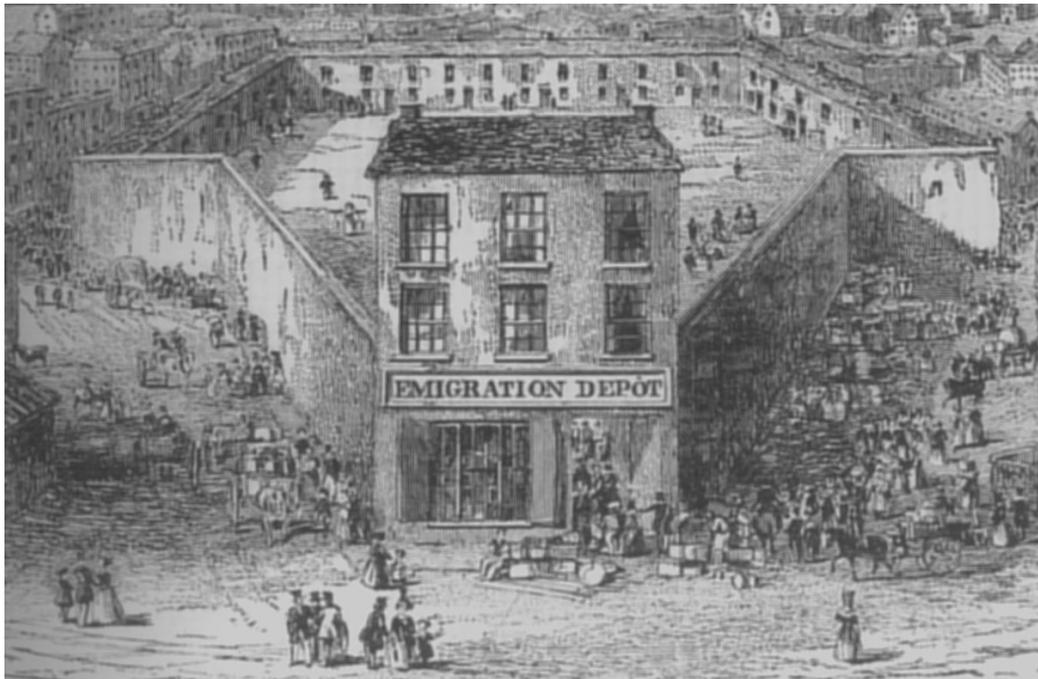
father Patrick and the girls assisting their mother Ellen. In 1879 the west coast of Ireland was hit by another famine due to the consistent rain and the potato crop once again failed. This time it was not as devastating as the 1840 famine when many Irish folk died from starvation. Perhaps County Clare farmers may have suffered also.

Cornelius, sister Ellen, cousins Jeremiah and John decided to migrate to Australia — distant cousins may have been writing home extolling the great opportunities in Australia and the promise of a new adventure for these young people to begin their adult lives in a new country was exciting.

They travelled to Cork on the first stage of the journey, possibly by coach, or horse and cart with their belongings, whatever the cheapest form was available, and it was there at the Immigration Depot⁶ they signed up for the long journey to Australia.

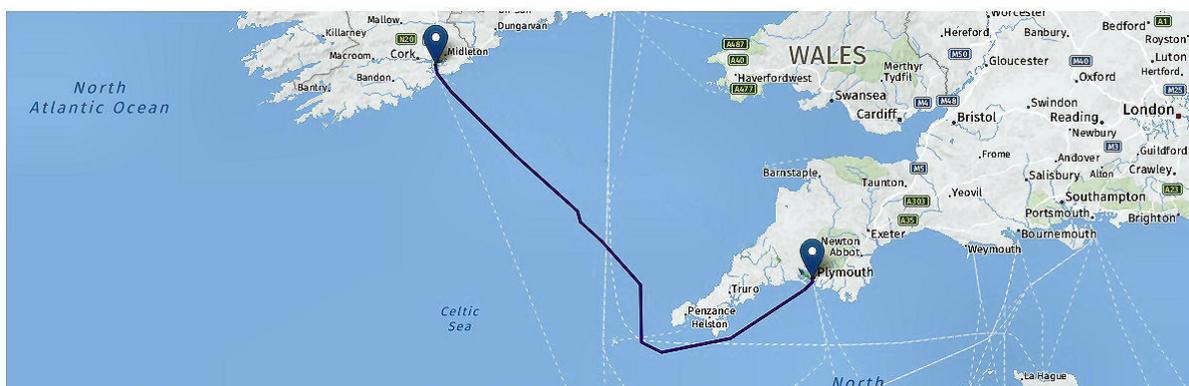
Mr John Besnard established a substantial emigrant depot in Cork and funded the day to day expenses from his own pocket and he became the emigrant selector in the community. The building was clean, a wash house was erected with hot and cold water, a medical man visited regularly and the children of the emigrants were sent to school. Mr Besnard then arranged for their passages to Plymouth where they would embark for their journey to Australia.

⁶ Cork depot. *Good food, bright fires and civility* – Keith Pescod.



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Cork provided close access to Plymouth for Australia bound emigrants and from the 1830s increasing numbers of emigrants converged on that town. By the mid 1850s more than 25,000 emigrants were arriving each year. The departure wharf was not at Cork but at Cove (renamed Queenstown in 1849 and much later, Cobh) a small town nearly eighteen miles away, closer to the harbour's mouth.⁷

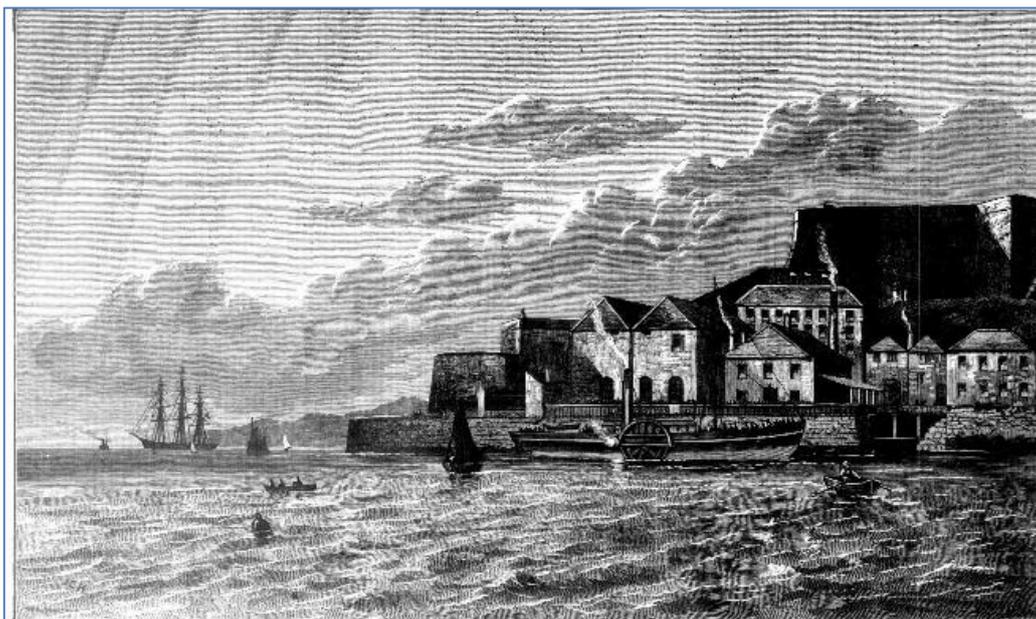


Sea route – Cork to Plymouth (Rootschat 2019)

⁷ *Sea route* – Cork to Plymouth (Rootschat member 2019)



Immigrants leaving Plymouth
Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser (NSW: 1871 - 1912),
Saturday 17 January 1885, page 110.



THE EMIGRATION DEPOT AT PLYMOUTH.

"Plymouth is moreover very conveniently situated for the reception of emigrants from Ireland and Scotland, as there are weekly steamers from Dublin, Cork, Waterford, Limerick, and Glasgow"

Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser (NSW: 1871 - 1912),
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CHAPTER TWO

The Voyage

The four young Tuohy members eventually completed stage two of their adventure and with their belongings embarked on the *Northampton*⁸ leaving Plymouth in mid September with 400 persons from various locations in England, Scotland and Ireland, about 30 persons from County Clare.



A Blackwall frigate in full sail off Sydney Heads - gouache and watercolour.

NORTHAMPTON - 1874/1879

Code letters: HJQF

Official Number: 54671

Master: Captain W. Barclay (1874); J.C. Clare (1879)

Rigging: Ship; sheathed in yellow metal in 1873 & 1878; fastened with copper bolts and galvanized iron bolts above the Upper Deck

Tonnage: 1,226 tons gross, 1,088 under deck and 1,173 net

Dimensions: 211.6 feet long, 35.6 foot beam and holds 22 feet deep; Poop 45 feet; Forecastle 33 feet

Construction: 1866, Connell in Glasgow; iron frame planked

Owners: Merchants' Co. (1874); Merchant Shipping Co. Ltd. (1879)

Port of registry: London

<http://users.xplornet.com/~shipping/Lloyds.htm> Lloyds Register of Ships.

The registration details of a vessel such as the rigging, the tonnage, dimensions, propulsion, owners and her Master are included on this site.

⁸ Caledonian Maritime Research Trust painting held in NSW State Library, attributed to Frederick Garling (1806-1873)

After an uneventful voyage of 98 days the *Northampton* arrived in Port Jackson on Christmas Eve of 1880. The Captain John Clare gave a good report of the voyage and it has been transcribed into a readable table below.⁹ *Evening News (Sydney, NSW: 1869 - 1931)*, Tuesday 28 December 1880, page 2, columns 2 and 3.

DATE 1880	LOCATION	NO. OF DAYS out
September 19 1880	7 am departed the Lizard with strong westerly wind.	
September 24	8pm Cape Finisterre light.	
October 1	Passed West of Madeira.	
October 4	Passed west of Palma, east of Ferro, Canary Islands.	
October 7	Entered the tropics, got NE trades.	
October 11	Lost NE trades.	
October 23	Got SE trades.	
OCTOBER 24	Crossed the line.	37 days out
October 31	Lost SE trades.	
November 1		
November 9	Crossed meridian of Tristan D'Acunha.	75 days out
November 14	Crossed meridian of Greenwich.	
November 19	Crossed meridian of Cape of Good Hope.	63 days out
December 1	Crossed the meridian of Kerguelan Island	75 days out
December 11	crossed the meridian of Cape Leuin.	85 days out
December 17	Crossed the meridian of South Cape, Tasmania.	91 days out
December 22	At noon Green Cape.	
December 24	5.45am signalled Cape St George. 5pm took pilot off South Head. 6pm Port Jackson.	

The clipper route from England to Australia and New Zealand, returning via Cape Horn, offered captains the fastest circumnavigation of the world, and hence potentially the greatest rewards; many grain, wool and gold clippers sailed this route, returning home with valuable cargoes in a relatively short time. However, this route, passing south of the three

⁹ *Evening News (Sydney, NSW: 1869 - 1931)*, Tuesday 28 December 1880, page 2, columns 2 and 3.

great capes and running for much of its length through the Southern Ocean, also carried the greatest risks, exposing ships to the hazards of fierce winds, huge waves, and icebergs.¹⁰



<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:ClipperRoute.png>

Captain Clare supplied detailed notes regarding the voyage and it has been interesting to plot this journey and imagine how the passengers fared with change of weather conditions, rough seas in the last leg and according to his notes *no icebergs or anything* seen along the journey.

EXTRA NOTE

The *Northampton* was no stranger to Sydney having sailed into Port Jackson for about four or five years and in 1882 went aground in Botany Bay.¹¹

¹⁰ <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:ClipperRoute.png>

¹¹ *Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Thursday 26 October 1882, page 6.

<u>"Northampton"</u>	
<u>"Particulars"</u>	
Tonnage of the Ship	<u>1161</u>
Name of the Master	<u>J. C. Clarke</u>
" Surgeon Superintendent	<u>George Walter Esq</u>
" Matron	<u>Mrs Kent</u>
Contract Price per Statute Adult	
Amount paid by depositors in Colony	<u>£246..0..0</u>
" " to Agent General in London	<u>£461..0..0</u>
Date of Departure from Plymouth	<u>3 Oct 1879</u>
" " Arrival in Sydney	<u>9th January 1880</u>
Number of days on the voyage	<u>98</u>
" " Births	<u>7</u>
" " Deaths	<u>12</u>

The *Northampton*, with 431 emigrants on board, arrived in Port Jackson yesterday. Immediately on her arrival Mr. G. P. Wise, the emigration officer, forwarded to all who had sent for their friends letters intimating their arrival. The arrangements for their hiring will be found in our advertising columns.

The ship *Northampton*, with 369 Government immigrants on board, arrived on Friday evening, Christmas Eve. The passengers were in such good health, and the vessel in such cleanly condition, that Dr. Alleyne, the port health officer, at once gave the ship a clean bill of health, and the *Northampton* came up the harbour. The immigrants were in high spirits at the prospect of spending Christmas Day on shore. The season of the year seemed to enhance the joy they experienced upon the termination of the long sea voyage; and they eagerly watched for the immigration agent to board the vessel, that they might obtain a release, and join in the festivities they knew were going on ashore. The single girls were assembled by the matron on the poop, looking as tidy and neat as possible, ready for embarkation; and many other of the passengers put themselves into their best form and dress, in momentary expectation of meeting their friends or relatives. As soon as it was known that the *Northampton* was in and had come up the harbour, many of the friends of those on board took boat to the ship in Neutral Bay, and soon she was surrounded with a fleet of small craft. But the hopes and expectations of immigrants and friends alike were doomed to disappointment. They had calculated without their host. The ship had come in on the eve of a Government holiday, when there was no one to receive them. A note had been left by the Immigration Agent for Captain Clare, apprising him that,

in consequence of the Government holidays, the immigrants could not land until Tuesday next, and strict injunctions were given that in the meantime no person was to leave the vessel, nor 'was any person permitted to go on board', until the Government Christmas holidays were at an end. That the countenances of the immigrants fell considerably when Captain Clare read the contents of Mr. Wise's letter to them may well be imagined. They could scarcely understand why they should be confined on board and not allowed to speak to their friends for nearly four days, simply because the Government had proclaimed a holiday for its employees. A ray of hope, however, dawned upon the unfortunate prisoners.

The H James B Watson, Colonial Treasurer, happens to be a relative of Dr. Ewan, under whose charge the immigrants have come to the colony, and he went off to the ship soon after she had anchored in Neutral Bay. The state of affairs was explained to him, and he considerably promised to ascertain what steps could be taken to relieve the immigrants from the unfortunate and unenviable position in which they are placed on account of the Government holidays and possibly they will be permitted to leave the vessel at an earlier date than that named by the Immigration agent in his letter to Captain Clare. We understand that the new arrivals consist almost entirely of mechanics and agricultural labourers, the latter class predominating.

The Immigrants¹²

The resolution of this article from trove.nla.gov.au was too difficult to read and include in this document, hence the following transcription —

The whole of the immigrants per the *Northampton* left the ship yesterday, and she has been released. With one exception all the immigrants had been sent for by their friends, consequently very few of them were for hire. About half a dozen of the men went to the depot yesterday to see if they could better themselves, and they were quickly disposed of, being very smart young fellows.

The weather in Sydney at this time was hot, very hot and some extremely high temperatures were reported throughout the state reaching in excess of 100°F. Sydney would not have escaped these temperatures, a shock for the new arrivals.

¹² *Evening News (Sydney, NSW : 1869 - 1931)*, Thursday 30 December 1880, page 2

I M M I G R A N T S.

The Single Women
Immigrants per ship **NORTHAMPTON,**
WILL BE FOR HIRE
at the Immigration Depot,
Hyde Park,
at Noon,
TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY).

GEORGE F. WISE,
Agent for Immigration.
Immigration Office, Sydney,
January 13, 1880.

About 15 of the single young women proceeded to the Hyde Park depot yesterday and succeeded in obtaining situations as general servants and housemaids in a very short time at from 8s. to 12s. per week. With very few exceptions the whole of the immigrants were of a very desirable class, the men being young and strong with the appearance of being good workers, the females were good-looking,

clean, and tidy, and, taken altogether, they are the smartest looking set of immigrants who have been sent here for several months past.

Captain John Clare's report included the following —

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I M M I G R A N T S.
Married Couples and Single Men
per ship
NORTHAMPTON.
WILL BE FOR HIRE
at the
HIRING ROOM,
FORT MACQUARIE.
TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), and WEDNESDAY,
from 9 a.m. to Noon.
GEORGE F. WISE,
Agent for Immigration.
Government Immigration Office,
Sydney, January 12, 1880.

Government Notices.

Immigration Office, Sydney,
December 28, 1880.

I M M I G R A N T S per NORTHAMPTON.

The MARRIED PEOPLE and the SINGLE MEN
LEAVE the SHIP THIS DAY.

THE SINGLE WOMEN are at the DEPOT,
Hyde Park, and are prepared to join their Friends.

A few of the Single Women are FOR HIRE at the
Depot TO-MORROW (Wednesday), the 29th instant,
at noon.

A few of the Married People and Single Men are
FOR HIRE at the Hiring Room, Fort Macquarie,
TO-MORROW (Wednesday), the 29th Instant, from
9 a.m. to noon.

GEORGE F. WISE,
Agent for Immigration.

	<u>Adults</u>		<u>Children</u>		<u>Total</u>				
	<u>married</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>1 to 12</u>	<u>Under 1</u>					
	<u>m</u>	<u>w</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>w</u>					
Number of Emigrants embarked	63	63	90	89	50	61	8	5	429
" " Death on the voyage	-	-	-	-	3	3	4	2	12
	63	63	90	89	47	58	4	3	417
" " Births on the voyage	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	7
" " Emigrants landed	63	63	90	89	47	58	7	7	424
<i>Equal to 357 1/2 Statute Adults.</i>									

Assisted Immigrants shipping list NSW State Archives

During the week prior to the arrival of the *Northampton* the state of New South Wales was experiencing temperatures in excess of 100°F and Sydney would have received these high temperatures making the climate very uncomfortable for the newcomers.

The Northampton Immigrants.

Mr. WISE has succeeded in furnishing a letter and an incident that will be invaluable to the historian of red tape, if such an individual makes his appearance in the republic of letters. For official coldness and thoughtlessness, the letter which he left for the captain of the Northampton before departing himself to the country to enjoy his Christmas festivities is probably without a parallel in the history of this colony. And we trust that public and official condemnation will be so strong that such a document will never again emanate from a public office. We pride ourselves on being a warm-hearted people, and most of us would willingly go out of our way to welcome and assist those who travel over vast oceans to make their home in our midst. Particularly would we do so when they chance to arrive at merry Christmas time, when the associations of the season probably make them feel their solitary position most keenly. But the official mind does not seem open to ordinary human sympathies, and instead of a warm Christmas welcome, the poor immigrants on the Northampton received on Friday a cold-hearted letter

Evening News (Sydney, NSW : 1869 - 1931), Tuesday 28 December 1880, page 2, column 2 Shipping (part article) and transcribed below)
[Trove nla.gov.au](http://Trove.nla.gov.au)

The Northampton Immigrants.¹³(article transcription)

Mr. Wise has succeeded in furnishing a letter and an incident that will be invaluable to the historian of red tape, if such an individual makes his appearance in the republic of letters. For official coldness and thoughtlessness, the letter which he left for the captain of the Northampton before his Christmas festivities is probably without a parallel in the history of this colony. And we trust that public and official condemnation will be so strong that such a document will never again emanate from a public office. We pride ourselves on being a warm-hearted people, and most of us would willingly go out of our way to welcome and assist those who travel over vast oceans to make their home in our midst. Particularly would we do so when they chance to arrive at merry Christmas time, when the Associations of the season probably make them feel their solitary position most keenly. But the official mind does not seem open to ordinary human sympathies, and instead of a warm Christmas welcome, the poor immigrants on the Northampton received on Friday a cold-hearted letter from Mr. WISE, saying that as the Government holidays extended until Tuesday, no one was to leave, and no one was to go on board the Northampton.

¹³ *Evening News* (Sydney, NSW: 1869 - 1931), Tuesday 28 December 1880, page 2, column 2 Shipping (part article).
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It will be some satisfaction to the new comers as well as to the public, to know that the COLONIAL SECRETARY has ordered an explanation to be furnished by the immigration agent of his conduct in this matter. Sir HENRY PARKES, as a successful administrator, knows well that red tape must often give way to higher considerations, and the servant who can never emancipate himself from it, is of little value to the State. The officer who presides over this important branch of the public service probably acted strictly within the regulations of his department: but the intelligent and efficient discharge of the duties of such an office require something more than an unbending adherence to red tape and official routine. Emergencies often arise that require to be promptly met, and that of Christmas Eve appears to have been just such an occasion as would afford an opportunity for the exercise of liberality and energy, even if it should involve the sacrifice, on the part of a public officer, of a portion of his Christmas relaxation. But if Mr. WISE was so exceedingly anxious to enjoy his holidays in undisturbed tranquillity — perhaps his health demanded it — he surely might have left full powers in the hands of his lieutenant, who would have found little difficulty in relieving the colony from the stain of imprisoning a shipload of immigrants during the whole Christmas holidays. It is now too late to our new friends of the *Northampton* that they must not take Mr. WISE for a typical Australian, and if they have not had as merry a Christmas as they might have had, we hope that they will have a very prosperous and happy new year in their new home.¹⁴



¹⁴ *Evening News* (Sydney, NSW: 1869 - 1931), Tuesday 28 December 1880, page 2, column 2 Shipping (part article).
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CHAPTER THREE

ARRIVAL in Sydney

The Tuohy contingent consisting of Cornelius, his sister Ellen, cousins Jeremiah and John would have been welcomed by the many Tuohy relatives who had emigrated many years before and be so thankful to find their land legs after a long voyage. Most likely they would have made good friends on board and after farewells were taken, the family collected their belongings and set out on stage four of their adventure, which had now become a reality.

Where these young folk lived in the first years is not certain, however Cornelius has been revealed from the 1892 Sands directories, to be living in 18 Fig Street Ultimo.

No research has been carried out on Jeremiah or John, however the death of Ellen Toohey, sister, was discovered on 5th July 1890¹ and she is buried in Rookwood cemetery. Sadly she did not see her brother's life unfold in the new country.

¹ *Sydney Morning Herald* 7th July page 10, column 1

THE FRIENDS of Mr. C. TOOHEY and Mrs. J. HYNES are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of their beloved **SISTER, Ellen**: to move from 53 Queen-street, Glebe, **THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30,** to Necropolis, **W. J. DIXON, 183 George-street West, and 18 Regent-street.**

Another Cornelius Toohey² was discovered in the Sands directories living in North Sydney. Researching this Cornelius made it apparent he was possibly another cousin. (Assistance from *Stanton Library*, North Sydney council, NSW Births, Deaths and Marriage indexes, and *Sydney Morning Herald* Family notices.)

→ Toohy Mrs. Ann, 10 Glebe st, Paddington
 Toohy C, 118 Fig st
 Toohy C., Eureka st, North Sydney
 Toohy J. T., " Moira," Belmore st, Burwood

Image from *Sands Directory* 1892 part 8.

1892 part 8 page 852	Cornelius in 18 Fig Street.
1893 part 9 page 886	Cornelius in Fig Street.
1893 part 4	North Sydney.
1894 part 9	Cornelius - Fig Street and North Sydney
1895 part 7	Webbers Road, Carlton
1896 part 8	Carlton
1897 part 9	Carlton
1898 part 9	Carlton
1898 part 9	Carlton

Itemised from various *Sands Directories*.

SANDS DIRECTORIES

Sands Directories commenced in 1856, about the time when registration of births deaths and marriages evolved in NSW. John Sands employed people to call at residences and businesses asking if they wanted to be included. These directories

² *Sands Directory* 1892 part 8.

are a wealth of information and are usually a year behind. Cornelius didn't appear in the directory until 12 years after he arrived in Sydney.

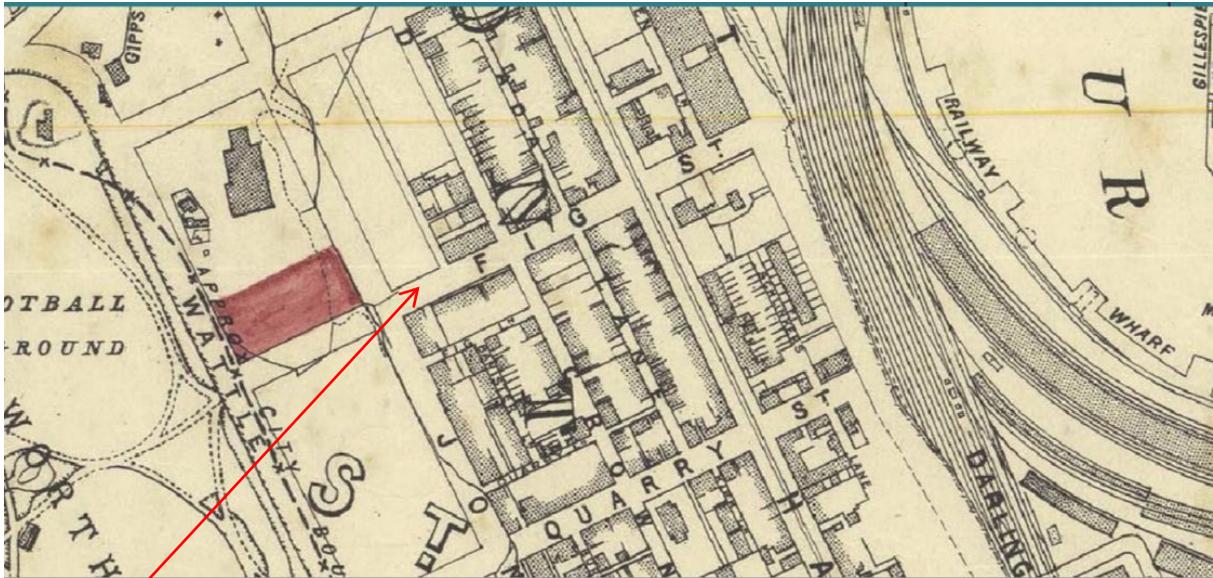
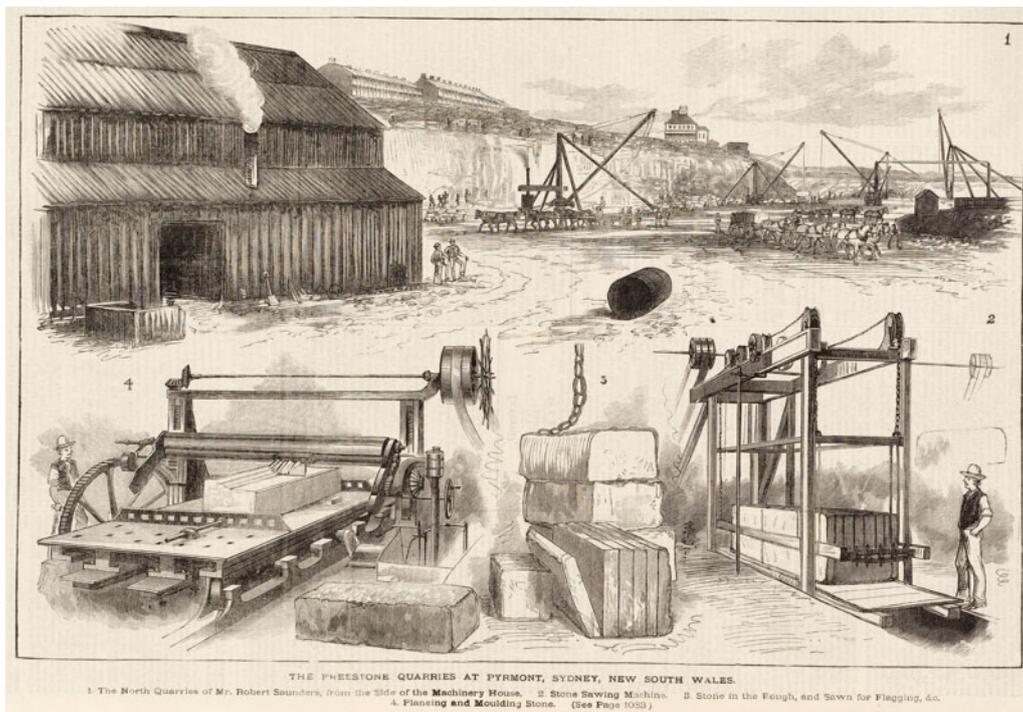


Fig Street, City of Sydney archives historical atlas of Sydney 1903 map 1.

Cornelius needed to work, he came from farming stock with no apparent trade and there were no large farms in the Ultimo area, however the quarry close by may have offered him some work.



THE PHEESTONE QUARRIES AT PYRMONT, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.
1. The North Quarries of Mr. Robert Saunders, from the Side of the Machinery House. 2. Stone Sawing Machine. 3. Stone in the Feugh, and Sawn for Flaggings, &c.
4. Planing and Moulding Stone. (See Page 1033)

<http://www.visitsydneyaustralia.com.au/lost-quarries8.html>

ULTIMO³

Ultimo forms the southern half of the Pyrmont peninsula, bounded by Darling Harbour on the east, Blackwattle Bay on the west and Broadway on the south. Local understanding of the position of the northern boundary has varied over time, but is generally settled on Fig Street. Ultimo has always been part of the 'City of Sydney' since its incorporation in 1842.

ULTIMO QUARRYING

While the building boom of the gold rush era largely passed Ultimo by, the rush to build fine public buildings in the centre of Sydney did have an indirect effect through the opening of several large quarries along the western flank of the Pyrmont peninsula. The stone had long been used on a small local scale, but by the 1850s its superior qualities as a building material was more widely recognised. The decision to use it in the construction of Sydney University at nearby Grose Farm provided enormous opportunities for quarrying, though most of the quarrymen lived in neighbouring Pyrmont.

Many Irish families had settled in the area of Ultimo and Pyrmont, the docks were close by and work was plentiful. Amongst the settlers were sisters Catherine (born 12th May 1868 in Glenaster, Limerick) and Bridget O'Connor, (born c. 1864/65 in Limerick), daughters of Patrick and Bridget Connors, who had arrived in Sydney per *Port Pirie* 17th September 1886.⁴ Many other Connors/O'Connors family members had immigrated over a period of some years before.

³ *Dictionary of Sydney*. Sydney Council Archives Shirley Fitzgerald. Great articles on the areas of Pyrmont and Ultimo.

⁴ NSW State Archives- Immigration Records

LIST of IMMIGRANTS per Ship <i>O.S. Row</i>										Arrived on the <i>14</i> day of <i>Septemb</i> 188 <i>6</i>									
NAME	AGES										Calling	Native Place and Country.	Religion.	Read or Write.	Remarks.				
	MARRIED:		SINGLES.																
	M.	F.	18 Years and upwards.		7 and under 12 Years.		4 and under 7 Years.		1 and under 4 Years.							Under 1 Year.			
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.								
<i>O'Connor Bridget</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>America</i>	<i>RC</i>	<i>Y6</i>
<i>Catherine</i>			<i>16</i>																

NSW State Archives- Immigration Records.

MARRIAGE OF CORNELIUS TOOHEY AND CATHERINE O'CONNOR
 29th April 1891 in St Benedicts Roman Catholic Church George Street, Sydney. They were living around the corner from each other at the time of their marriage. Crown Road is now Bulwarra Street.



St Benedict's church, Broadway lithograph by S.T.Gill, 1856 Image courtesy of the National Library of Australia NLA.PIC-an7537497

SCHEDULE E.
(19 VICTORIA No. 30.)

(COPY OF) CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

Insert Christian and Surname at full length.

I, Francis Finney being

Insert Designation.

R. C. Clergyman

do hereby Certify, that I have this day, at S. Benedict's Church

George St. W. Sydney duly celebrated Marriage between

Insert Christian and Surname of the Husband at full length.

Cornelius Toohy

Insert Designation, Residence, and Condition of Husband.

Bachelor 308 Crown Road, Ultimo

Labourer and

Insert Christian and Surname of the Wife at full length.

Ratie O'Connor, 306 Harris St

Ultimo

Insert Designation, Residence, and Condition of Wife.

after Declaration duly made as by law required.

DATED this 29th day of April 1891

Francis Finney

{ Signature of Minister or Registrar.

Signatures of Parties to the Marriage

Cornelius Toohy

Ratie O'Connor

Signatures of Witnesses

Patrick Toohy

Richard O'Connor

Copy obtained by researcher Pat Toohy in 1983, from church records.
Note this is the first occurrence of TOOHEY instead of TUOHY.





Copy of a copy from Pat Toohey's research files, source and date unknown.

The 1891 timeline on the church has this interesting article, perhaps Cornelius and his friends may have attended this festival.

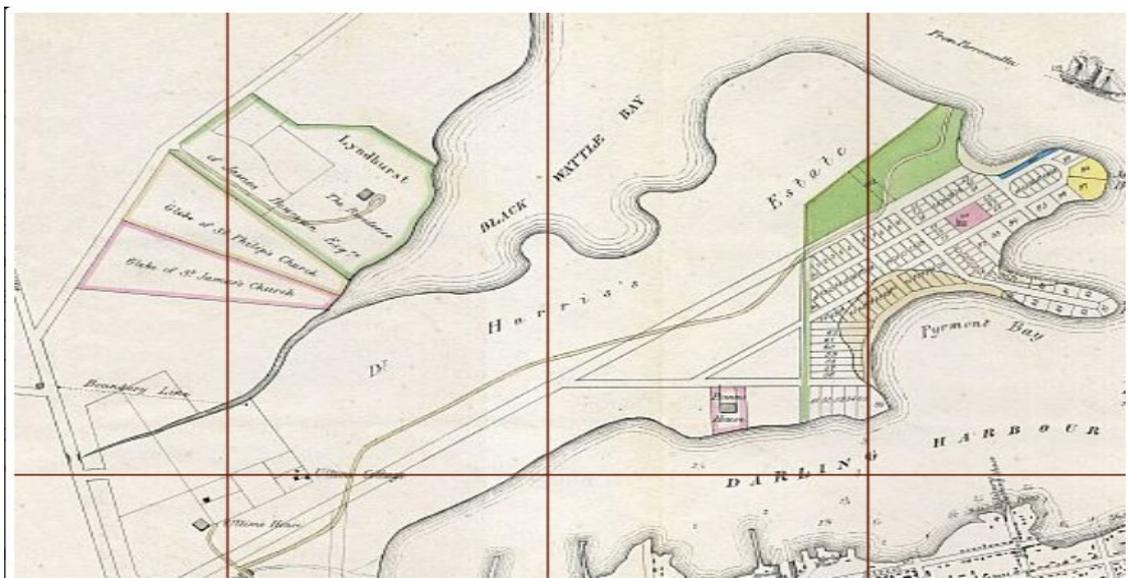
JANUARY 1891⁵

In order to raise funds to complete the school buildings, the parish organises a 'Shakespearean festival' during January. It consumes the energies of the parish for the entire month and the Sydney Morning Herald reports on activities:

Considering the inclement weather, there was a large attendance last evening at the Shakespearean festival at St. Benedict's Hall, Abercrombie-street. Given the commencement of these entertainments three weeks ago, they have become very popular in the district. There are eight fancy stalls, presided over by ladies attired in Shakespearean costumes, and everything connected with the entertainment is representative of the plays of Shakespeare. The hall presents a very pretty appearance, and the decorations have been artistically arranged under the supervision of the Rev. John Robinson. The various stalls and the costumes of the attendants are representative of the characters in Hamlet, Macbeth, As You Like It, King Lear, Othello, Midsummer Night's Dream, Romeo and Juliet, and the Merchant of Venice. The bazaar, which has been opened for the purpose of liquidating a debt of £7000 contracted in connection with the erection of the school buildings, will remain open for another week. Shakespearean festival Sydney Morning Herald 17 January 1891, page 10.

THE END OF RURAL ULTIMO

The strip of Ultimo along Parramatta Street may have been the poorest area in all of late nineteenth century Sydney, and it was certainly one of the least pleasant. Behind it, Ultimo remained more or less rural. The initial grant to Harris had specified that a reserve be created for a road along the peninsula, and this evolved into Harris Street, but it carried little traffic. After Harris's death in 1838, legal complications frustrated subdivision of Ultimo until 1859 when the family squabbles were partially resolved and the land was finally distributed to a number of second- and third-generation family members. There were a few cottage dwellers dotted around, using the land under grace and favour to run a few cattle or do a little local quarrying, while contemporary reports indicate that the area was so unsettled as to remain hospitable to Aboriginal people who still frequented the area.



1836 Harris estate State Library of NSW
<https://pyrmonthistory.net.au/people/john-harris>

⁵ (<https://stbenedicts.org.au>)



Hell Hole⁶ - Wattle Street between Fig Street and Pymont Bridge Road, Pymont Builder John Young, hired by Colonial Architect John Barnet to supervise construction of many of the projects, took out a quarrying lease on the escarpment just north of Fig Street so that he could supply the stone for Barnet's projects.....
<http://www.visitsydneyaustralia.com.au/lost-quarries8.html>

While they were living in Fig Street, Catherine gave birth to their first born child Patrick Francis on 20 March 1892.

 BIRTH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.						
No.	Date and place of birth of child	Name and whether present or not	Sex	Father's name, occupation, age and birthplace	Date and place of marriage-previous issue	Mother's name and maiden surname, age and birthplace
	20th March, 1892			(1) Cornelius Toohy	(1) 27th April, 1891, Sydney, N.S.W.	(1) Catherine O'Connor
1055	Fig Street, Ultimo	Patrick	Male	(2) Laborer (3) 30 years. (4) Ireland.	(2) - (3) -Ireland.	(2) 22 years. (3) -Ireland.
		Not present				

1983 copy - partial birth entry of Patrick's birth registration Reg. Births Deaths Marriages.

Another stage of Cornelius life was about to commence.

⁶ <http://www.visitsydneyaustralia.com.au/lost-quarries8.html>

CHAPTER FOUR

Land

With responsibilities of a wife and child to support, Cornelius searched for suitable areas and properties to invest and create a home for his family. At this time Sydney was going through a depression¹, banks were having problems, many closed and the property boom of earlier years was land. A time to invest, as will be seen in the advertisements in the following pages.

AUTHOR'S NOTE *I have included many images obtained from Trove about the land auctions.*

Land auctions were exploding along the new Illawarra line, which had been opened in 1884, to Hurstville and it is here in the suburb of Carlton that Cornelius decided to purchase several parcels of land. Grantham estate and Carlton estate offered land. Cornelius purchased half an acre of land on the Grantham estate in Iliffe Street.²



¹ <https://www.rba.gov.au/publications/rdp/2001/2001-07/1890s-depression.html>

² Vol2157, folio 18 Lands Dept. hlr site.

CRANTHAM
CARLTON ESTATE

For Auction Sale
ON THE GROUND
BY
CARRARD & HAMILTON
Auctioneers, 76 Pitt Street

SATURDAY
DEC 15th 1888
AT 3-15 P-M

EDGEHILL ESTATE

VENDORS:
**THE IMPERIAL LAND BUILDING
& DEPOSIT COMPANY LIM^{TD}**
170 PITT ST W. P. SMARL, Manager

MANNING & HILLS
Auctioneers
90 PITT STREET

SYDNEY SUBURBS - CARLTON
GREAT SALE. CARLTON ESTATE.
Saturday, 14th June, 1890,
AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M.
THE FAMOUS
CARLTON ESTATE,
FACING AND ADJOINING THE
CARLTON RAILWAY STATION.
Auction Sale on the Ground,
Of the Lots shown as under.

Several Substantial Cottages
For Will also be Offered.
TERMS - See back page

Allotments
Shaded are Sold.
**EVERY LOT PUT UP
WILL BE SOLD.**

Trains leave Ketterim Railway
Station on Day of Sale and
Every Saturday,
1.10, 1.25, 2.10, 2.25, p.m.

Note the Terms!!
ONLY £3 DEPOSIT for one lot.
£2 DEPOSIT each for two or
more lots.
BALANCE 8s. 6d. per Week
on each allotment.

TORRENS' TITLE
AND
FREE TRANSFERS.

**LIBERAL ASSISTANCE
TO BUILD.**

Auctioneers: **RICHARDSON & WRENCH, LTD.**
Vendors: **THE MERCANTILE BUILDING, LAND & INVESTMENT CO., Ltd.**
Offices: PARK and CASTLEREAGH STREETS
EDWIN J. C. BRYANT, Manager.

The **Grantham Estate**, Kogarah, will be sold by Messrs. Garrard and Hamilton on behalf of the Imperial Land, Building and Deposit Company at 3 p.m. The land is conveniently situated between Kogarah and Carlton stations, and is laid out in good-sized blocks.

The Daily Telegraph 15 December 1888, page 9 column 6

A Big Land Sale.—The Carlton Township.
Messrs. T. R. and S. Smith last Saturday sold by auction, on account of the Australian Mutual Investment and Building Company Limited, Mr. Francis Tait managing director, 153 lots of the Carlton township estate, Illawarra line, at prices ranging from £8 to 30s per foot; total amount of sale, £15,750. The sale was without doubt one of the largest that has been held on the Illawarra line for some time, and fully 1500 persons were present. We have also been informed that a large quantity has since been sold privately.

Goulburn Penny Post
25th December 1886
page 3, column 1.

In amongst papers researched by Pat Toohey was a typed document headed THE DROMORE DAIRY. No source or date and it reads -

Vol 2157-18

In 1911 Cornelius Toohey purchased eight blocks of land half an acre in area at a cost of twenty pounds per block. This land was situated on the corner of Iliffe, Ada and Hancock Streets Bexley. This land was a section of an estate belonging to the late Mr J. Iliffe who died on 3 September 1910.

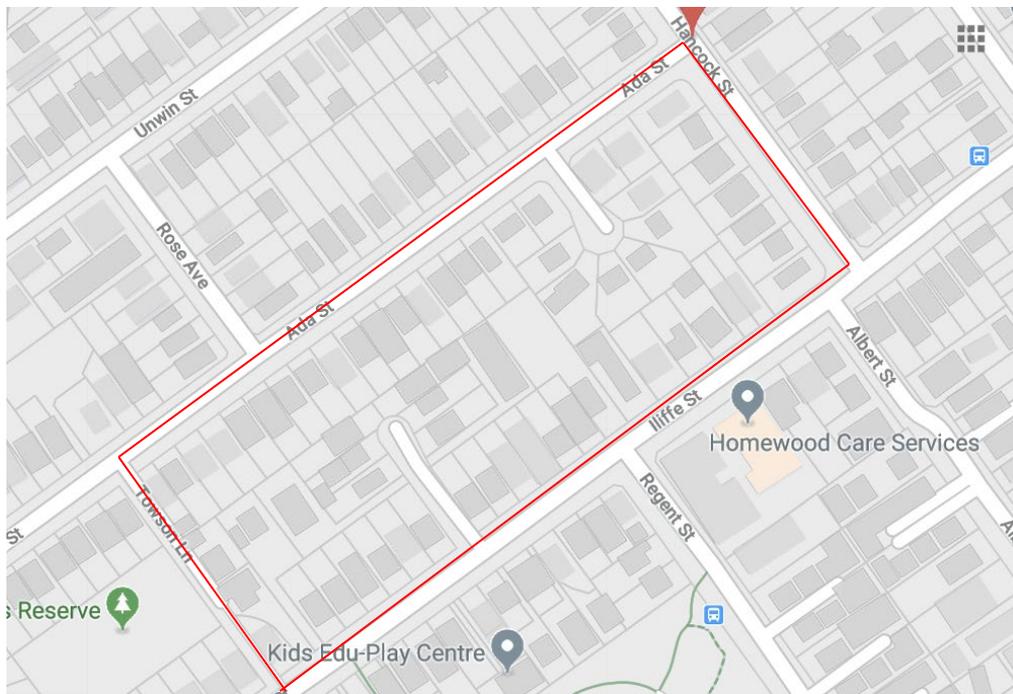
Mr Iliffe possessed substantial holdings of land in the area which was primarily used as a nursery. This land may have been purchased at auction although no record has been located regarding the manner of purchase. This transaction was executed by Messrs Berryman and Whittingstall, Real Estate Agents corner of Carlton and Mill Street Carlton.

Cornelius Toohey constructed a dairy on this property with approximately 100 cows. The dairy was registered under the name of the Toohey brothers and was registered using the name of DROMORE.

During the following years and for reasons unknown, the registered name was amended to "P. Toohey" The Housing Commission acquired this land for public housing in 1944 on which twenty-two houses were erected.

Iliffe Street was named after Mr J. Iliffe, Ada Street was called after one of Mr Iliffe's daughters and Hancock Street was named after one of his married daughters.

POSSIBLE LOCATION OF DAIRY



Area outlined is possible location.

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

(C.)

New South Wales.

[Appⁿ No. 667
 [Reference to last Certificate
 [Vol. 822 Folio 176]



REGISTER BOOK.
 Vol. 2157 Folio 18

CANCELLED R

Cornelius Toohy of Carlton Labour transfer under instrument of transfer from Emily Mary Hancock and Ada Sealine Siffé 15th 69295 now the proprietor of an Estate in Fee Simple, subject nevertheless to the reservations and conditions, if any, contained in the Grant hereinafter referred to, and also subject to such encumbrances, liens, and interests as are notified hereon, in that piece of land situated in the Municipality of Webbers Road, Parish of St George, and County of Cumberland containing three acres two rods twenty six perches, or thereabouts as shown on the Plan hereon, and therein edged red, being lots 15 to 22 inclusive on a plan deposited in the Land Office Sydney 15th 4737 and part of one thousand nine hundred and fifty acres (Block 115 of Town) delineated on the public map of the said Parish deposited in the Department of Lands originally granted to John Hancock by Crown Grant dated the seventh day of April one thousand eight hundred and ten

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my Seal, this thirteenth day of June one thousand nine hundred and eleven

Signed the 19th day of June 1911.

in the presence of

[Signature]

[Signature]

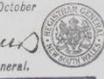
Deputy Registrar General.



NOTIFICATION REFERRED TO.

No. A. 997348. APPLICATION BY TRANSMISSION. CATHERINE TOOHEY of Carlton, Widow, is now the registered proprietor of the land within described in pursuance of the above application. Produced 27th September 1923 and entered 31st October 1923 at 12 o'clock noon.

[Signature]
 Registrar General.



No. D358499. NOTICE OF RESUMPTION. The land within described (including mines and deposits as provided by Section 141 of the Public Works Act 1912) has become vested in the State as aforesaid in pursuance of the Public Works Act 1912, by operation of the said Act and in pursuance of the Gazette Notice in connection therewith freed and discharged from all trusts obligations estate interests contracts charges rates rights-of-way or other encumbrances whatsoever. Produced 24th March 1925 and entered 24th March 1925 at 12 o'clock in the noon.

[Signature]
 Registrar General.



Certificate of Title Volume 2157, folio 18 HLRV -Lands Department.

Cornelius purchased a block of land on the corner of Cameron Street and Webbers Road and built the family home which he named DROMORE. Family story is he quarried the stone from the corner of /Griffen and Henry Streets and built a freestone cottage. Following is information from NSW Office of Environment Heritage re this cottage.

Stone Cottage

Item details

Statement of significance:

The house, also known as Dromore, is historically significant as part of the early development of the Grantham Estate. The stone cottage is aesthetically significant as a simple stone Victorian style dwelling contributing to the character of the area. It is technically significant as an example of the owner builder quarrying the stone nearby and building the structure himself. The stone cottage is a good representative example of a stone cottage in the Rockdale area.

Date significance updated: 07 Sep 10.

Note: There are incomplete details for a number of items listed in NSW. The Heritage Division intends to develop or upgrade statements of significance and other information for these items as resources become available.

Description

Construction

years:

1893-

Physical description:

Single storey sandstone cottage with a hipped roof and symmetrical proportions. Front and side walls of rusticated sandstone block. The roof is a Marseille tile and the front veranda has been replaced with a later portico. The windows and doors have contemporary security screens. There is a recent timber picket fence at the front.



Sands Directories from 1910 to 1920 were searched for a mention of Toohey or a dairy and the only entry was for 1910 Part 3 - Mary Briggs, dairy keeper on the west side of Iliffe Street along with John Griggs market gardener. They are in that same location until 1915 part 4 showing Cornelius in Webber's Road with cross street Cameron Street.

Webber's Road (West Kogarah)
Forest road to railway line—Glenfarne street
Cameron street
Toohy O., dairykeeper
Greenland James
Wensley Joseph J., "Yowie"
Sands Directory 1915 part 4

SUMMARY

Many internet sources have been searched for a mention of this dairy to no avail. It has not been possible to search land documents which could lead to the exact location of this dairy.

SYDNEY DAIRIES

During 1920,³ about one-third of Sydney's milk requirements were produced within the metropolitan area, with consumption representing about ½ pint per head of the population per day. In 1911 there had been about 350 registered dairymen in the metropolitan area, with 7,345 cows. By 1921 the figures had risen to 427 and 7,856 respectively. The average area of each farm was approximately 1.2 hectares and the average herd consisted of 40 to 50 cows. the NSW Board of Trade in 1923 described the situation at the time by saying 'A great number of [suburban] dairymen keep herds of less than ten cows. Some dairymen have large herds. There is one herd of 250 cows at Waterloo, another of 140 cows at Zetland, another of 130 cows at Greenwich, another of 126 cows at North Sydney, another of 125 cows at Willoughby, another of 125 cows at Concord, and other of 100 cows at Enfield, Canterbury and Woollahra. Some producers in the areas outside had previously endeavoured to break into the Sydney market.

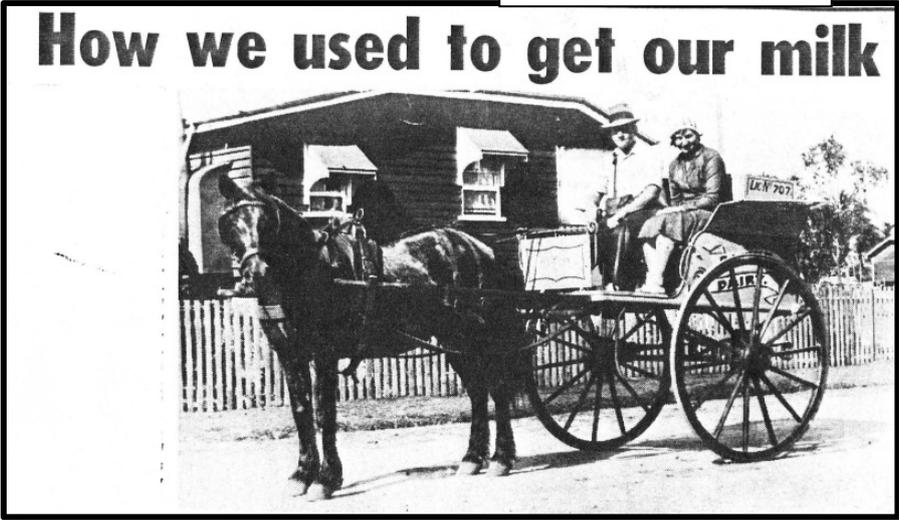
Milk deliveries were made by the dairy keepers with their horse and cart carrying large metal cans with a tap at the front and would run to your front steps with a container of fresh milk and pour it into a milk jug or billycan which was left out each night. Children often gathered



³ NSW Parliamentary Library Research Service, John Wilkinson Paper 23/99.

around hoping for a mouthful of fresh milk from the milkman. Most homeowners gained garden manure from the horse's droppings.

Aluminium billy can 2019,
nothing has changed



Source unknown.

£2 DEPOSIT. — LONG TERMS
GRANTHAM ESTATE, KOGARAH,
Close to Kogarah and Carlton Stations.
SALE, NEXT SATURDAY,
Free Train Tickets and Plans from the Vendors,
The Imperial Land, Building and Deposit
Company,
171 Pitt-street, or
GARRARD AND HAMILTON,
76 Pitt-street.

PROPERTY MARKET.
YESTERDAY'S LAND SALES.
CARLTON : GRANTHAM ESTATE.
Mr. J. P. Hegarty reports having held a successful sale of the Grantham Estate, Carlton, yesterday afternoon. Altogether 37 lots were sold at satisfactory prices, the attendance being very large and bidding spirited. The total sales amounted to £1413 16s.

CARLTON⁴ points of interest –

1890s description of Carlton:

The district was very bushy with occasional stands of heavy timber, mainly iron bark, stringy bark and huge gum trees. The creek at the bottom of Webbers Road was about 15 feet wide and five to ten feet deep, consisting of a series of pretty bogey holes abounding in eels, gudgeon and perch which local youngsters tried to catch with dough.

- Basic railway platform opened on 15th February 1887 with a more substantial Carlton Railway Station officially opened 22nd November 1890.
- A Post Office opened in 1890.
- A pumping station was installed in 1891 at the foot of Webbers Road to pump water from the Petersham Reservoir to the Penshurst tank.
- Carlton formed part of the Bexley Ward after seceding from the Municipality of Hurstville in 1900.

Sales plan for land in the suburb of Carlton in Sydney bordered by Percival Street, Webber's Road, Milsop Street, Byrnes Street, Cameron Street, Henry Street and Grantham Street.

"Terms. The vendors have determined to offer terms such as have never been offered to the public before, which should place the purchase of one or more lots within the reach of every one, viz. - £5 % deposit, balance by four quarterly or twelve monthly payments, free of interest or £2 deposit, balance by eighteen monthly payments, free of interest or twenty four monthly payments, interest only 5 % or on the Company's usual liberal terms, viz. £2 deposit and £1 per month for each £100 owing.

Special discount. Buyers of more than £500 worth will receive a discount of 2 1/2 % no matter which terms the buyer may choose".

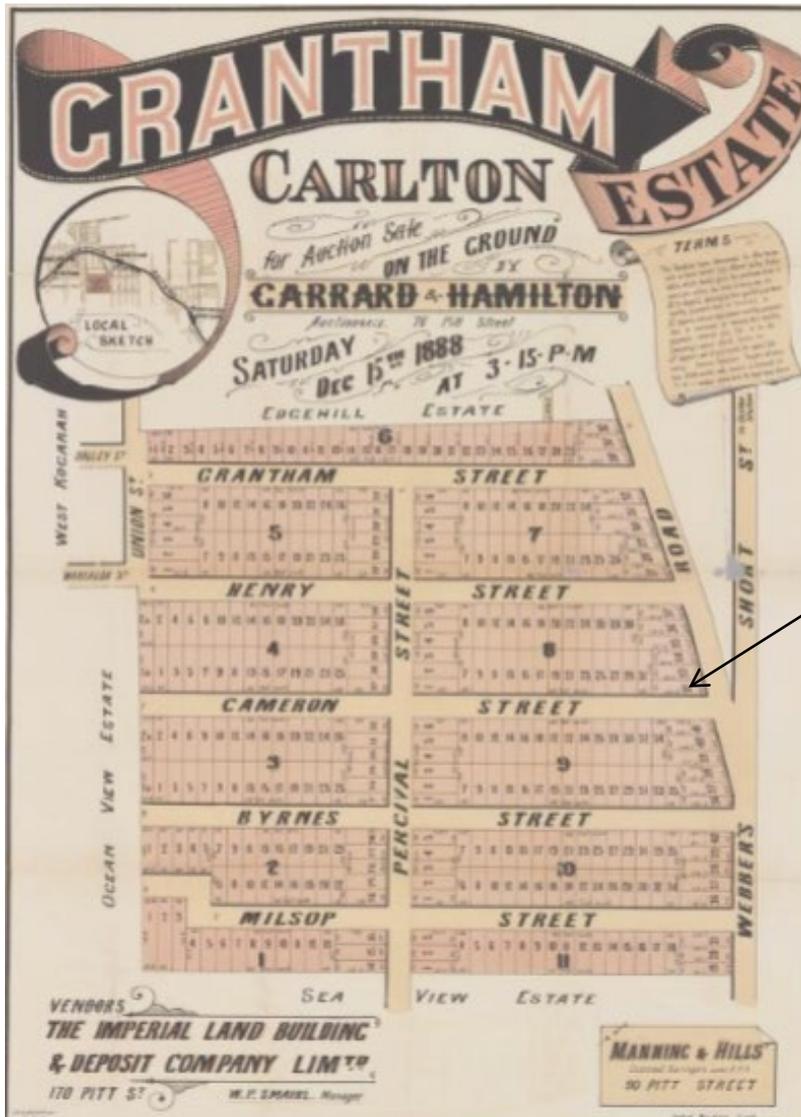
In lower right corner: Manning & Hills, Licensed surveyors under R.P.A., 90 Pitt Street.

In lower left corner: Vendors, The Imperial Land Building & Deposit Company Limited, 170 Pitt St., W.P. Smairl, Manager.

Also available online <http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-230132609>

<https://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/3994333>

⁴ *GEORGES River Council Community/Autumn edition 2019.*
A history of Carlton by R.W, Rathbone – Rockdale city library.
Carlton in the nineties.



John Sands map National

Library of Australia Record/3994333, folder 37, LFSP496 from Trove. Grantham Estate for auction sale on the ground by Garrard & Hamilton, Auctioneers, 76 Pitt Street, Saturday December 15th 1888 at 3.15pm.

It is on this corner block that Cornelius and Catherine built their stone cottage and raised their family.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SYDNEY DAIRIES

Some time in the 1940s most of the dairies had ceased operation and the land was divided into housing lots. The property owned by the Tooheys was requisitioned by the Housing Commission and divided into housing allotments. The Commission named a crescent Toohey Crescent on the estate.

Records (from Pat Toohey's research) show that all the children were baptised at St Patricks Catholic Church, Kogarah.



St Patrick's Catholic Church, Kogarah All baptisms here.



St Michael's Catholic Church, Hurstville. Ellen, Anne, Jim and Mick married here.

⁵ <https://www.stpatrickskogarah.org/mod/entity-information/view-key.php?keytype=History>

Cornelius Toohy of Carlton Laborer transfers under instrument of transfer from Emily
 Karcock and Ada Beatrice Kiff 1st 609298 _____ is now the proprietor of an Estate in
 subject nevertheless to the reservations and conditions, if any, contained in the Grant hereinafter referred to, and also sub
 encumbrances, liens, and interests as are notified hereon, in That _____ piece of land situated _____
 in the Municipality of Boxley ^{ROCKDALE} _____, Parish of St George _____, and County of Cumberland
 containing Three acres two roods twenty six perches _____, or
 as shown on the Plan hereon, and therein edged red, being Lots 15 to 22 inclusive on a plan deposited in the Land
Sydney N^o 4137 and part of One thousand nine hundred and fifty acres (Portion 115 of parish) delineated
public map of the said parish deposited in the Department of Lands originally granted to John A
Brown Grant dated the seventh day of April one thousand eight hundred and ten _____

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my Seal, this Nineteenth
June _____ one thousand nine hundred and eleven

Signed the 19th day of June 1911.

in the presence of

A. Bailey } *Proprietor*



CHAPTER FIVE

Family

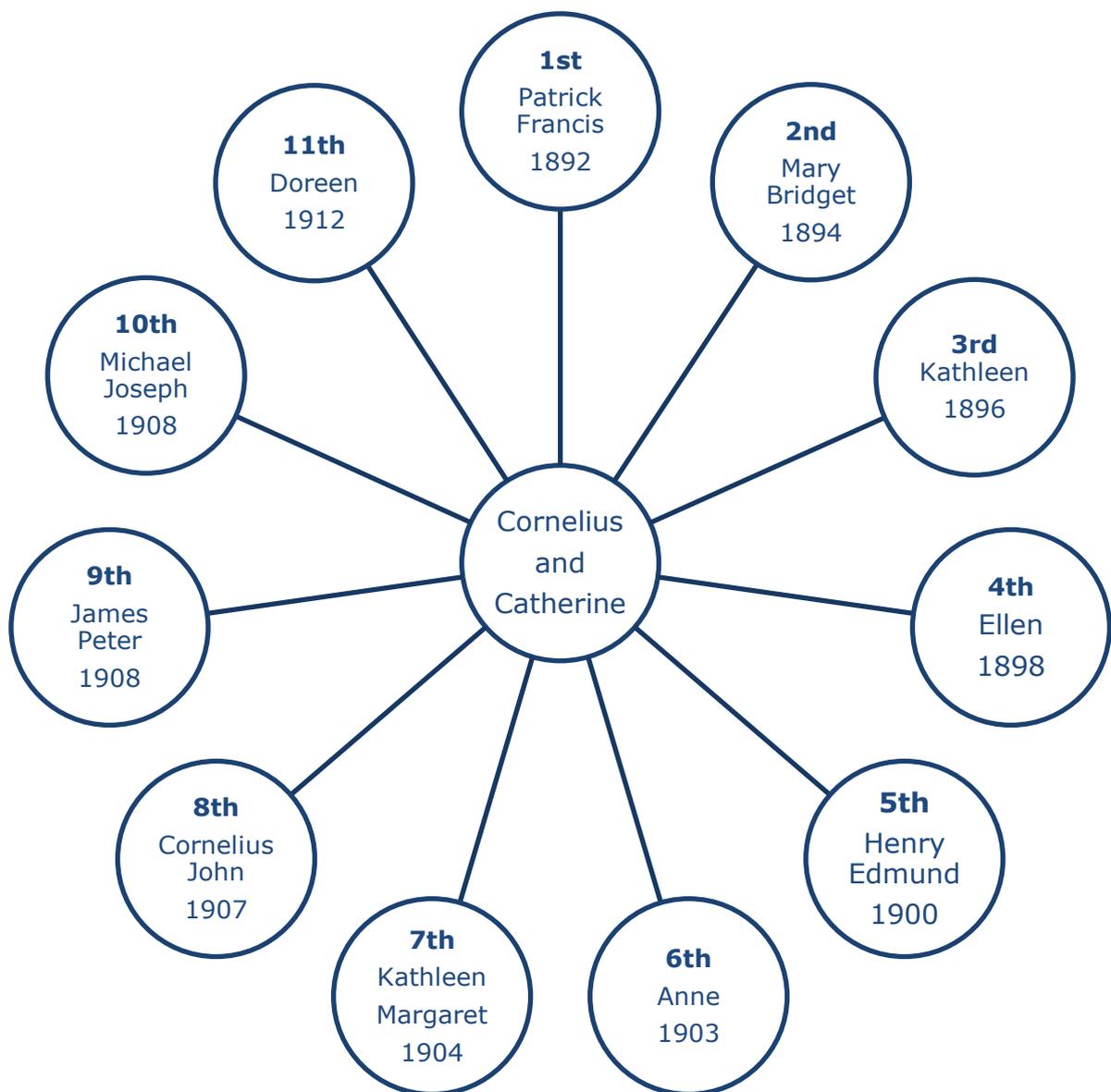
FAMILY CHART

First generation

born in Carlton, New South Wales

Australia

1892-1912



PATRICK FRANCIS TOOHEY - 1st child

Patrick Francis was born 20 May 1892 when the family were living in Fig Street Ultimo. Mrs Williams was present at the birth. He married Gladys Elizabeth May Cooper, daughter of Frederick and Alice Cooper on 17 February 1920 in St Patricks, Kogarah.

The nine children from this marriage are -

Patrick Mannix (*the researcher of the Toohey family*), Gladys Kathleen, Eileen May, Norma Mary, Maureen Annie, Claire Rita, Carmel Therese, Brian and John.

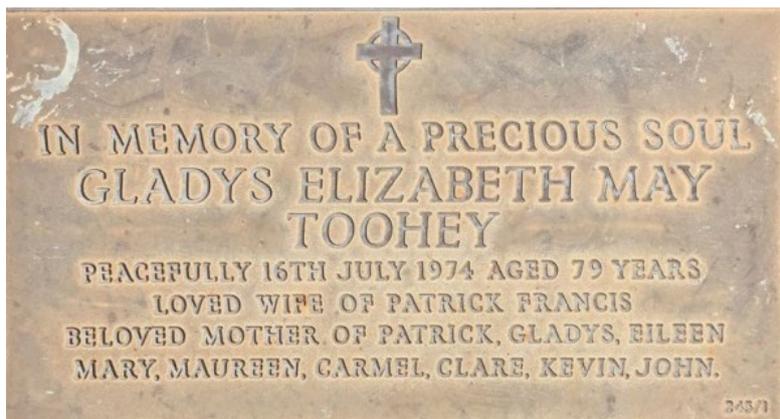


Patrick Francis and Gladys Elizabeth May, date unknown.

Patrick died 2nd April, 1966 at home in Cameron Street Bexley *from congestive heart failure after emphysema and tuberculosis* and is interred in Woronora Memorial Park. RC lawn 1-0245. Gladys died 16th July, 1974 in the district hospital, Fairfield and is interred in Woronora Memorial Park beside Patrick.

P. TOOHEY
 REGISTERED MILK VENDOR
 43 Cameron Street
 BEXLEY
 PURE FRESH MILK
*Cleanliness, Civility, Punctuality
 Guaranteed.*

This was an advertisement in St Michael's Parish *Messenger* February 1949.



Photos of memorial plaques taken by Findagrave volunteers February 2019.

A NIGHT WITH GRANDPA

With Compliments from **P. TOOHEY** Phone: LW2986

Registered Dairyman *Dromore Dairy*
ILIFFE STREET, BEXLEY

CALENDAR for 1931

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Sun.	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	31 3 10 17 24	7 14 21 28
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Copy of a calendar, advertising at its finest, produced for the year 1931 for Patrick Toohey. It has been preserved in laminate and is part of the research files.

Iliffe Street (Bexley)
Croydon rd to St. George's rd
West side

Griggs Mrs. Mary
Griggs L. W., dairyman
Toohy Bros., dairy

SANDS DIRECTORY 1930 part 3 page 231. Iliffe Street, Bexley

Toohy Bros., dairy, Iliffe st, Bexley
SANDS DIRECTORY 1930 part 18 Iliffe Street Bexley.

MARY BRIDGET 2nd child

Mary Bridget was born 28 February 1894 in the St George district hospital.

The small family were living in Webbers Road. Carlton.

Nurse or witness at the birth was Mrs Coleman.

Mary married Robin Hunt, an Englishman from Lancashire, on 29 April, 1922 at Our Lady of the Rosary, Waitara. On her marriage to Robin, Mary became step mother to Robin's twin girls Nellie and Marion.

Two girls were born to Mary and Robin and they are -

Kathleen May

Margaret Mary

Mary Hunt died 13 July 1990 in St George district Hospital, Kogarah from *myocardial infarct* and is buried Rookwood Catholic cemetery M2, Section 19 grave 160



Robin died 22 December 1946 in the Masonic Hospital, Ashfield, he is buried in Rookwood Catholic cemetery M2, Section 19 grave 159 beside his wife.



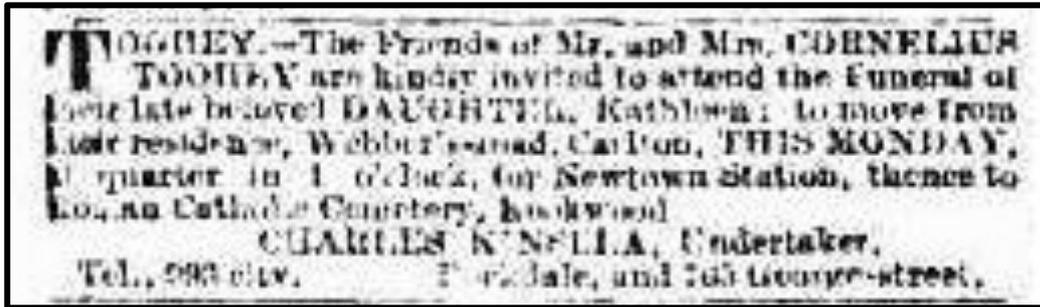
HUNT, Robin.—December 22 1946, at a private hospital, Ashfield, beloved husband of Mary Hunt, of 97 Correy's Avenue, Concord, and dear father of Nellie, Marion, Kathleen, and Margaret, aged 66 years. Requiescat in pace.

Sydney Morning Herald 24th December 1946 page 10, col. 2.



KATHLEEN MARGARET 3rd child

Kathleen was born 7th March 1896 and baptised in St Patrick's Kogarah and sadly died 18th November 1899 in Womens and Children's hospital Lewisham from *tuberculosis and enteritis* and is buried in Rookwood Catholic cemetery Section M1 F grave 1241.



Sydney Morning Herald 20th November 1899, Page 10, column 1



ELLEN (NELLIE) 4th child

Ellen was born 1st July 1898 in Webbers Road, Carlton, with Dr McLeod and Mrs Warren present at the birth, she was baptised at St Patrick's Catholic Church Kogarah. At the age of 20 Ellen gave birth to a son who she called Leonard Maurice Toohey. At the age of 31 she married Reginald George Ernest Gilbert, a widower aged 38, from Queensland Reginald had one daughter from his previous marriage. The couple married in St Michaels Catholic Church, Hurstville on 9th March 1929.

From her mother Catherine, Ellen inherited properties 56 Willison Road, Carlton and a vacant block of land adjoining property 66 Willison Road.

No other children were born to Reginald and Ellen. Ellen died suddenly on 29th January, 1971 while on holiday in Athens, Greece and her memorial plaque is in Woronora cemetery Catholic section 5 grave 2158.

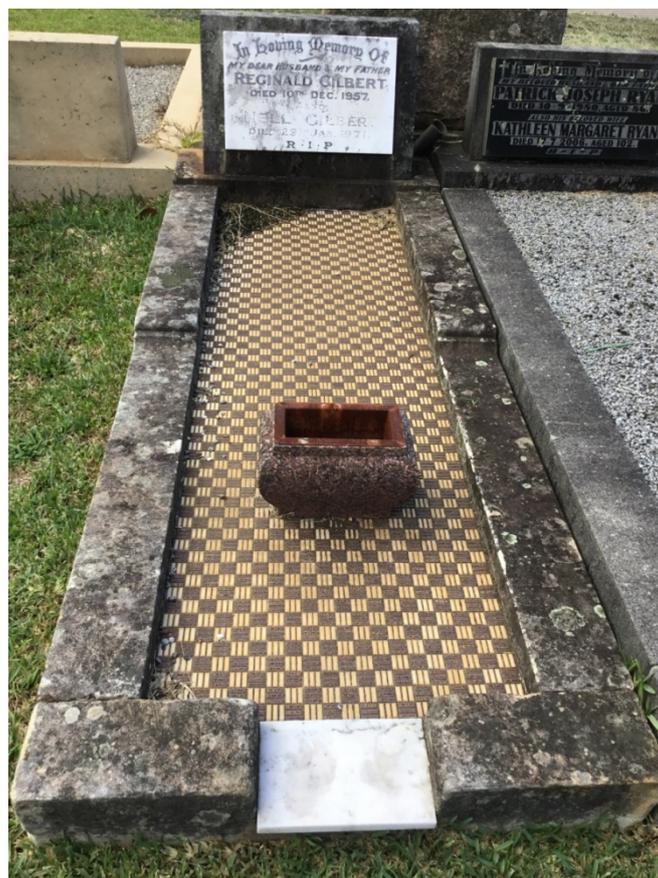
Reginald died 10 December 1957 in Linwood private Hospital, Bexley from *coronary occlusion, after articular fibrillation* and he is buried with Nellie in Woronora cemetery, Catholic section 5 grave 2158.

The couple had been living in 62 Wilison Road Carlton.





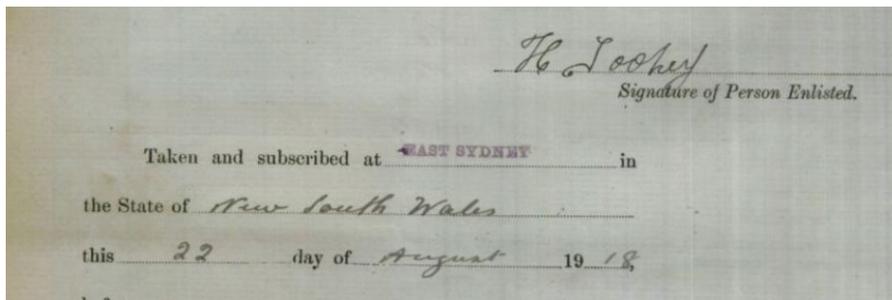
Woronora Memorial Park Section 5. Location of plaque.



HENRY EDMUND (HARRY) 5th child

Harry was born 19th November 1900 at Webbers Road Carlton with Mrs Gordon as witness to the birth. He was baptised in St Patrick's Catholic Church Kogarah.

On 18th August 1918 Harry applied at East Sydney depot to enlist for WW1 however all his paperwork was cancelled due to his being under age, he had stated he was 19 and a milk carter, in true fact he was only 18. There are 15 pages of his record, B455 series Service number 94089 on the National Archives website which make interesting reading.¹



Harry's signature from the enlistment form.

He married Linda Ida Cooper on 28th May 1921 in *Aliceville*, Washington Street Bexley. Henry was a candidate for the 1934 Bexley ward Municipal elections and received 436 votes.²

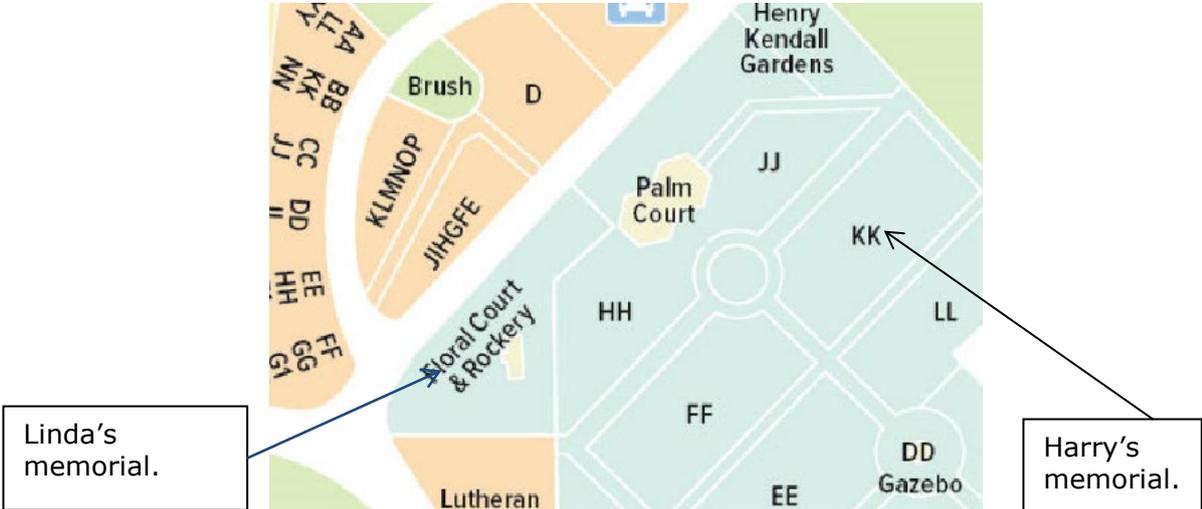
Henry died 13th August 1994 whilst in Christadelphian nursing home, Padstow and his ashes were interred in the KK Rose Garden 16-0119 Woronora Memorial Park. Linda died 17th October 1974 and her ashes are interred in the Floral Court rockery at Woronora Memorial Park.

¹ *National Archives of Australia* www.naa.gov.au

² *The Propellor*, 6 December 1934 page 7, column 3.

Nos 75 and 77 Mill Street were properties left to Harry under the terms of his mother's will.

One son Morris Henry was born to this couple, Morris died 16 May 1988.



Woronora Memorial Park location of resting places for Harry, wife Linda and son Morris Henry.



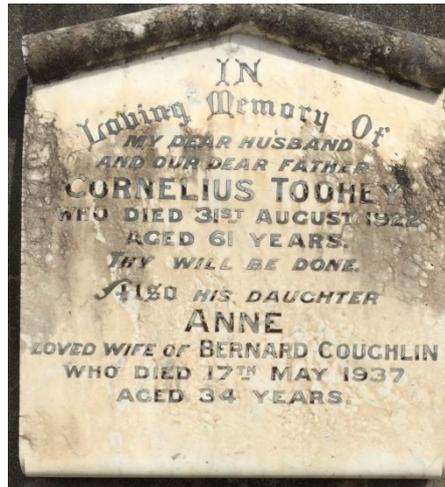
ANNE (ANNIE) 6th child

Anne was born 3rd January 1903 with Dr Rice and Mrs Bidwell present in the family home, Webbers Road Carlton and baptised in St Patrick's Church Kogarah. Her birth was registered on 21st February of 1903. She married Cecil Bernard Coughlin, a country boy from Walcha, in St Michael's Hurstville on 13th October 1934. The family called him 'Barney'.



A young Annie Toohey, old family photo, not dated.

Two and a half years later on 17 May 1937 Anne died from results of *toxaemia of pregnancy* in Crown Street Women's hospital and was buried in Catholic section 1-282 Woronora Memorial Park. with her father and mother.



Headstone at Woronora Memorial Park, Catholic section 1-282 with her mother and father.

MRS. ANNIE COUGHLIN.

The death occurred of Mrs. Annie Coughlin, of Willison-road, Bexley, on the 17th ult. Mrs. Coughlin, who was Miss Annie Toohey before her marriage, was born in Bexley in 1903, and for the whole of her life had resided in that district. She was educated at St. Michael's Convent, Hurstville. In 1934 she was married to Mr. Bernard Coughlin. Mrs. Coughlin was an exemplary member of the Sacred Heart Sodality, and was a keen worker in parochial matters. The keynote of her life was her great devotion to her holy faith. She was consoled by the reception of the Last Sacraments before her death. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Michael's Church, Hurstville, by Rev. Father W. Power, and the funeral left the church for Woronora Cemetery, where Rev. Father G. D. Wallington recited the last prayers at the graveside. The funeral was largely attended by many relatives and friends, the principal mourners being Mr. Bernard Coughlin (husband), Mrs. Katherine Toohey (mother), Patrick Toohey (brother), Mrs. R. Hunt (sister), Mrs. R. Gilbert (sister), Henry Toohey (brother); Kathleen, Cornelius, Michael and James Toohey (sister and brothers). The funeral arrangements were carried out by W. N. Bull Pty., Ltd.—R.I.P.

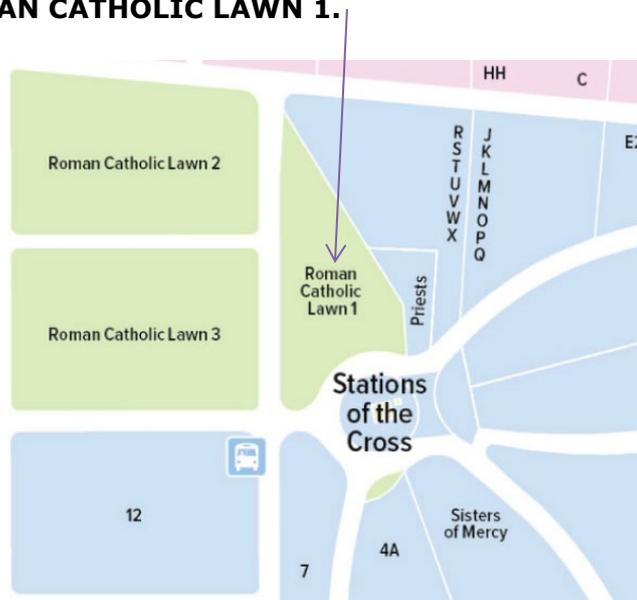
Catholic Press (Sydney, NSW: 1895 - 1942) Thursday 3 June 1937, page 27.

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Catholic Freeman's Journal (Sydney NSW 1932-1942) Thursday 24 June 1937, page 4.

Mrs Annie Coughlin of 66 Willison Road, Bexley, who died recently, was born in Bexley on 3rd January 1903 and for the whole of her life resided in that district. Deceased was a devout Catholic and received the Last Rites of the Church prior to her death. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at St Michael's Church Hurstville by Rev. Father W. Power and the funeral left the church for /Woronora Cemetery where Rev Father G.D. Wallington recited the Rosary and the last prayers at the grave side. The principal mourners were Mr Bernard Coughlin (husband) Mrs Elizabeth Toohey (mother), Patrick Toohey, (brother) Mrs R. Hunt (sister) Mrs R. Gilbert (sister) Henry Toohey (brother) Kathleen, Cornelius, Michael and James Toohey (sister and brothers). The funeral arrangements were carried out by W.N. Bull Pty.Ltd.

SECTION OF GUIDE FROM WORONORA MEMORIAL PARK LOCATION OF ROMAN CATHOLIC LAWN 1.



Cecil remarried to Dorothy May Dobson seven years later in 1942, in Kogarah. He died 26 December 1979 and was buried in the Catholic cemetery at Rookwood Section Lawn 5 plot 1150. Dorothy died 23rd February and is buried alongside Cecil.³



Photo Findagrave.com volunteer 201

³ Ryerson Index and Findagrave.com

KATHLEEN MARGARET - 7th child

Kathleen was born 19th April 1904 at home and like her siblings, was baptised in St Patrick's Church, Kogarah. She married Patrick Joseph Ryan 29th October 1941 in St Michaels Roman Catholic Church Hurstville. Patrick's death certificate included his birth place as Waterford Ireland. Five sons were born to this couple - Walter, Kevin, Peter, John and Michael. and at the time of his death 10th September 1980, Patrick died

10th September 1980 aged 86.

RYAN, Kathleen Margaret. —
July 17, 2006.
Late of Bexley.

Dearly loved wife of Patrick Joseph (deceased). Loving mother and mother-in-law of Walter and Mary, Kevin (deceased) and Elke, Peter and Phyllis, John and Margaret, Michael and Sue. Cherished grandmother of Paul, Robert, Michael, Elizabeth and Suzanne; Steven (deceased), Nanette; Kathryn, Mark, and Margaret; Anne, Patrick (deceased), Caitlin, and Fergus; Alice, David and Anthony. Great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother to their children.

Sister of Patrick Francis, Mary Bridget, Kathleen, Ellen, Henry Edmund, Anne, Cornelius John, James Peter, Michael Joseph and Doreen (all deceased). A much loved aunt and great-aunt to their children. Loved aunt of Kath Preece, Maureen, John, Eileen and Patrick (deceased) McLoughlin.

**In her 103rd year.
Requiescat in Pace.**

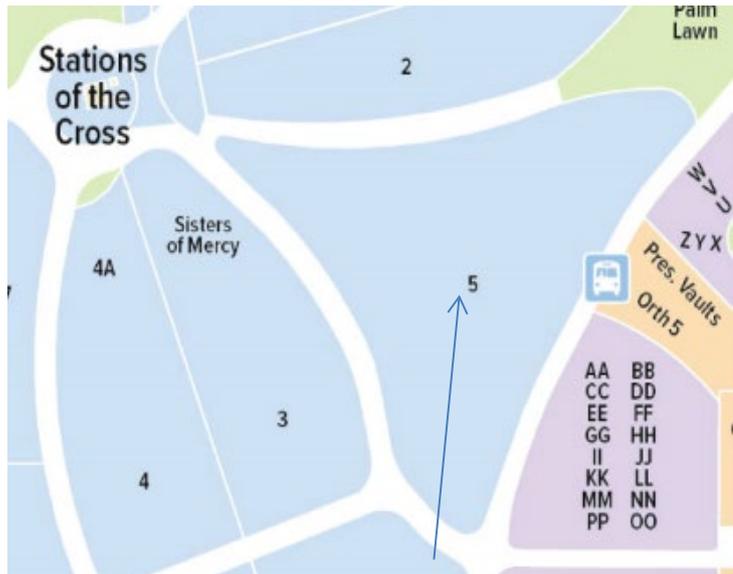
Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of KATHLEEN MARGARET RYAN will be offered in St. Michael's Church, Croydon Road, Hurstville, on Thursday (July 20, 2006), commencing at 10.30 a.m.

The funeral will leave the church at the conclusion of the Mass for Woronora Cemetery, Linden Street, Sutherland.

Kathleen died 17 July 2006 and was buried in Woronora Memorial Park Catholic monumental section 5 grave 2159 with her husband Patrick. She lived a great life of 102 years.

The property 50A Cameron Street, was bequeathed to Kathleen by her mother.

Funeral notice *Sydney Morning Herald* 18 July 2006
from National Library of
Australia.



location of Patrick and Kathleen Ryan's grave.



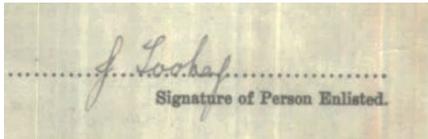
Photo taken by Woronora Memorial Park staff April 2019.



CORNELIUS JOHN 8th child

Cornelius John was born 23rd January 1907 and baptised in St Patricks Church Kogarah.

Australian Archives WORLD WAR 1 RECORD service no. 3943 CORNELIUS JOHN (aka) JOHN TOOHEY



John signed attestation papers on 19th October 1915. He stated he was 5 feet 4 ³/₄ inches tall, aged 21, a tailor by trade. His service records No. 3943 are 20 pages in length⁴ and make interesting reading. He was appointed to the 17th battalion on 14 August 1916 and spent time in France and England then

SMALLPOX ON THE KHYBER SHIP QUARANTINED.

(By Telegraph.)

Sydney, Wednesday
The P. and O. steamer *Khyber*, which arrived this morning from London, went into quarantine, owing to there having been an outbreak of smallpox on board during the voyage.

Singleton Argus (NSW: 1880 - 1954), Thursday 15 May 1919, page 2.

returned to Australia on the *Khyber* leaving England 31 March 1919, disembarking in Sydney on 14th May and was discharged in July of that year.

He married Dorothy May Pearl Reynolds in 1930 at Erskineville and they had one child Barry John Reynolds Toohey. Cornelius died at the age of 43 from *peritonitis from ruptured duodenal ulcer*, he had been living in 50 Cameron Street, Bexley prior to his death.

He is buried in Woronora memorial Park Roman Catholic section 4B grave 97. Dorothy was cremated in Lismore Crematorium 27 June 1991.

⁴ *National Archives of Australia* B455 series service no. 3943.

TOOHEY, Cornelius John.—August 15, 1950, at the St. George Hospital, of 50a Cameron Street Bexley, dearly loved husband of May, loved father of Barry, beloved son of Mrs. Catherine and the late Cornelius Toohey, dear brother of Patrick, Mary (Mrs. R. Hunt), Nellie (Mrs. R. Gilbert), Henry, Annie (Mrs. Coughlan, deceased), Kathleen (Mrs. P. Ryan), Michael, and James, aged 43 years. Requiescat in pace.

Death notice *Sydney Morning Herald* 16 August 1950 page 30 col 2.



Woronora Memorial Park
Roman Catholic section 4B

TOOHEY.—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. Catherine Toohey and Family are invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly loved Son and their dear Brother, **CORNELIUS JOHN TOOHEY.** For further particulars see family notice.
J and C. HARDY, A.F.D.A.

TOOHEY.—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. Pearl Harris, and Daughter, Jessie, and Family, are invited to attend the Funeral of her dear Son-in-law and their dear Brother-in-law and Uncle, **CORNELIUS JOHN TOOHEY.** For further particulars see family notice.
J and C. HARDY, A.F.D.A.

TOOHEY.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. Sid Reynolds are invited to attend the Funeral of his dear Son-in-law, **CORNELIUS JOHN TOOHEY.** For further particulars see family notice.

Sydney Morning Herald Funeral notices 16 August 1950 page 30 column 7.



JAMES PETER (JIM) 9th child
Twin TO MICHAEL JOSEPH

James (Jim) was born 2nd May 1908 twin to Michael Joseph.

He married Thelma May Raynor who was born close by at St Peters on 2nd October 1932, in St Michaels, Hurstville. Jim died from *myocardial infarction, coronary disease* on 26th January 1983 He had been living in 56a Willison Rd and was a milk vendor. He is buried in the Roman Catholic section at Woronora Memorial Park RC Lawn 3 plaque 0178. They had one child Peter Ernest. Thelma died in the Curie Nursing Home on 30 June 1991 and was buried beside her husband.

MEMORIES FROM PETER TOOHEY

Both James and Michael Toohey, known as Jim and Mick or simply 'the twins' were educated at St Joseph's College Hunters Hill until their Dad died. They had to leave St Joseph's to work on the Dairy.

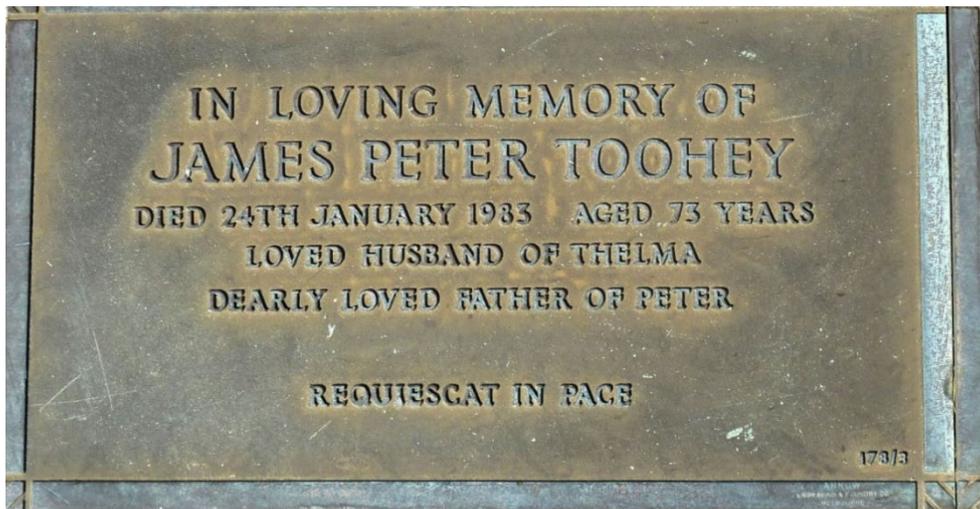
They both worked milk runs together until the runs were split up and they went mechanised at the same time, probably around 1954.

Mick was an active member of the Bexley Lawn Bowls Club. Both joined the San Souci Lions Club. Both suffered from hip problems as a result of jumping down from the carts and landing on the one leg. They worked 7 days a week from 2am and very rarely could take holidays.

They tried to enlist in WW2 but were rejected as they were required for essential services - milk production and deliveries.

They were well respected from their customers and it was not unusual for them to supply milk to mothers with babies even though they had no money to pay. The long hours they worked meant early to bed, early to rise and so not much time left for social activities.

TRAFFIC CASES.
Defendants fined for driving motor vehicles after sunset without lights were: Rupert James Todd (10/-), William George Oldham (20/-), Walter H. Sattler (10/-), and Charles Dennis, a young cyclist, was also fined 10/-. James Peter Toohey, a milk carter, was fined 5/- for having no lights at 2.45 a.m. on November 27.
St George Call, 13 December 1929, page2, column 5



MICHAEL JOSEPH 10th child and
Twin TO JAMES PETER

Michael was born 2nd May 1908 twin to James Peter. He married Irene Agnes Williams from Braidwood on 29th July 1912.

They had the following children –

Noelene Joan who married Thomas Wilkinson in 1963.

Brian Michael

Raymond

Michael (Mick) died on 7th August 1990 while in St George Nursing Home at the age of 81. Cause of death was *Carcinomatous metastases, primary unknown and cerebrovascular accident, (cancer)*. He had been ill for about 3 years. He was buried in Woronora Memorial Park in the Roman Catholic section Lawn 5 memorial 2163. Irene died 9 June 1987, prior to Michael and is interred with her husband.

Michael and family lived in the house Catherine had bequeathed him in her will, 66 Willison Road, Carlton.



Find A Grave Memorial **181087583** from find a grave volunteer March 2019.I

RC Lawn 3 plaque 0178

DOREEN TOOHEY 11th child

Doreen was born on 14th August 1912 when the family were living in Willison Road Carlton and died at 11 months of age on 27th July 1913 from *diphtheria* which she had for 2 days. She was buried the next day in the Roman Catholic cemetery Rookwood. M1. section F. grave 1241.

TOOHEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. CORNELIUS TOOHEY are invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER (Doreen); to leave their residence, Webbers-road, Carlton, **THIS AFTERNOON**, at 12 o'clock, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Newtown.
CHARLES KINSELA, Funeral Director, **Rookdale**; and 425 Pitt-st, Haymarket. T., 4693 City, 6 Kog.

Sydney Morning Herald Monday 28 July 1913, page 7 column 2



Cornelius and Catherine (Parents)

Cornelius died at home on 31 August 1922 after suffering from heart disease and a malignant stomach tumour at the age of 61. There were eleven family notices in the funeral columns of the Sydney Morning Herald from both the Toohey and the O'Connor families.¹

DEATH OF MR CORNELIUS TOOHEY.

There passed away at Carlton on 31st ult. one of the oldest and most respected residents, in the person of Mr. Cornelius Toohey, at the age of 61. The deceased, was a native of Dromore, County Clare, Ireland, and arrived in Australia 43 years ago, at the early age of 18. In these days there was little prospect for the Irish immigrant, except hard toil, and young Toohey immediately set to work with that light-heartedness and honesty of purpose which eventually brings its reward. After saving a little capital, he opened a dairy at Willison-road, Carlton, and for many years past he catered for the householders of that locality with remarkable regularity and attention. About six years ago he was afflicted with an internal malady, and never regained good health, having been confined to his room for the past two years. He leaves a widow (nee Kate O'Connor, of County Limerick),

Part article from *Catholic Press* (Sydney, NSW: 1895 - 1942), Thursday 7 September 1922, page 26.

¹ *Sydney Morning Herald*, 2 September 1922 page 11, column 2 Family notices.

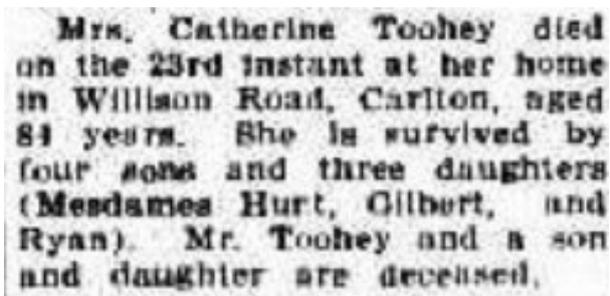
OBITUARY CORNELIUS TOOHEY TRANSCRIPTION

Catholic Press (Sydney, NSW: 1895 - 1942), Thursday 7 September 1922, page 26, column 2.

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CATHERINE'S DEATH



Mrs. Catherine Toohey died on the 23rd instant at her home in Willison Road, Carlton, aged 81 years. She is survived by four sons and three daughters (Mesdames Hurt, Gilbert, and Ryan). Mr. Toohey and a son and daughter are deceased.

Propeller (Hurstville, NSW: 1911 - 1954), Thursday 29th May 1952, District deaths, page 3 column 4.

CATHERINE'S FUNERAL



TOOHEY.—Requiem Mass for the eternal repose of the Soul of the late CATHERINE TOOHEY, of 66 Willison Road, Carlton, will be celebrated This (Monday) Morning, at 6.30 o'clock, in the Church of St. Michael, Croydon Road, Hurstville. The Funeral will leave the Church at 2.45 p.m., for the Catholic Cemetery, Woronora.
J. and C. HARDY, A.F.D.A.,
Rockdale and Hurstville.

Sydney Morning Herald 26th May 1951 Funerals, page 10 column 7.

17661111 Toohery Cornelius late of Barton

Dairyman

This is the last Will and Testament of me
Cornelius Toohery of Webb's Road Barton in the
State of New South Wales I give, devise and bequeath
all my real and personal estate to my wife
Catherine Toohery. I direct payment of all my just
debts, testamentary and funeral expenses. I revoke
all former Wills by me made and I appoint
Martin Casey 54 Cowper Street of Waterloo Sydney
Executor of this my Will for Witness whereof I
have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of
February 1916 One thousand nine hundred and
sixteen. Signed and acknowledged by the said
Cornelius Toohery as his last Will and Testament in
the presence of us both present at the same
time and we at his request and in his presence
and in the presence of each other have hereto set
our names as witnesses signed Cornelius
TOOHERY. Witnesses to this signature on the
26th day of February One thousand nine hundred and
sixteen. Mary Toohery; Edward Eager.

16th February 1923. On this date Probate of the
above last Will and Testament of the above named
Testator Cornelius Toohery late of Barton near Sydney
in the State of New South Wales Dairyman deceased,
was granted in the Supreme Court of New South
Wales in its Probate Jurisdiction to Martin Casey
of 54 Cowper Street Waterloo near Sydney in the
State of New South Wales Executor the sole Executor
named in the said Will. Testator died at Bar-
ton near Sydney in the State of New South
Wales on or about the 28th day of August
1922. Estate within the State of New South Wales
sworn at £6816

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D. H.

Cornelius will dated 26th February 1916 Estate worth £6816 left to his wife Catherine.
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The FAMILY of the late CATHERINE TOOHEY, of Bexley, wish to offer their sincere THANKS to the people of Moore Street, Staff of Fred. Clarke Pty. Ltd., Factory, Marrickville the Staff of Keleman Pty. Ltd., Vendors Dairy Farmers, Bexley, for their beautiful floral tributes, also Drs. Figtree and Fitzhardinge, for their constant attention to our dear mother.

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CATHERINE'S WILL

395270. TOOHEY CATHERINE late of Carlton. Widow.

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me CATHERINE TOOHEY of 66 Willison Road Carlton in the State of New South Wales Widow I HEREBY REVOKE all former Wills and codicils made by me AND DECLARE this to be my last Will I APPOINT my two sons Michael Joseph Toohey and James Peter Toohey to be Executors of this my Will after payment of my just debts funeral death and estate duties and testamentary expenses out of my personal estate which I HEREBY DIRECT to be a primary fund for those purposes I MAKE THE FOLLOWING DEVISES: TO my son Patrick Francis Toohey properties numbers 43 and 52 Cameron Street Carlton TO my daughter Mary Hunt the wife of Robin Hunt my property number 36 Henry Street Carlton TO my daughter Nellie Gilbert the wife of Reginald Gilbert my property number 56 Willison Road Carlton and a vacant block of land adjoining property number 66 Willison Road Carlton TO my son Henry Edmund Toohey properties numbers 75 and 77 Mill Street Carlton TO my daughter Kathleen Margaret Ryan the wife of Patrick Ryan property number 50A Cameron Street Carlton TO my son Michael Joseph Toohey property number 66 Willison Road Carlton for and during his life and from and after his death to his son Brian absolutely on his attaining the age of twenty-one years TO my said daughter Kathleen Margaret Ryan property number 50 Cameron Street Carlton AND I HEREBY EMPOWER my Trustees to make such advances as they think fit for or on account of the maintenance education or advancement in life of my said grandson Brian during his minority and either out of capital or income TO my daughter Nellie Gilbert property number 62 Willison Road Carlton TO my son James Peter Toohey property number 58 Willison Road Carlton TO my son James Peter Toohey property number 58 Willison Road Carlton and TO my sons Michael Joseph Toohey and James Peter Toohey a block of land situate in Cameron Street Carlton at the rear of 66 Willison Road Carlton in equal shares as tenants in common I MAKE THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS: TO my daughter Kathleen Margaret Ryan my bedroom suite consisting of a dressing table pedestal wardrobe and bed and my gold watch TO my son James Peter Toohey an oil painting of myself TO my son Michael Joseph Toohey my single stone diamond ring I GIVE DEVISE AND BEQUEATH the rest and residue of my real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever situate unto my children Patrick Francis Toohey, Mary Hunt, Nellie Gilbert, Henry Edmund Toohey Kathleen Margaret Ryan, Michael Joseph Toohey and James Peter Toohey in equal shares as tenants in common LASTLY I DIRECT that the sum of ten pounds (£10) be set aside by my Executors out of the residue of my personal estate and used for the saying of Masses for the repose of my soul. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of September One thousand nine hundred and fifty. CATHERINE TOOHEY.

EDWARD F. MILVERTON. Solr. Sydney. B. K. COWIE.

SIGNED by the Testatrix CATHERINE TOOHEY as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us both present at the same time who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses:

CATHERINE TOOHEY.

EDWARD F. MILVERTON. Solr. Sydney. B. K. COWIE.

30th SEPTEMBER, 1952. Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased was granted and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses:

CATHERINE TOOHEY.

EDWARD F. MILVERTON. Solr. Sydney. B. K. COWIE.

30th SEPTEMBER, 1952. Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased was granted to MICHAEL JOSEPH TOOHEY and JAMES PETER TOOHEY the Executors named in the said Will. TESTATRIX died on the 23rd day of May, 1952. ESTATE Sworn at the sum of £16651. nett.

TRANSCRIPTION OF CATHERINE TOOHEY'S WILL. Late of Carlton, widow.

This is last will and testament of me **CATHERINE TOOHEY** of 66 Willison Road Carlton in the state of New South Wales widow.

I hereby revoke all former wills and codicils made by me and declare this is to be my last will.

I APPOINT MY TWO SONS **Michael Joseph Toohey** and **James Peter Toohey** to be executors of this my will after payment of my just debts funeral death and estate duties and testamentary expenses out of my personal estate which I hereby direct to a primary fund for those purposes I make the following devises:

To my son **Patrick Francis Toohey** properties numbers 43 and 52 Cameron Street Carlton.

To my daughter **Mary Hunt** the wife of Robin Hunt my property number 36 Henry Street, Carlton.

To my daughter **Nellie Gilbert** wife of Reginald my property 56 Willison Road Carlton and a vacant block of land adjoining property number 66 Willison Road, Carlton.

To my son **Henry Edmund Toohey** properties numbers 75 and 77 Mill Street Carlton.

To my daughter **Kathleen Margaret Ryan** the wife of Patrick Ryan property number 50A Cameron Street Carlton.

To my son **Michael Joseph Toohey** property Number 66 Willison road, Carlton for and during his life and from and after his death to his son **Brian** absolutely on his attaining the age of twenty-one years.

To my said daughter **Kathleen Margaret Ryan** property number 50 Cameron Street Carlton and I hereby empower my trustees to make such advances as they think fit for or on account of the maintenance, education or advancement in life of my said grandson **Brian** during his minority and either out of capital or income to my daughter **Nellie Gilbert** property number 62 Willison Road Carlton.

To my son **James Peter Toohey** property number 58 Willison Road Carlton and to my sons **Michael Joseph Toohey** and **James Peter Toohey** a block of land situate in Cameron Street Carlton at the rear of 66 Willison Road, Carlton in equal shares as tenants in common.

I make the following bequests

To my daughter **Kathleen Margaret Ryan** my bedroom suite consisting of a dressing table pedestal wardrobe and bed and my gold watch.

To my son **James Peter Toohey** an oil painting of myself.

To my son **Michael Joseph Toohey** my single stone diamond ring.

I give and bequeath the rest and residue of my real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever situate unto my children **Patrick Francis Toohey, Mary Hunt, Nellie Gilbert, Henry Edmund Toohey, Kathleen Margaret Ryan, Michael Joseph Toohey and James Peter Toohey** in equal shares as tenants in common.

Lastly I direct that the sum of ten pounds (£10) be set aside by my Executors out of the residue of my personal estate and used for the saying of Masses for the repose of my soul.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of September one thousand nine hundred and fifty. **CATHERINE TOOHEY**
Edward F Milverton, solicitor Sydney. B.K.Cowin

Signed by the testatrix **CATHERINE TOOHEY** as and for her last will and testament in the presence at the same time who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses. **CATHERINE TOOHEY**
Edward F Milverton. B.K. Cowin.

30th September 1952 Probate of the will of the above-named deceased was granted to Michael Joseph Toohey and James Peter Toohey the executors named in the said will. Testatrix died on the 23rd day of May 1952 Estate sworn at the sum of £16,651 nett. Information from Bayside Library on 16 Feb 2018 Council valuation books 1927 to 1978

AFTER 1952

Cornelius owned six lots of land -56A, 58, 60, 62, 64 and 66 Willison Road all of which passed to Mrs Kate Toohey after his death. A seventh property 56 Willison Road is listed in 1927 as being owned by Mrs Kate Toohey (whereas the other six properties are listed as being owned by the Estate of the late Cornelius Toohey).²

Kate Toohey is listed as living at 66 Willison road, a house which has the name of Dromore Cottage.

56 Willison Road passed to Mrs Nellie Gilbert after Kate's death in 1952.

Nellie sold the property to Phyllis Nickson in 1956.

² *Council valuation books 1927 to 1978 from Bayside Library 16 Feb 2018.*

56a Willison Road passed to James Peter Toohey then to Thelma and Peter Toohey they sold it to Risto and Lena Ristev in 1991/2.

58 Willison Road was managed by Michael Joseph after Kate's death it was sold to Robert William Jervis in 1956.

60 Willison Road passed to Michael Joseph Toohey who sold it to Michael and Beryl Hayes in 1961.

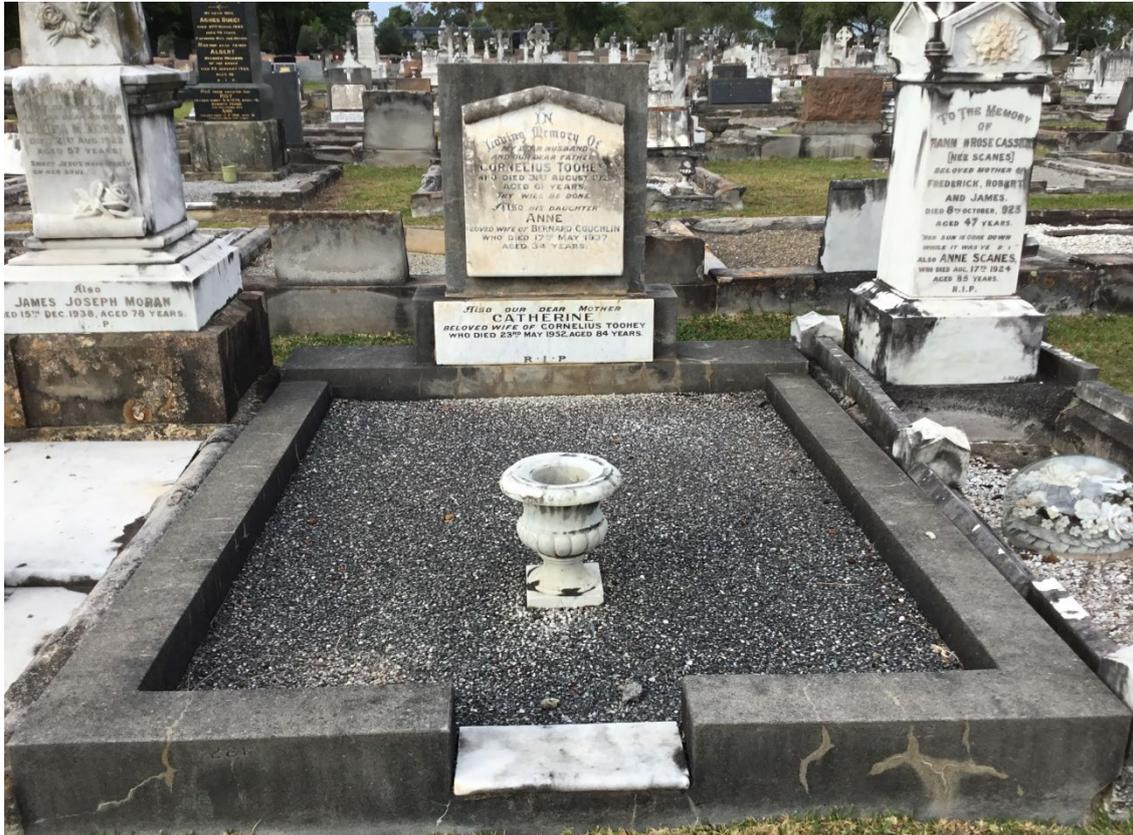
62 Willison Road was another property that passed to Nellie, after her death in 1971 it was sold to John and Margaret Canisius.

64 also left by Kate Toohey to Nellie Gilbert she sold it to Sidney and Joyce Millett in 1955.

66 Willison Road was the house Dromore. Michael Joseph had life tenancy after Kate's death When Michael died in 1990 the house passed to Brian Toohey and was then sold to Vera and Lesly Shina.



Mapping the final stage of Cornelius Toohey's adventure from Ireland to Australia



Cornelius and Catherine's resting place RC section 281 and 282
Woronora Memorial Park, 2019



Location of
Memorial

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Here, you will find the registration details of a vessel such as the rigging, the tonnage, dimensions, propulsion, owners and her Master. These have been transcribed from the Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping from 1764 up to 2003, by Gilbert Provost with assistance from Pauline Joicey.

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AUTHOR'S NOTE AND BIO

Maxine Gray has been a genealogist for approximately 35 years and has compiled eight books on her ancestors over this time.

Firstly using a portable Remington electric typewriter to make her own forms, accessing public libraries for microfiche and the Mormon's Family History Centre for microfilms and becoming a member of as many genealogy groups as possible.

Contact was made with many distant cousins in Australia, UK and USA determined to visit every town, village in UK and America where the ancestors lived as well as Australian sites.

Genealogy is an addiction and has kept me in good stead when my health deteriorated and I was confined to the house and still able to use the computer. Sadly eyesight has made it impossible to read land documents I had found for this project, however they are available for further historians to discover.

