



**EDWARD
MYLREA snr
1743–1784**

LONAN
ISLE OF MAN

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The online collection (all works-in-progress) is regularly updated when new information comes to light. Today, the following narratives can be found there:

- Early Mylreas in KK Michael 1500-1700
- William Mcylrea (Ballaugh) 1627-1692
- The Fatally Flawed Family of *Fildraw* 1600-1800
- The Mylreas of Douglas & District 1600-1900
- Fathers & Sons: One Mylroie Clan (Lonan) 1653-1900
- Edward Mylrea snr (Lonan) 1743-1784
- Nicholas Mylrea jnr, Farmer (Ballaugh) 1747-1823
- Three Daniels & a Thomas 1761-1934
- Thomas Mylrea, Farmer & Preacher (Braddan) 1788-1860
- Basil Mylrea, Mariner & Publican (Peel) 1791-1865
- Philip Mylrea, Stone Mason (Douglas) 1793-1861
- Frederick Thomas Mylrea, Military Man (London) 1803-1862
- John Mylrea 1852-1921
- The Brushmen of Bethnal Green
- Mylreas in 19th Century Lancashire
- The Mylreas of Canada (1900 -)

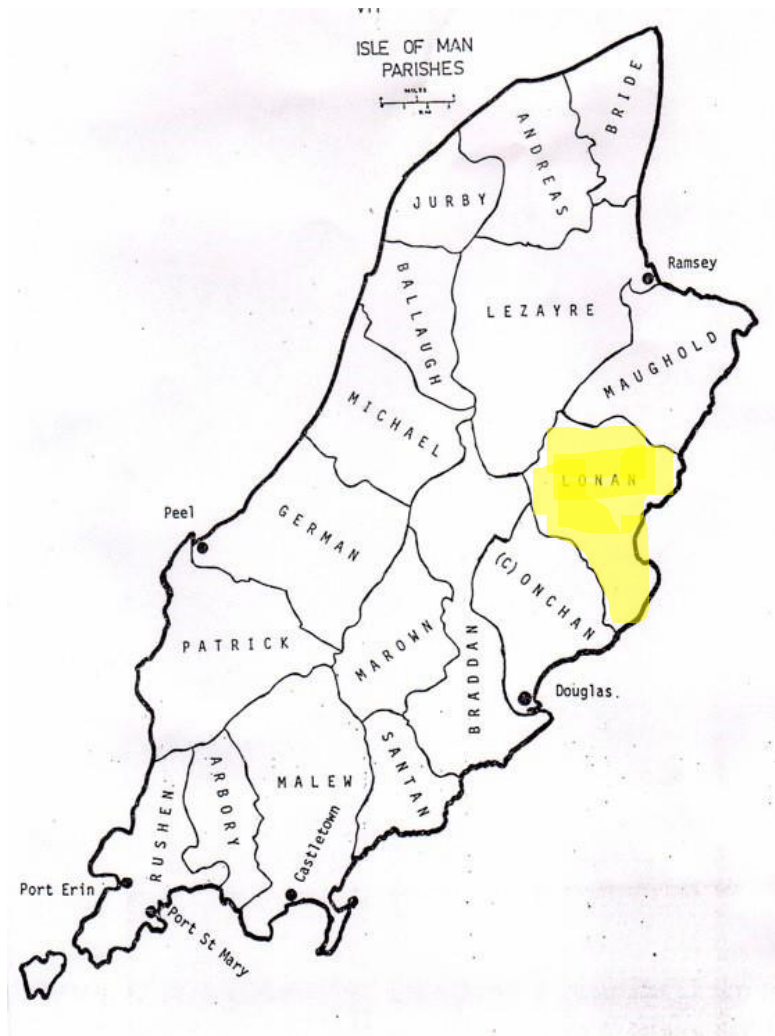
The patriarch in this story, Edward Mylrea, was not a native of the parish of Lonan, but came instead from Douglas. He had three sons, each of whom enjoyed success in their chosen professions. Another generation on, two of his grandsons rose to prominence, one in Liverpool and the other in Douglas. There is no clear evidence as to why this particular family might have done so well since the Mylreas on the Isle of Man, with the exception of the Deemster line, did not generally distinguish themselves. In family history terms, Edward's Lonan family is often confused with the MYLROIE clan¹ which was already well-established in Lonan by the time Edward arrived in the parish.

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¹ Attachment 1: Mylroie of Lonan

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Source: <http://woods atlas1867.webs.com>

***NOTE:** The spelling of the name MYLREA is a major stumbling block in all Mylrea family history research. So far, I've come across more than 30 variations included MYBREA, MYHEA, MYBRED, MYBRIA, MYLRIA, MYBREA, MYBREY, MILRAY, MEYLREA, MCYLREAN, MILREA, BYLREA and MACYLLERIAH.*

Add MYLROIE to the mix and confusion reigns in Lonan family history!



EDWARD *sr*

1743-1784

Edward Mylrea was the second of seven children of Thomas Mylrea snr and Margaret Cowin. He was baptised in 1743. This Mylrea family lived in the town of Douglas and were thus urban dwellers. On the baptismal entry for Edward's younger brother, William, in 1749, Edward's father was recorded as a weaver.

The origins of Thomas Mylrea snr are obscure. Perhaps he belonged to the urban Mylrea clan that had lived in Douglas since at least the start of the 1600s when land records show several Mylrea men as tenants in Douglas². Registers from those early times are reasonably well maintained but they give no hint of a generational chain to which Thomas snr might have belonged. He was certainly not the son of Thomas Mylrea of the *Ballacooiley* estate in Ballaugh because recent DNA analysis has ruled out this possibility.

Edward's mother, Margaret, was from the nearby parish of Lonan, the daughter of Philip Cowin and Mary Clague. Mary's 1763 will mentions *inter alia* a daughter named Margaret and a grandson named Edward Mylrea. In the will, Mary Cowin left Edward a blanket cover and a calf, the latter usually accompanied by a piece of land although the 1783 Liber Assedationis (LA) gives no indication that Edward was responsible for rent on any kind of land. Also of interest is that Mary Cowin had several grandchildren, including Edward's siblings, yet she singled him out as a legatee and one wonders if perhaps Edward lived with his grandparents in Lonan from a very early age. A 1759 shows he had been presented for playing cards on a Sunday when he was about 16 years old.

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The Wardens present Daniel Costean, Michael Kacy, Thos Kelly & Edward Mylrea for playing at cards on the fast day.
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² Attachment 2: LA Entries for Mylrea in Douglas

Edward was a wheelwright³.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
12	Thursday 26 th March 1840	William Mylrea Ann Cowley	60 years 31 1/2	Married Accompanied A widow A widow	A publican A hatter	in Laxey Glen in Laxey village	Edw Mylrea William Gellins	A wheelwright a Farmer
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <u>Church of England</u> by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		William Mylrea <i>my & mark</i> Ann Cowley <i>my & mark</i>		in the Presence of us,		J.W. Kerwick Joseph Matthews Minister of the Parish		

His was an urban family as was the rest of the family of Thomas and Margaret (Cowin). Edward snr probably lived in Laxey village (Laxey Glen), and Mylrea Terrace must surely have been named after his family and perhaps built by his descendants. Two of his three sons gravitated to Douglas or beyond, while his youngest, William, remained in Laxey Glen where he was described variously as a tailor, hatter, publican, and farmer.

Edward was only 41 years old when he died⁴, his youngest child barely 4 years old. Yet he left a rich legacy because his three sons led purposeful and successful lives, and lived considerably longer than their father.

The Mylreas of Douglas

Edward's parents, Thomas Mylrea snr and Margaret Cowin, were married in about 1738-1740, although no record of their marriage in Lonan or Braddan survives.

In reasonably quick succession, Thomas and Margaret had seven children:

- ☞ Philip 1741
- ☞ **Edward 1743**
- ☞ Margaret 1746
- ☞ William 1749
- ☞ John 1753
- ☞ Mary 1754
- ☞ Ann 1758

The oldest son was named after Margaret's father Philip Cowin. That first name reappeared through the generations of the descendants of Thomas and Margaret.

The name Edward was (and still is) uncommon amongst the Mylrea clans on the Isle of Man and nothing so far has given a clue as to why the couple chose this name for their second son.

³ Lonan Marriage register; 1840. 2nd marriage of Edward's son William

⁴ <http://www.mylrea.com.au/wills%20collection/edward-1784.html>



For the family historian, the will of Thomas snr presented a puzzle. He died in 1773 and left sixpence legacy to each of his eight children (his wife was still alive⁵)⁶ but Thomas and Margaret had only seven children. The first named in his will, also a Thomas, was never baptised into the family of Thomas and Margaret yet his mention at the top of the list of children in the will affirms that this was the oldest child of Thomas snr.

It is in a document dated 1749 that the relationship of Thomas jnr was revealed. That year, he inherited a Douglas property from Ann Harrison als Lewn⁷ who referred to Thomas Mylrea jnr as her nephew in her will. The major share of this particular property (cottage allotment) was progressively inherited by Margaret Mc ylrea als Lewn, after the deaths of her father Robert Lewn in 1714, her mother Ann Lewn als Cannell in 1724 and her sister Marriot Moore als Lewn in 1728. And Margaret Lewn had married Thomas Mylrea snr in 1717. Their only surviving child, Thomas jnr was baptised in 1721. In sum, Thomas Mylrea jnr was the half brother to the seven children of Thomas Mylrea snr and Margaret Cowen, because Thomas Mylrea snr had married twice – first to Margaret Lewn, and after her death in 1738, to Margaret Cowen.

Thomas jnr immediately dispersed his legacy. He sold his share to his co-executor, cousin Ann Corlett als Lewn⁸, gave half of his share of his mother's part of cottage allotment #112 to his father Thomas snr in 1753⁹, and sold the other half to Paul Quirk in 1756. In the Deeds of Sale for the disposal of the Douglas property, Thomas jnr stated that he resided in Liverpool and was married to Mary. After the sales, Thomas Mylrea jnr was never recorded on the Isle of Man again.

Not conclusive but strongly possible nevertheless, is that in 1748, a Thomas MULRAY, sailor, married a Mary Norton (23rd February) in Liverpool. and records show Thomas and Mary Mulray living in Parkgate, not far from Liverpool, where Thomas was a mariner. The couple had eight children.

Edward & Dorothy

They married in Lonan 18th November 1766. Edward was about 23 years of age; Dorothy was a widow so she might have been a little older than Edward, to have been married before. They had seven children, including a set of twins:

- ☞ Edward 1767
- ☞ Ellinor 1767
- ☞ Ellinor 1770
- ☞ Catharine 1772
- ☞ Thomas 1774
- ☞ Isabel 1777
- ☞ William 1780

⁵ She might be the Margaret Mylrea who died in 1780

⁶ <http://www.mylrea.com.au/wills%20collection/thomas-1773.html>

⁷ The property in question was cottage allotment #112 on (now) Barrack St

⁸ <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/thomas-sale-1749.html>

⁹ <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/thomas-thomas-settlement-1753.html>

Edward Mylrea died in 1784 and Dorothy died in 1822. Edward's will simply left everything to his wife and if Dorothy had a will, it has not survived so we will never know who her first husband was and whether she had children from her first marriage.

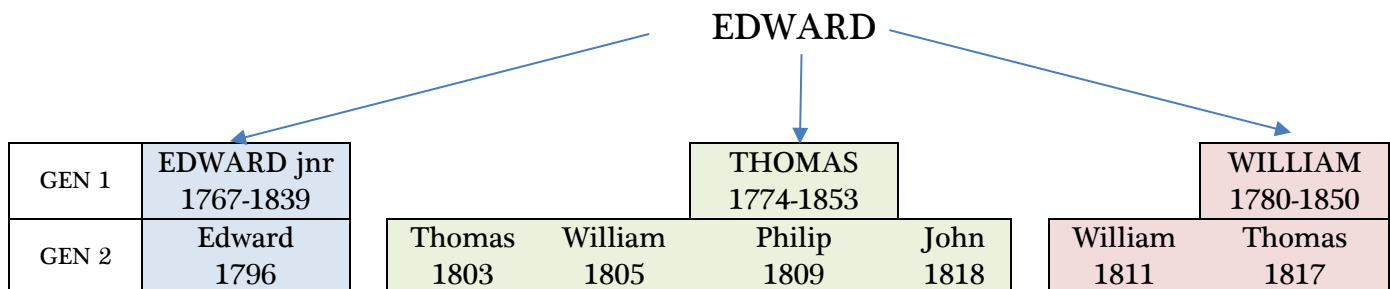
Of their seven recorded Mylrea children born to Edward and Dorothy:

- ☞ Ellinor must have died soon after her birth, although there is no surviving burial entry
- ☞ Edward jnr married Margaret Christian
- ☞ Ellinor – nothing further is known and no burial or marriage entry in Lonan
- ☞ Catharine – nothing further is known and no burial or marriage entry in Lonan
- ☞ Thomas married Elizabeth Cowin
- ☞ Isabel – did she marry James Cleater and have four children, dying a few months after her fourth child?
- ☞ William married Ann Fargher and then Ann Cowley als Gillins

By the early 1800s, decades after Edward snr died, 55 grandchildren had been born. Not all survived to adulthood and of those who did, only a handful carried the Mylrea name and even fewer of those had male children. For instance,

- John Allen Mylrea b1849 was Edward's only great grandson on the Isle of Man and he had one daughter named May.
- William b1830, another of Edward's great grandson, was a mischief maker who frequently found himself in trouble with the law in New Zealand. He neither married nor had children
- Another generation on, Lionel William b1882 in the United Kingdom took Holy Orders, and was married to Constance. They did not have children

By the 4th generation, only 2 men in the entire collection of Edward's descendants – Lionel William MYLREA and George Backus MILLREA represented the clan. With the death of Richard MILLREA (son of George) in 1975, the male line of the family of Edward Mylrea snr was extinct.





EDWARD jnr

1767-1839

EDWARD
1743-1784

EDWARD jnr
1767-1839

THOMAS
1774-1853

WILLIAM
1780-1850

Edward
1796

Thomas
1803

William
1805

Philip
1809

John
1818

William
1811

Thomas
1817

Edward Mylrea jnr baptised 1767 in Lonan was the oldest son of Edward Mylrea snr and Dorothy Fargher als Kewley. He had a twin sister named Ellinor, who must have died during the ensuing 3 years, because another Ellinor was baptised in the family in 1770. His was the shortest family line of Edward's three sons.

He became a successful sea captain, living in Onchan, and married to Margaret Christian. He had several vessels - *Nancy and Ally*, *Friends*, *Three Sisters* - and he plied his trade between Douglas and Whitehaven, and also between Douglas and Glasgow.

In later years, this Mylrea family lived in Castle Street in Douglas, and were for all intents and purposes, comfortably off. In the wills of both Edward jnr and Margaret, their home in Castle Street was described as running to the seashore. Today the residences are gone and the street hosts commercial enterprises. It is also well separated from the sea by The Promenade and a row of relatively new establishments, mostly hotels and apartments, the result of extensive reclamation in more recent times, which looks much the same today as it did a century ago.



THE PROMENADE, DOUGLAS 1890s

Source: Wikipedia

Edward jnr and Margaret Christian were married in Onchan on 23rd June 1792 when Edward was 25. They had five children:

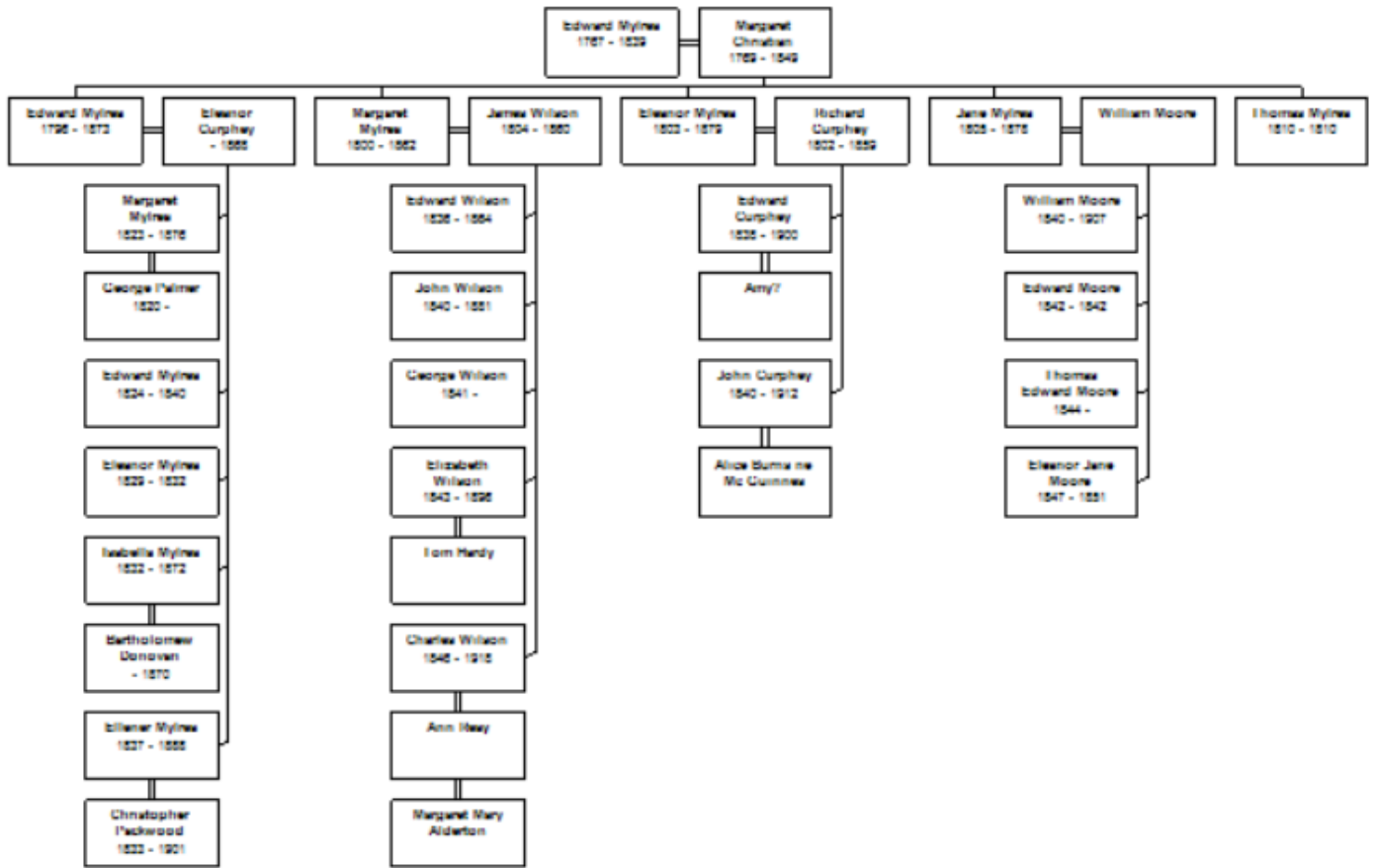
- ☞ Edward 1796
- ☞ Margaret 1800
- ☞ Ellinor 1803 (Ellen)
- ☞ Jane 1805
- ☞ Thomas 1810

Edward jnr died in 1839 and his wife Margaret in 1849. Their infant son Thomas survived only four days. Of their other children, Edward became a shoemaker and went to live in Liverpool, Margaret married a school master James Wilson and they too went to live in England, Ellen married a tailor Richard Curghey and also went to Liverpool. Only Jane remained on the island, married to a baker, William Moore.

By the time Edward jnr died, he and his wife Margaret had already agreed to leave the bulk of their estate to their grandson, Edward, born in 1824 to their shoe-maker son, Edward jnr. The estate comprised mostly the family home in Castle Street which was not to pass to young Edward until his grandparents had both died. However, the boy died in 1840 when he fell from scaffolding in Liverpool where his parents were living. Thus the family home came to be left to Edward the shoemaker, oldest child of Edward jnr and Margaret, and the father of the boy who was killed in a work accident.

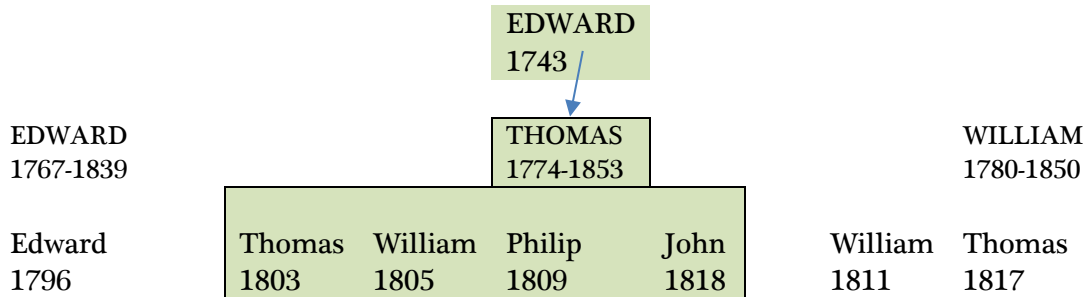
With the death of young Edward, this line of Mylreas that descended from Edward Mylrea born 1743 in Douglas, had no male heirs.

Nevertheless, the three daughters of Edward and Margaret each had offspring, totalling 11. Not all survived to make their mark on the world but the majority did, and went on to create new generations of the Mylrea clan, no longer carrying the name, but still able to trace their family line back to Thomas Mylrea snr of Douglas, through his son Edward snr who was born in 1743.



THOMAS

1774-1853



Thomas Mylrea, the second son of Edward Mylrea snr and Dorothy Fargher als Kewley, was a tailor in the late 1700s and early 1800s in Lonan and later in Douglas. Establishing the birth year of this Thomas Mylrea (the most common name in Mylrea clans) was not straightforward. According to his Memorial Inscription, he was born in 1770.

Old Yard (Lonan)
E18
Sacred to the memory of THOMAS MYLREA of Douglas
and formerly of this Parish who departed this life
on the 14th December 1853 aged 83 years

There is no baptism entry for a Thomas Mylrea in that year (or the next) anywhere on the Isle of Man. However because Thomas's Memorial Inscription is "written in stone", it cannot be arbitrarily set aside just because the facts don't seem to fit. To the rescue came the census collections which began on the Isle of Man in 1841. That year, he and his wife were living in Douglas in Factory Lane and he was a tailor. He was recorded as 65 years of age pointing to a birth year of 1776. The 1851 census listed Thomas as 77 years of age (thus born 1774), from Lonan, and a retired tailor. His death notice in the Manx Sun newspaper in 1853, presumably inserted by a family member, clearly stated¹⁰:

MYLREA, Thomas of Factory Lane, tailor aged 79

again pointing to 1774 as his birth year.

It seems reasonable to conclude that Thomas Mylrea, the tailor, was indeed the child baptised 7th January, 1774¹¹ in Lonan, the son of Edward Mylrea snr and Dorothy Fargher als Kewley.

¹⁰ Manx Sun 17/12/1853

¹¹ BMD microfiche, Manx National Library & Archive



Thus, it means that his MI most likely suffered a transcription error when researchers were collecting the MIs from Manx cemeteries.

Thomas married Elizabeth Cowin on 30th October, 1802¹² in Lonan when he was about 28 years of age, and Elizabeth, 22 (census records consistently show the six-year age difference between the two). Elizabeth was born in Lonan, in about 1780¹³. Her parents were Philip Cowin and Margaret Curghey who married in 1763. Elizabeth was their youngest surviving child in a family of ten. The name Philip Cowin was quite common in Lonan, and it remains an open question whether Elizabeth was a descendant of Philip Cowin and Mary Cowin als Clague, the grand parents of Edward Mylrea snr, Thomas's father.

Thomas and Elizabeth had four sons, all born in Lonan between 1803 and 1818. The 15-year time span suggests that there might have been other children who did not live for very long (although no parish records show other births in this family). Their sons were:

- ☞ Thomas (baptised 21st August, 1803)
- ☞ William (baptised 4th August, 1805)
- ☞ Philip (baptised 19th February, 1809)
- ☞ John (baptised 16th August, 1818)

After the birth of their youngest son, John in 1818, Thomas and Elizabeth went to live in Douglas. Perhaps this migration hints that Thomas was something of an entrepreneur. Moving from the country to the “city” was probably a courageous decision in those days – perhaps they were already thinking about how to advance the futures of their young sons. They lived at 1 Factory Lane (now known as Wellington Street).

Close by at 13 Factory Lane were John Muncaster and his family. Muncaster was a watchmaker, and his apprentices, including Basil Mylrea jnr, lived with them. This youth named Basil was the son of Basil Mylrea of Peel, and no relation of Thomas's. This will not be the first time that the families of the Peel Mylreas and the Lonan Mylreas cross, and ironically both with a patriarch named Edward.

Each of their four sons eventually made his way to Liverpool, a thriving city and seaport which was steadily gaining prominence as a gateway to the new world, when Britain was establishing and maintaining colonies in America, Canada, Australia and Africa. These young men might have gone to Liverpool because there were no opportunities for advancement on the Isle of Man or because their parents had already realised that Liverpool was where the future lay and had encouraged their sons to leave their Manx roots, and to seek “a better life”.

When their third son Philip Mylrea married in 1852¹⁴, he described his father as “a ship owner”, a curious thing to do if his father's main occupation was as a tailor. Like so many men on the Isle of Man however, Thomas also owned a share in a fishing smack. It was named *Intrepid* and the other shareholders were Lonan residents¹⁵. The ship's register listed Thomas as a tailor.

¹² LDS IGI

¹³ 1851 Census, Isle of Man

¹⁴ Transcription error (Attachment 3 shows William as the groom but it was Philip)

¹⁵ <https://www.crewlist.org.uk/>

He sold his share in 1825, when he was already living in Douglas. Philip's designation of his father as a ship owner in 1852 would hardly be warranted if *Intrepid* were Thomas's only vessel, and it is more likely that records no longer exist that show the extent of Thomas's enterprises.

In years to come, their two younger sons – Philip and John – could well be described as entrepreneurs and perhaps this courage and vision that both sons exhibited in their adult life had its genesis in Thomas's willingness to risk all by moving to Douglas.

Thomas and Elizabeth died in 1853 and 1857 respectively and are buried side-by-side in Lonan. Their connection to Lonan was such that they chose to be buried there although they had both died in Douglas.

Old Yard
E19
Sacred to the memory of ELIZABETH wife of
THOMAS MYLREA who departed this life
October 27th, 1857 aged 78 years

By the time they died, they had seen all of their sons married and witnessed the introduction of their first grandchildren to the world. They also endured the tragic early losses of one son and several grandchildren.

1. THOMAS jnr (1803-1845)

Named no doubt after his father, Thomas jnr lived a short life although it started out promisingly enough.

Because the name Thomas was so common amongst the Mylrea clans, it is always difficult to identify the correct Thomas in most official records. Corroborating evidence is necessary and usually hard to come by, but in this story, the presence of a Philip Mylrea at the marriage of a Thomas Mylrea on 14th April, 1836 in Liverpool is enough. Given the presence of Philip, it is a reasonable assumption that this was indeed, Thomas the son of Thomas the tailor of Douglas. His being a tailor (as the marriage register shows) also confirms that this is the correct Thomas Mylrea.

Witness to *Ann Jones Thomas Mylrea* of this Parish
Tailor
and *Jane Smith* of this Parish
were Married in this Church by *Banns* with Consent of
this *fourteenth* Day of
April in the Year *One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Six*
By me *James South*
This Marriage was Solemnized between us *Thomas Mylrea*
Jane Smith
In the Presence of *Henry Fisher*
Philip Mylrea *John Edward*
No. 80

COPY OF THE MARRIAGE REGISTER FOR THOMAS MYLREA & JANE SMITH, 1836



The register shows that both Thomas and Philip could sign their names, and that their script was quite fluid. Their father had also signed his name on his will (while wife Elizabeth made her mark)¹⁶. Literacy in this family was already established at a time on the Isle of Man when it was not widespread.

Thomas Mylrea and Jane Smith had a daughter, Elizabeth Jane, born 9th June 1838 and baptised at St Catherine's church 22nd October of that year¹⁷. The child died in 1842 of a condition described on her death certificate as "water in the head". Three years later Thomas died of consumption which, according to his death certificate, was "not certified". On both of these certificates, Thomas was described as a tailor and draper.

The other information that ties this Thomas Mylrea to the family of Thomas Mylrea and Elizabeth Cowin is the death certificate of little Elizabeth Jane Mylrea. In the 1841 census, Thomas's brothers John and William were living at 4 Brownlow Street, while Thomas's wife Jane¹⁸ was living with her father, George Smith, her siblings and her small daughter, Elizabeth Jane. There was no sign of Jane's husband although he was still alive. The following year, little Elizabeth Jane died at 4 Brownlow Street and the informant of the child's death was 25 year old John Mylrea, her uncle

Widowed and childless, Jane married Joseph Kirkham in 1847 in Liverpool, St Philip's church. She went on to have many children, and her second husband, Joseph Kirkham, became a man of wealth. Jane Kirkham als Mylrea als Smith died in 1864, aged 53.

In their twilight years and living in Douglas, Thomas and Elizabeth experienced the loss of their oldest son and his infant daughter in a very brief window of three years, 1842-1845. That tiny branch of their family had suddenly ceased to exist. Thomas's premature death without a son meant that the name MYLREA would not be passed on to another generation of the descendants of Edward Mylrea snr through his grandson Thomas jnr.

2. WILLIAM (1805-1870)

William, the second son of Thomas Mylrea and Elizabeth Cowin, was a saddler and harness maker who was living in Liverpool by 1841, with his wife and son. His younger brother, John, also lived with the family at the time. William married in 1830 in Liverpool¹⁹ at the age of 25 so he must have left the Isle of Man in his early twenties or even late teens. As the second son of the family, William was obliged to find his own trade while his older brother, Thomas, became his father's apprentice.

William's wife, Eleanor Williams, was born in Carnarvan, Wales. As well as their son William jnr, they had daughters Mary, Anne, and Mary Jane. There was also a daughter Elizabeth, born

¹⁶ <http://www.mylrea.com.au/wills%20collection/thomas-eliz-1853.html>

¹⁷ LDS IGI

¹⁸ MILRIA

¹⁹ See Attachment 3

in 1835²⁰, and presumably named after William's mother. However, she was not recorded in the 1841 census so must have died in infancy. The UK census collections show the family's ebb and flow:

1841 William (35, saddler), Ellen (32, sic), William (10)²¹ + John (22, bookbinder)²²
1851 William (45), Ellen (41), Mary (tailor, 20)²³, Ann (8), Mary J. (5)²⁴
1861 William (56), Eleanor (51), Anne (18), Mary Jane (15)

From census collections, it appears that William and Mary might have been twins, as William was 10 in 1841, and Mary 20 in 1851. Mary was a tailor and, as the later years showed, so was William.

In 1841 the family was living in Brownlow Street; 1851 Ratcliffe Street; 1861 Great Newton Street. William snr died in Liverpool on 1st October, 1870, leaving effects worth less than £2,000²⁵. He was 65 years of age.

Of the five known children of William Mylrea, perhaps three survived – son William jnr who went to New Zealand, and became a serial pest, dogged by skirmishes with the police²⁶ and frequently involving alcohol. The two daughters, Ann and Mary Jane remained in the UK. Ann married Edward Edwards in 1863 and Mary Jane married Daniel Henry Judge in 1867. When William snr died, his widow Eleanor went to live with her daughter Ann (Edwards), a widow and music teachers. Eleanor outlived Ann, so she then went to live with one of her granddaughters, Charlotte Willis. At least two of William's grandsons migrated to Canada, probably around the turn of the century.

There is no record of their son William ever marrying, but both of the Mylrea daughters inserted Mylrea into the names of one of their children. However, the death of William jnr in 1890 in New Zealand meant that the name MYLREA was not passed on to another generation of the descendants of Edward Mylrea snr.

3. PHILIP (1809-1888)

Philip Mylrea was the third son of Thomas Mylrea and Elizabeth Cowin, and in economic terms, by far the most successful. He demonstrated a capacity to identify an opportunity and to profit from it. Like his father, he took up the trade of tailoring, perhaps serving his apprenticeship with his father after older brother Thomas had gone to Liverpool. Thomas might even have left in order to make way for Philip to have the apprenticeship.

In later years, Philip became a very wealthy man, and the foundation of his wealth was his tailoring business in the thriving city of Liverpool. In the 1820s, Philip migrated to England, as

²⁰ LDS IGI

²¹ Baptised 1/10/1830, St Peter, Liverpool

²² MYLREW

²³ No surviving baptism record for Mary, as the daughter of William & Ellen

²⁴ MYLRAD

²⁵ National Probate Calendar, England & Wales

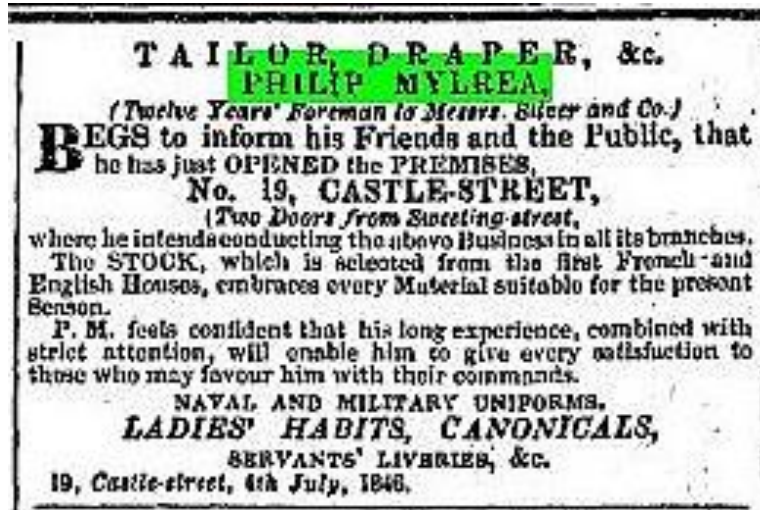
²⁶ Papers Past: <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz>



older brothers Thomas and William had done before him. From the 1846 advertisement below, several important pieces of information emerge about his work life:

- he was a draper;
- he had been a foreman for Messrs. Silver and Co for 12 years (that is, since 1834); and
- he was setting up his own business in Liverpool.

It is very likely that Philip was already working for the Silvers before his elevation to foreman in 1834, at the age of 25.



Liverpool Mercury
July 10, 1846

Several years after his 1846 advertisement, Philip Mylrea at the age of 43 married Anne Moore Martin²⁷ on 14th April, 1852 in Sefton, on the outskirts of Liverpool²⁸. Anne had been born in Ireland and twenty years Philip's junior.

Their family soon began to arrive, and over the course of the next 17 years, they had 11 children, three of whom did not survive to adulthood:

- ☞ Philip (8th March 1853-13th September 1856²⁹) (see Attachment 3 p2)
- ☞ John (1854 - 26th September 1868³⁰)
- ☞ Anne 1856
- ☞ Alfred 1858
- ☞ William 15th January, 1859
- ☞ Gertrude Louisa 1860
- ☞ Amelia Moore 1861
- ☞ Percy Moore 1863
- ☞ Walter 1865
- ☞ Mabel (1866 – 25th March 1867³¹) (see Attachment 3 p2)

²⁷ Anne's name in the Wedding Notice only had Anne Martin; LDS provides her middle name, Moore

²⁸ Liverpool Mercury 23rd April 1852

²⁹ Liverpool Mercury 11th March 1853; Liverpool Mercury 20th September 1856

³⁰ Liverpool Mercury

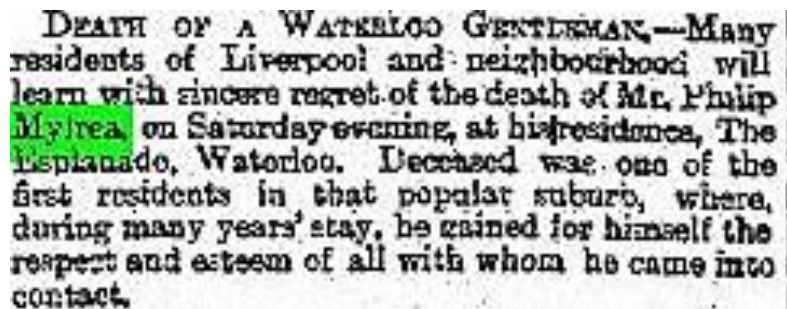
³¹ Liverpool Mercury 26th March 1867]

☞ May 1868

Philip's family was a stable and well-to-do one. The children were all born in Sefton, where their parents had married. They lived always at 6 The Esplanade, Waterloo, just to the north of Liverpool. And their financial security was clearly well established, because they kept three servants. Anne's widowed sister, Charlotte Webster³², lived with them for a time too. In fact, even after the death of their father, the unmarried Mylrea children continued to live at The Esplanade for a considerable period, at least 10 years.

Philip's wife, Anne Moore Martin Mylrea, died December 1869, six months after the birth of little May. Anne was 38 when she died, perhaps exhausted by the birth of so many children. The medical diagnosis was "nervous shock".

Philip Mylrea died nearly twenty years later, on 19th May, 1888. His age was recorded as 78³³. The Liverpool Mercury marked his passing:



Liverpool Mercury
22nd May, 1888

As well as the three Mylrea youngsters who died while still of tender years, two more children died early in their adult lives.

Anne (the oldest daughter) had been married for only three years when she died at age 27. Her husband, Alexander Wylie, went on to become a successful businessman, Member of Parliament, and philanthropist. He remained close to Anne's family and was an executor of Philip's will.

Percy Moore Mylrea was 34 when he died in Sydney, Australia, in 1897. He had been the only son in the family to be sent to the prestigious King William's College on the Isle of Man, a sign perhaps that his father regarded the boy as the one with the most promise. Percy attended the college between 1877 and 1880, presumably for the final years of secondary education³⁴, and destined for medical studies. In April 1894, he left London on the R.M.S. *Oruba*, bound for Sydney³⁵ and in keeping with his status, he travelled 1st Class. Three years later, Percy died of diphtheria whilst living in a boarding

³² A Peter Milrea born in Lancashire in 1816 and a draper, was staying with Charlotte Webster (b 1821) and her husband John in the 1851 Census. Could this have been Philip???

³³ England & Wales, Free BDM Death Index 1837-1915

³⁴ King William's College Register 1833-1927

³⁵ Sydney Morning Herald 17th May 1894



house in inner city Sydney. Why he went to Australia and what he had done in the three years he was there is not known. He was unmarried and evidently he never completed his medical studies because his death certificate stated, “annuant, formerly medical student”. Percy is buried a long way from home, at the General Cemetery in Waverley, Sydney.

After their father’s death, big brother **Alfred** remained with the younger siblings at The Esplanade, Waterloo until they had gone off to make their own lives elsewhere. At some time in the late 1890s, he and May (the youngest of the Mylrea siblings) removed themselves to Newton Abbot in Devonshire, where their brother William already lived with his wife and three children. Alfred was the last of the Mylrea children to marry when, in his early 40s, he wed Helen Cory Liardet, who was about 15 years his junior. They had a daughter Beryl Edith Helen in 1904. Alfred must have sacrificed his youth in order to care for his much younger siblings while they grew up without their father. Not surprisingly, as the oldest son, Alfred was an executor of his father’s will, along with brother-in-law, Alexander Wylie.

- * **William**, despite having been apprenticed to his father in the 1880s, did not take up the tailoring profession. He married Ellen Eccles Shorrocks (Bates) on 18/1/1882³⁶, at St Gabriel’s, Hulme, Manchester. Hulme had been the home of another Mylrea family, Basil Mylrea the watch and clock maker and yet again, the paths of the Peel Mylreas and the Lonan Mylreas crossed. The couple had three children:
 - ☞ Lionel William b 15/10/1882³⁷ in Stafford (m Constance Guy 2/6/1920) d 14/8/1940
 - ☞ Ivy Annie Haughton b 1885 d 19/6/1972. Did not marry
 - ☞ Vera Helen Moore b 20/11/1888³⁸ (m George Guy Moore 15/7/1917)³⁹ d 16/11/1949.

By 1891, the family of William and Ellen was living in Holm Wyckham, Mathon, W.Malvern. Curiously, the Memorial Notice for Percy Moore Mylrea said that he came from Malvern so perhaps he had lived with his older brother and sister-in-law prior to leaving for Australia. William’s only son, Lionel took holy orders. The husband of daughter Vera, George Moore, was also a man of the cloth. Vera divorced George Guy in 1935, and went to live with her sister, Ivy. Her former husband, Rev George Guy Moore was remarkably absent from record collections.

- * **Gertrude Louisa** married railway manager/superintendent Richard Haig-Brown in 1889. Richard’s father had also been a Manager of Railways. They had no children. They remained in the Manchester district although they both died in Bournemouth, in their later years.
- * **Amelia Moore** married solicitor Daniel Pellatt in 1887, and Daniel was the third executor of Philip Mylrea’s executors. They had one son Hamilton Francis Moore, born in 1889. In 1911, this boy was up at university although this little family remained in

³⁶ Liverpool Mercury 19th January 1882

³⁷ Liverpool Mercury 17th October 1882; Parkhead House, Haughton, Staffordshire

³⁸ Daily News 28th November 1888; West Malvern

³⁹ I am confident that Vera and George were divorced but cannot find the reference just now (DB 6/11/2023)

the Oxfordshire area. In an interesting postscript, son Hamilton married a woman named Phyllis Lacy Falk in 1917 who, by the time she'd died, had married three times, and from her second marriage, became stepmother to Toby Low, a life peer. She first divorced Hamilton in 1927⁴⁰, the following year, the wife of Stuart Low sued for divorce⁴¹ and Phyllis married Low in 1929. Low died in 1942 and Phyllis then married Ralph Nye in 1948. She died at the age of 92. Hamilton had died in 1936 at the age of 46.

- * **Walter** - For a reason not set out in his will, Philip left Walter a disproportionate (and larger) share of his estate and this annuity was for life. Walter died in 1893, aged 29. He lived with his siblings at The Esplanade so it is an open question whether this child was disabled in some way and thus in greater need of financial support.
- * **May** married in 1907. She would have been about 40 years of age and her groom, St. John Vivian Beaumont Molyneux, two or three years her junior. He was a stockbroker of sorts, living in London in 1891, and born in Liverpool. She died in 1922, at Frimley House in Hampshire. There were no children.

A tailor by trade, Philip must have also been an astute businessman. He was in the right place at the right time when Liverpool of the mid-1800s was a boom city – a port and gateway for the waves of emigrants leaving all parts of the British Isles for life in the colonies. Work with the entrepreneurial Silvers or natural talent (or both) might have taught Philip how to grasp the opportunities. He was a member of the Committee of Great Eastern Building Society, established in 1859, a position offered only to the business leaders in the Liverpool community. He probably also foresaw the opportunities and invested accordingly.

By the time he died, Philip was a wealthy man. His assets were sufficient to establish a family Trust for all his children, which might explain why his sons reported that they “lived on their own means”, a term which presumably meant they did not have to work. Indeed, by 1911, each was in his own household, with at least two servants.

In 1883, at the age of about 73, Philip was still listed as a tailor, at 21 Castle Street, in Slater's Directory of Liverpool and Cheshire. His youngest daughter, May, was 14 years old and at school. Son Percy (20) was a medical student, and older son William (24) was apprenticed to his father. This was also the year Philip made his will. The document reveals a strong understanding of the value of having equities and real estate as a means of creating wealth. Philip held firm views about what could and could not be held in the family Trust. He eschewed mining shares and he clearly had an enlightened view of women, deeming that his daughters' income from the Trust was for their sole use, and not that of their husbands'.

However, the nature of Philip's holdings was not specifically disclosed in his will. He was also entitled to certain personal estate on the Isle of Man, a fact known only because probate of his will had to be settled in the Manx courts. Perhaps these holdings were his mother's bequests

⁴⁰ Divorce Court File: 6639. Appellant: Phyllis Lacy Pellatt. Respondent: Hamilton Francis M. Pellatt

⁴¹ Divorce Court File: 9224. Appellant: Lucy Gwen Low. Respondent: Stuart Low. Phyllis Lucy Pellatt intervening



from several decades previously. The probate process was handled by his nephew, John Allen Mylrea, son of Philip's younger brother John.

Of the four sons of Thomas Mylrea and Elizabeth Cowin, Philip was the first to have sons who ensured that another generation of the descendants of Edward Mylrea snr of Lonan carried on the MYLREA name, at least for another generation. However, of his three surviving sons, only one (William) had a son, Lionel William Mylrea, and he did not have children meaning that another branch of the family tree of Edward Mylrea snr had died out.

Messrs Silver & Co.

There is no doubt that working for the Silvers laid the foundation for Philip's prosperity, and did so in several ways. Established in 1794, the Silver's company was the second oldest shirt-making business in London⁴². From there the company expanded as new opportunities (not only in clothing) opened up. They became Colonial and Army agents, clothiers and outfitters principally to those in the Army and Colonial Service, as well as shipping agents for people travelling overseas. In 1823, they took on the challenge of providing lighter clothing for emigrants to Australia. By the 1840s, they employed over 3,000 people, and might have had even more employees undertaking piecework in their homes.

S. W. SILVER, Tropical Clothier, Ready-made Linen
 and Outfitting Warehouseman, begs to inform his Friends and the Public generally, that the concern of "Arrowsmith and Silver" was dissolved on the 24th of June last, by mutual consent, and to acquaint them he has no connexion with "Arrowsmith and Co."—
S. W. SILVER is REMOVED to No. 9, Cornhill, where he continues the same business which he conducted with so much satisfaction to his friends at his late warehouse. He has commodious premises with an operative establishment for manufacturing, an ample capital to embrace all cash advantages in his purchases, and by adopting the present system of trade, namely smaller profits, rigidly adhering to the best quality of work and materials, he is enabled to offer linen shirts for home use, handkerchiefs, &c. ready-made or made to order, at much lower prices than they can be obtained by purchasing the quarter lids, &c. Cotton shirts for tropical climates and sea use from 3s. 3d. to 5s. 9d. and with the aid of a clever tailor he is manufacturing white jean fashionable trousers for medium sizes, from 5s. 9d. to 8s. 6d.; ditto waistcoats, 3s. 9d. to 5s. 9d.; ditto jackets, 6s. 9d. to 10s.; drab ditto, 5s. 9d.; ditto trousers, 5s. 9d.; drill ditto, 5s. 9d. to 11s. 6d.; dressing gowns from 10s. 6d. to 18s.; and all light clothing in the same proportion; if made to order 12s. per dozen extra. Writers, sailors, and passengers generally to all parts of the globe fitted out with care and attention, to effect comfort, economy, and despatch. The outfit will be so arranged as to form a supply on arrival. East India Naval Uniforms. Midshipmen equipped.—No. 9, Cornhill.

The Times,
 26th August, 1823

The founder of Silvers, Stephen Winkworth Silver, was clearly an entrepreneur, ever ready to expand his business when a likely prospect arose. The company's marks are found on swords, a small knife that might have been the forerunner to the Army Swiss Knife, and even life jackets.

⁴² The Times, 27th September 1847 [Gale newspaper collection]

PATENT CORK FLOATING MATTRESSES,
 for the Preservation of Life in Shipwreck.—The buoyancy of cork is known by everybody ; it is needless to speak about it in an advertisement. The application of that quality in an available form at sea, has never yet been achieved, and several years of the patentee's life has been spent in seeking the successful solution of that problem. Mattresses and bolsters, sofa cushions, and squabs, all articles of indispensable necessity in the cabin, when stuffed with cork fibre, in lieu of the ordinary material, become life-preservers in the hour of danger, while they subserve all their usual purposes at other times. The efficiency of these life-preservers is indisputable, as they form articles of daily use, are always at hand, and ready for service, in the event of any calamity from accident, shipwreck, or fire. Moreover, they take up no additional space. Steam boat and ship owners, members of yacht clubs, passengers, emigrants—all must be interested in an invention which places human life beyond the risks incident to the sea. Even the use of boats may be without peril when supplied with cushions stuffed with the cork fibre. To officers in campaign the cork fibre mattress will be invaluable, as it will preserve them from the effects of sleeping upon damp bedding. The mattresses, and all other manufactured articles, may be obtained of Messrs. Taylor and Sons, steamship and yacht fitters, Great Dover-street, Borough ; and of Messrs. Silver and Co., general outfitters, Cornhill ; also of Messrs. Heal and Son, bedding manufacturers, 196, Tottenham-court-road ; also of Messrs. Gibbons and Co., opposite the St. Katherine's Dock principal entrance ; Mr. B. Edgington, 2, Duke-street, Tooley-street ; Mr. J. Y. Gibbs, 83, High street, West Poplar ; and of most other respectable outfitters, upholsterers, and bedding manufacturers. The fibre can only be had at the Company's Works, City Saw-mills, Wenlock-basin, Regent's-canal, City-road.

The Times
 26th March, 1848

When Charles Mackintosh introduced waterproof clothing, Silver's set up a factory at Greenwich, making similar garments. S.W. Silver & Co also had works for making waterproof cloth at 33 & 34 Nassau Place, Commercial Road East that were founded in the early 1830s. Later their activities expanded to include insulated wires and cables. They had a shirt-making enterprise in Portsea, and later they expanded their commercial footprint to take in Liverpool, no doubt to catch the tide of emigrants passing through that busy port.

As a businessman, Silver had no time for union organization in the tailoring industry.

NO TAILORS NOT BELONGING to the UNION.—CONSTANT EMPLOY will be given to a great number of JOURNEY MEN TAILORS, at full wages, by applying to the foreman, at S. W. SILVER and Co's, 9 and 10, Cornhill, who will not be dictated to or be intimidated by the threat used by the Trades Union, in consequence of their employing some anti-unionists.

The Times,
 12th April, 1834

The company was originally in the Cornhill district of London. They also had an emigrants' fitting-out warehouse at 3 and 4 Bishopsgate Within.

INDIVIDUALS going abroad from the port of Liverpool are informed, by S. W. SILVER and Co., wholesale clothiers, of Nos. 9 and 10, Cornhill, London, that they may PROCURE the whole or any part of an OUTFIT, from the coarsest to the finest quality of goods, likewise uniforms, accoutrements, cabin furniture, &c., at their branch house, Nos. 4 and 5, St. George's, crescent south, Liverpool, at the same wholesale prices as at their warehouse in London. They ship and clear all baggage out and home, and forward it to its destination, on passengers arriving from abroad. Daily communication between London and Liverpool for ship sailing information.

The Times
 12th December, 1834



Philip's grounding in the clothing trade seemed far from ordinary, and the tale of the Silver's enterprise fits well with Philip's own professional ambitions. His 1846 advertisement carried the promise of quality fabrics, and offered a broad range of services, some of which were in direct competition with the Silvers (Naval and Military uniforms) and some that were perhaps a new line altogether – ladies' habits and service liveries. It might have given Philip a rather unusual commercial grounding. Although clothing was its core activity, the company clearly moved with the times, and Philip would have witnessed over a decade or so the successes of entrepreneurial vigilance, and (perhaps) industrial manoeuvring.

The year Philip went out on his own might have been quite significant. His employer, Stephen Winckworth Silver, had married Frances Susan Adams in 1812, when both were 21 years of age. They had five sons - Stephen, Frederick, Hugh, Edgar and Walter. In 1846 his eldest son, Stephen William Silver, succeeded his father and perhaps Philip could not see himself working for a much younger Silver jnr so decided to set up his own business.

4. JOHN (1818-1881)

Fourth and youngest son of Thomas Mylrea and Elizabeth Cowin was John who displayed a passion for the arts, unlike his brothers whose focus was on production – tailoring and saddlery.

He returned from Liverpool to the Isle of Man, probably in 1843 when he was about 25 years old, meaning his stay in England was relatively brief. He advertised his new shop on 4th February that year in the Manx Liberal newspaper, also saying that he “had had the management of a first-rate bookbinding and store in Liverpool”. The advertisement invited inspection of his specimens of engraving and copper plate prints.

John Mylrea married twice. He married first in 1844, when he was 26 and recently returned to the Isle of Man. His wife was Jane Cain with whom he had a daughter Elizabeth Jane, born in 1845 (recall that his oldest brother Thomas also had a daughter named Elizabeth Jane, born in 1838). Jane died in 1847, leaving her husband and two year old daughter. John's father, Thomas Mylrea, was nominated as a pledge to the will of Jane (Cain) Mylrea. Curiously, little Elizabeth Jane did not seem to live with her father. She can be found in 1851 living with her uncle Jonathan Cain and his family. Elizabeth Jane died in 1858, aged 12.

John remarried in 1848, this time to Jane Allen. They had one child, a boy named John Allen Mylrea. He was born in 1849 and was destined for great things. His father sent him to Oxford University in about 1869, the first member of this Mylrea family to enjoy such a privilege (his cousin Percy Moore Mylrea would become the second member of this family to go to university when he began his studies in medicine some years later).

* John Allen Mylrea⁴³

This boy was educated at the famous school in Douglas, Athole Academy, and had a outstanding scholastic history. On leaving school he became a student for admission to the Manx Bar, and was admitted in 1871. A few years later he was admitted to the English

⁴³ Adapted from material presented in A Manx Note Book

Bar, though he never practiced in that country. Indeed, he never followed his profession very actively in the Isle of Man either.

Presumably, his father left sufficient wealth for John Allen Mylrea to be able to devote his time largely to the pursuit of artistic subjects. He was a connoisseur in painting, and his knowledge of music was profound. As an organist he was particularly able, and he had a mastery over several other instruments. For many years he was honorary choirmaster and organist at St. Thomas' Church in Douglas, and in this connection he was said to have directed the finest musical services ever experienced in the Isle of Man. He took a prominent part in the operations of the famous Douglas Choral Society, which gave concerts in Douglas during the early 1870s, and subsequently he was at the head of the Douglas Orchestral Society, a splendid combination of amateur instrumentalists. John Allen was one of the most cultured men in the Island. As a linguist he was unrivalled among Manx people, while his acquaintance with classic literature was profound of character.

In 1881 he successfully sought election to the House of Keys for Garff sheading. He continued to represent the constituency up to the passing of the Redistribution Act twelve years later, when he transferred his affections to North Douglas, for which division he sat until 1900, when he resigned. He was by far the most graceful speaker in the House, his oratorical efforts being marked by an ease, polish, and finish which none of his contemporaries in the Legislature could approach, and which make present-day politicians look very small. Though by no means prolific of speeches, he frequently took part in the debates of the House and of the Tynwald Court, and his utterances always commanded the deepest attention. In politics he was a Liberal-Conservative, his leanings being perhaps more in the latter than the former direction. Upon the death of the late Sir John Goldie-Taubman, John Allen Mylrea was in the running for election to the Speakership of the House of Keys, but was just beaten by Mr A. W. Moore, the difference in voting being one.

In the 1880s, John Allen Mylrea commenced his connection with commercial life on the Island when he was appointed a director of Dumbell's Banking Company. Afterwards he became a director of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, and in due course he was appointed chairman of the board. He was also associated with the development of the Douglas Tramways and in the construction of the Electric Tramways from Douglas to Laxey and Ramsey, and from Laxey to Snaefell summit. He was a director of the Isle of Man Tramways Company, which concern collapsed soon after the failure of Dumbell's Banking Company.

For all his abilities, he did not have the business instinct, though in presiding at company meetings he was without compare in the Island. He had no talent for detail, and the fact that he trusted others too implicitly in this exceedingly important element of commerce was to him, in his last years, a matter of deep sorrow⁴⁴.

John Allen Mylrea married Margaret Isabella Killey and their only child May, was born in 1877. John Allen, had died in Germany the year in 1911, and a year later May, now in

⁴⁴ Adapted from his obituary published in the Manx Quarterly #10, 1911



her 30s, married Swede Karl Olaf Theodore Hellstrom on the Isle of Man. The lives of this couple are unclear although they were in Sweden later in 1912 when the equivalent of the Swedish census was conducted. By 1939 they were living in the UK⁴⁵, living in Blenheim Crescent in Luton where he a sales correspondent for a manufacturing engineer. May died in 1943 in Luton, and Karl died 20 years later in Ashford, Kent. There was no record of their having children and the death of May marked the end of John's line.

Like his brother Philip, John was an astute businessman, and perhaps his interests went well beyond the world of books. When his son, John Allen, was about to be married, John made a Settlement on him of all the mortgages that he (John) held⁴⁶. The value of those mortgages amounted to over £5,000 (about £1m in today's currency) and gave the groom-to-be a steady income until the mortgages were cancelled. The earliest was dated 1856 so clearly John snr was, by the age of 38, able to offer finance to others.

In Leech's Guide 1861, John was listed as a bookseller and stationer, and as having a library, at 17 Duke St, Douglas. His neighbouring shop owners were George and William Muncaster, watchmakers, two young men who would soon migrate to New Zealand, where their sister Eliza, widow of Philip Mylrea of Peel (younger brother of the earlier mentioned Basil), would also go in the 1870s. For a third time, the paths of the Peel Mylreas and the Lonan Mylreas crossed.

In severe blow, John went blind in his middle years. This might have been the reason that he brought a partner into his business. The partner, Robert Allen, was the nephew of John's wife, Jane Allen. This young man had been born in Andreas as his aunt had been, one of the five children of Thomas Allen and Jane Taubman.

*When John Mylrea of excellent memory
Established it in strict integrity;
His mantle in the after years had fallen
On one well fit to wear it—Robert Allen.
To none more fit could it have been consigned,
Since he in partnership had long combined;
But he likewise had long since passed away,⁴⁷*

In Brown's 1881 Directory of Douglas, Mylrea & Allen were listed as having books and stationery, and as music sellers. Professionally, John was never a printer but rather a publisher of guide books and other works. He produced a fine set of views from 1846 and published the splendid set by Burkill. He also opened a circulating library in October 1847⁴⁸.

When John returned to the island in the 1840s, his abiding interest in the Arts and in Manx culture was evident. He was a founding member of the Manx Society, and was actively involved in the Thomas Street Sunday School, an important source of growth and development

⁴⁵ 1939 England & Wales Rate book

⁴⁶ <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/john-settlement-1875.html>

⁴⁷ Duke Street and Market Place Douglas Past and Reminiscent" by W. Gell. Transcribed in A Manx Note Book

⁴⁸ A Manx Note Book. <http://www.isle-of-man.com/manxnotebook/>

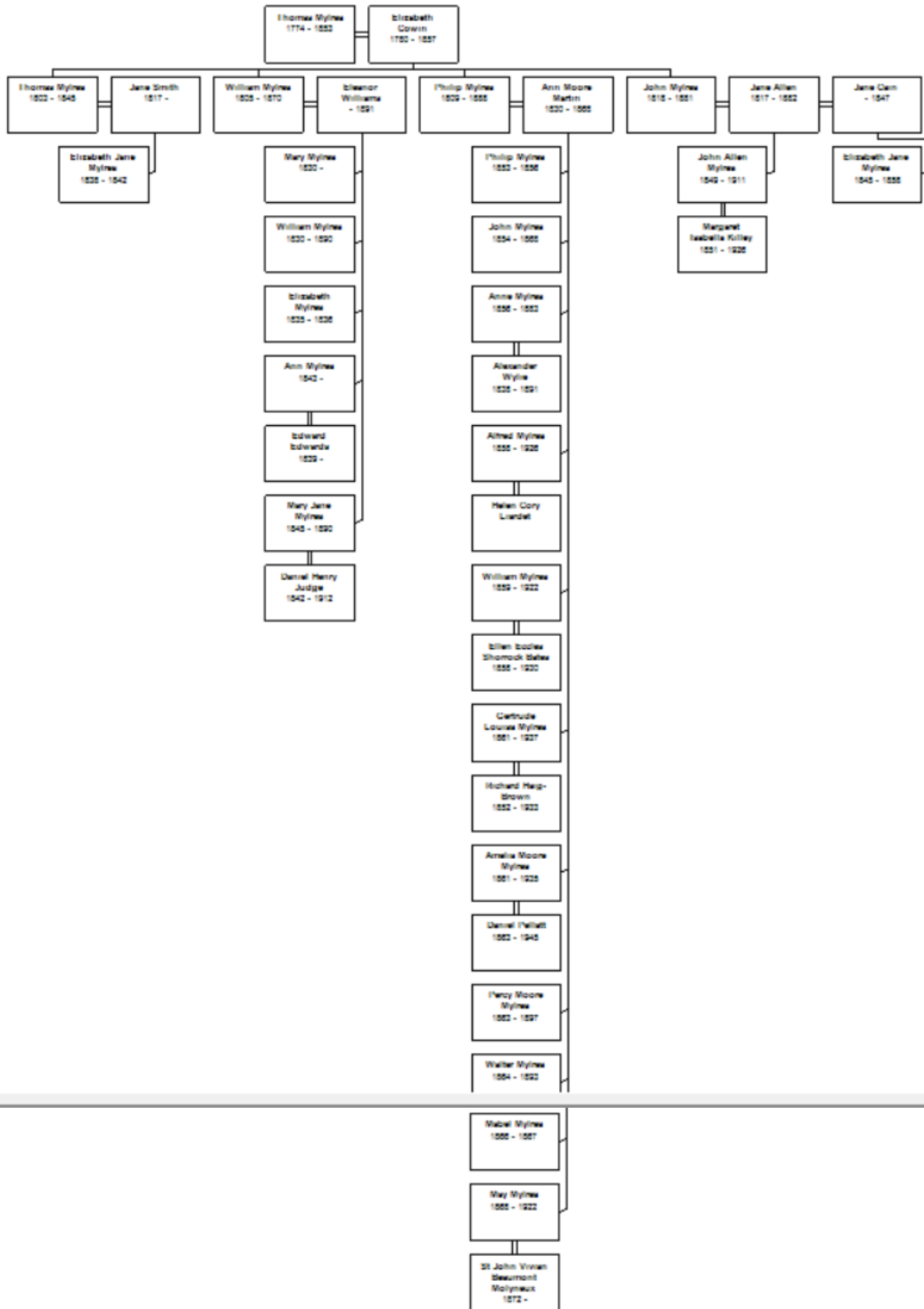
in Methodism in Douglas. He occupied the positions of Secretary and of Treasurer for some time. His passions clearly had an influence on his son.

John Mylrea, the youngest son of Thomas Mylrea and Elizabeth Cowin of Lonan, died in Douglas in April, 1881. His obituary read:

*Death has been very busy here this winter with many prominent citizens. On Wednesday, one whose name has been a word in our midst for many years was added to the list of the dead. On that day, Mr. John Mylrea one of our prominent citizens succumbed to an illness which attacked him some time ago. As one who for many years was the leading tradesman in his line of business, as one of the first elected to the position of Town Commissioner, as one who was selected to represent the Non-conformist interest on the Education Board and as a man of intellectual power and decided opinions, he will long be remembered among us. His remains were yesterday interred in Braddan Cemetery, the funeral being very largely attended.*⁴⁹

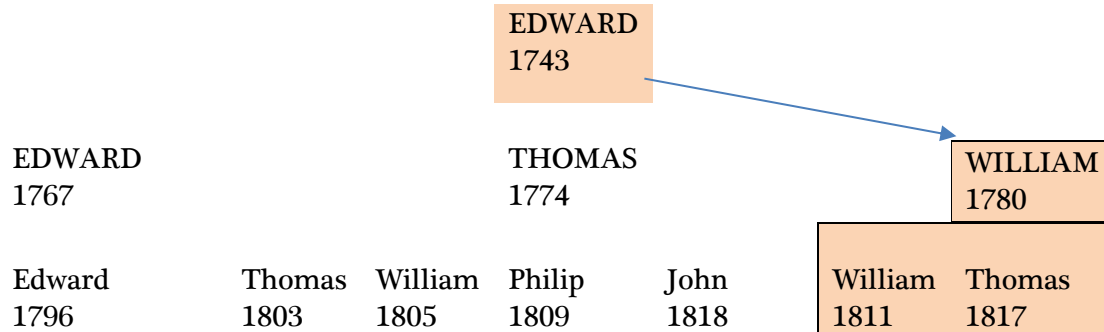
The death of John Allen without a son meant that the name MYLREA did not pass to another generation of the descendants of Edward Mylrea of Lonan from his youngest grandson, John.

⁴⁹ The Isle of Man Times and General Advertiser, Saturday, 9th April. Gale Databases, 19th Century, British Library Newspapers.



WILLIAM

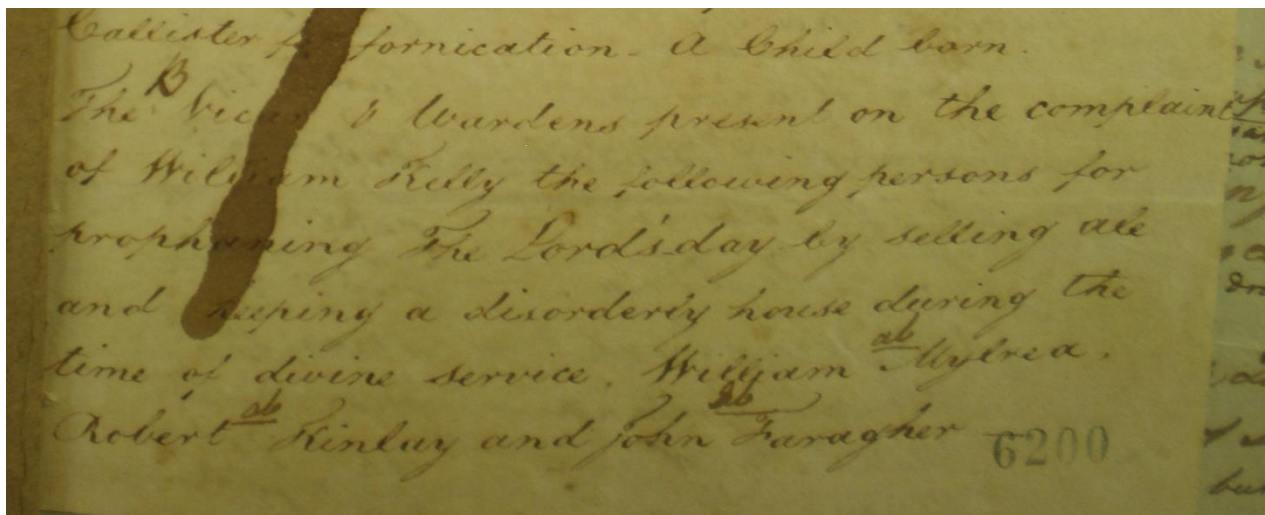
1780-1850



The third and youngest son of Edward Mylrea snr and Dorothy Fargher als Kewley remained in Lonan, and married Ann Fargher in 1804. They had five children:

- ☞ Ann (18th January, 1807)
- ☞ Margaret (17th November 1809)
- ☞ William jnr (15th September 1811)
- ☞ Thomas (17th August 1817)
- ☞ Jane (15th August 1819)

William earned his living as a tailor and also as a publican – although whether at the same time or not is unknown. He was presented for selling liquor on a Sunday in 1808 and recorded as holding a liquor license in 1816⁵⁰, again in 1832. William and his father-in-law John Fargher were presented for selling ale on a Sunday.



⁵⁰ Manks Advertiser, 28/11/1816, p2



While his father Edward snr never held land Lonan, and not did his brothers, William became firmly established as a land owner in the parish with the purchase of his first piece of land. In 1806, at the age of about 26 and recently married, he purchased a small piece of land in 1806 in the Baldrine area, south of Laxey⁵¹ from John Fargher, his father-in-law. Six years later, William purchased a much more substantial piece from Fargher⁵². The two parcels of land “*a brow in the south end of my estate in **Baldrine**”⁵³, and “*the south half of the big the Flatt in the south end of my estate adjoining the parcel of said estate the widow holds at present in the north, adjoining the brow the said William Mylrea purchased of me*⁵⁴”,*

About 35 years later, William snr sold these Baldrine holdings to his son William jnr⁵⁵ and it seems that the pair then in 1850 sold off most of this holding, just a few months before William snr died⁵⁶. William the father had passed on the family’s land to his older son but since the property was in debt, William the son paid off the debt and took possession of the lands so while an orderly transition of the family’s lands took place, it was because William jnr had rescued the lands from being sold at public auction. By then, William jnr had married and his land interests lay in another part of Lonan.

After wife Ann died in 1839, William snr remarried in 1840, this time a widow named Ann Cowley with whom he had another child, Catherine that same year. Of his six children:

- ☞ Ann who married Thomas Topliss in 1825, seven children four surviving
- ☞ Margaret married John Kewley in 1827, possibly nine children
- ☞ William jnr married Jane Killip in 1838, four children surviving
- ☞ Thomas was recorded as living with his brother William and Jane (Killip)⁵⁷ in the 1841 census and went to the US after that
- ☞ Jane – nothing further is known with certainty – did she marry James Fargher, and then Robert Lewney?
- ☞ Catherine (from his second marriage) – did she marry James Clague?

1. WILLIAM jnr (1811-1883)

William jnr married Jane Killey in 1838. They had nine children four of whom died in infancy and a fifth died aged 20.

He was a hatter in Laxey Glen and also a land holder. He sold off most of the Baldrine lands he received from his father but when he married, his wife’s family made a gift of Baljean land to the young couple as part of their Marriage Contract⁵⁸.

⁵¹ <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/william-purchase-1806.html>

⁵² <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/william-purchase-1812.html>

⁵³ <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/william-purchase-1806.html>

⁵⁴ <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/william-purchase-1812.html>

⁵⁵ <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/william-sale-1840.html>

⁵⁶ <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/william-sale-1850.html>

⁵⁷ A descendant has Thomas arriving in the US on Columbiana on 5th August 1845 but now can’t find the source

⁵⁸ <https://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/williamjane-marriage-1838.html>

They were quite a prosperous couple. This prosperity must have been due in part to the land given by Jane's parents in her Marriage Contract (Croit Baljean) which was mortgaged several times, and due also to the earlier property dealings of William Mylrea snr. Part of their assets was a row of houses known as *Mylrea's Terrace* although it is unclear whether William jnr built the terrace of houses or whether he purchased them and they simply became known as Mylrea's Terrace.



The terrace houses have since been demolished and perhaps they met the same fate as a nearby dwelling which was removed to widen the road.

William and Jane were in the fortunate position of being able to leave houses and lands to all of their children⁵⁹. Their two surviving sons, Thomas & William, became miners in the Laxey lead mines, and their two surviving daughters married miners. The sons did not marry and lived with their parents until both died, in 1883 & 1879 respectively. Son William died not long after his father and the land left to him by his parents, *Cronk ne Brace*, was sold by his brother Thomas to Egbert Rydings & Hampton in 1889⁶⁰. When Thomas died in 1893, he left his estate mostly to the families of his two sisters, Jane & Margaret⁶¹. The deaths of the two adult sons

⁵⁹ <https://www.mylrea.com.au/wills%20collection/williamjane-1883.html>

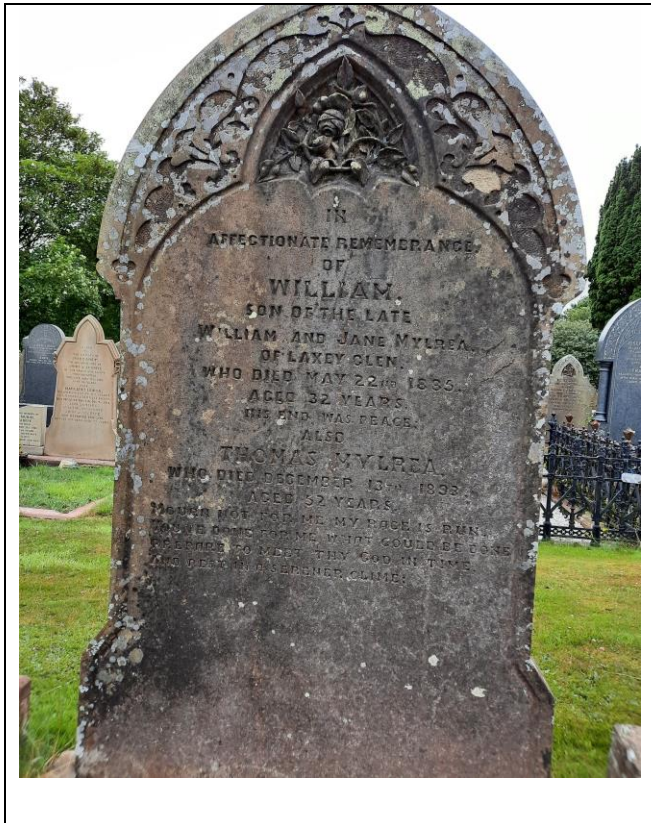
⁶⁰ <https://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/thomas-sale-1889.html>

⁶¹ <https://www.mylrea.com.au/wills%20collection/thomas-1893.html>



without issue spelled the end of this line of Mylreas that reached back to Braddan of the early 1700s

This Mylrea family has several headstones in the old St Adamnan's cemetery in Lonan



<p>In affectionate remembrance of William son of the late William and Jane Mylrea of Laxey Glen who died May 22nd 1885 aged 32 years The end was peace Also Thomas Mylrea who died December 13 1893 aged 52 years</p> <p>Mourne not for me my race is done You've done for me what could be done Prepare to meet thy God in time And rest in a greener clime</p>	<p>In affectionate remembrance of Jane, the beloved wife of William Mylrea of Laxey Glen who departed this life March 23rd 1873 aged 65 years also of the above named William Mylrea who departed this life January 4th 1888 aged 71 years also Joh son of the above ho departed this likfe February 20th 1877 aged 20 years</p>
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2. THOMAS (1817-1891)

The family name morphed into MILLREA for Thomas and his descendants.

It is not clear yet exactly when Thomas arrived in America but it was after 1841. Nor when he married Isabella Whyte. It is an open question whether the couple had met in Britain, then Thomas went to America to find employment so that Isabella could follow him, leaving from Scotland about a year after Thomas arrived in the US. They first lived in Lee, Massachusetts where Isabella's older brother, Alexander, co-owned the Whyte & Hulbert papermill, which had formerly been known as the Columbiana papermill. Whyte was described as the practical papermaker; Hulbert financed the endeavor.

Their first child William Alexander was born in Lee. Soon after, the little family moved to Owego, the county seat of Tioga County, New York state where another of Isabella's brothers resided. After the move, US Census collections gave Thomas's occupation as "farmer" in Tioga, NY.

Thomas and Isabella had five children:

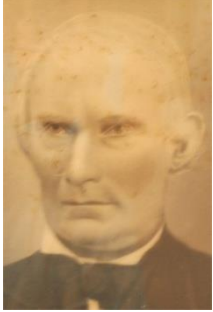
- ☞ William Alexander (1849)
- ☞ Jane Ann (Jennie) (1851)
- ☞ Thomas Whyte (1852)
- ☞ Edward L (1854)
- ☞ James Fred (1856)

It seems that Thomas's life in the USA was one of success and satisfaction. He died at the age of 74, having seen all of his children grow up, and three of his sons go into the grocery business together. Millrea Brothers grocery was on Front Avenue, in the "business hub" of Owego, NY. James Fred was also a tax Assessor. Drexel University Library has record of a case where J. Fred is both appellant and respondent before the New York State Supreme Court. J. Fred Millrea died November 2, 1918 at age 60, the Elmira Star-Gazette reported it 11/5/1918 as influenza - the Spanish Flu.

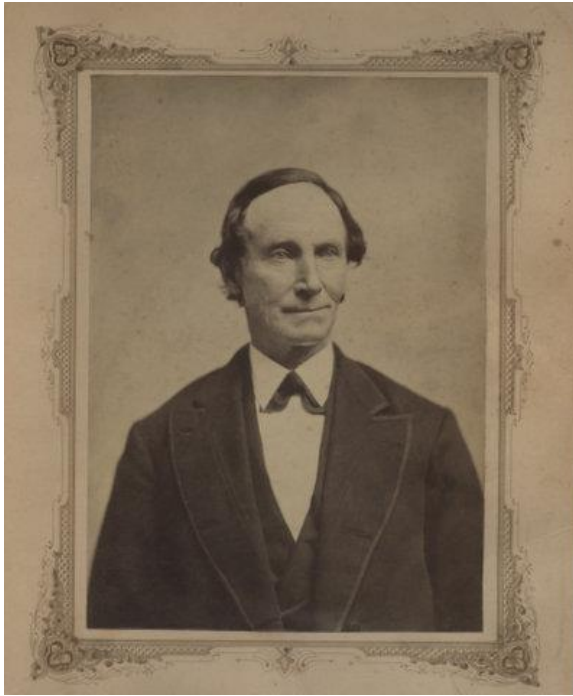
Burial records show that descendants of the Millrea family continue to live in Tioga. With the death of Richard William Millrea in 1975, the line of descendants from Edward Mylrea snr of Lonan through William his youngest son, came to an end in the United States of America almost two hundred after Edward snr himself died.



Writes Marcia Truman, great great granddaughter of Thomas Millrea “*One of his sons became a lawyer; one farmed with him; two were merchants in town. His only daughter, Jane, stayed at the farm. His eldest son, William Alexander, was my great grandfather. William and his wife, Helen Goodrich Millrea, both died very young from tuberculosis, leaving 4 young children to be raised by their Millrea aunts & uncles.*”

<p>Thomas MILLREA 1817-1891</p>	<p>THE RECORD. Tioga County, New York May 31, 1888 #2</p>
	<p>FIREMAN'S ELECTION.</p> <p>Last evening occurred the regular election of the Owego Fire Department. There was no opposition to the regular "ticket" and but little interest was manifested in the matter. Only thirty-five votes were cast, although there are nearly two-hundred active firefighters who are entitled to vote. The following are the officers chosen: For Chief Engineer, Frederick S. HODGE. For Second Assistant Chief Engineer, William A. MILLREA For Secretary, Thomas A. BRADY For Treasurer, Frank S. BLOODGOOD.</p> <p>NEW OFFICERS IN AHWAGA HOUSE.</p> <p>Owing to the election of Firemen William A. MILLREA, as Second Assistant Engineer of the Department No. 6 was obliged to choose a new foreman. They very wisely promoted Fred C. PENNY from position of First of First Assistant Foreman to that of Foreman and Second Assistant, E. D. COBURN was placed in Mr. Penny's former position and F. L. RAYMOND was elected Second Assistant to succeed Mr. COBURN.</p> <p>THE STILES FAMILY.</p> <p>Wednesday May 30. was the sixtieth anniversary of the birth of Mrs. B. C. STILES of Tioga and her five children, eleven grandchildren, and brothers and sisters surprised her on that occasion by a family reunion. There were present Mr. and Mrs. F. H. STILES, and three children, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. GOODRICH, and four children, Miss Sarah A. STILES, Mr. and Mrs. William A. MILLREA, and four children. Mr. Geo. B. STILES and with one or two exceptions all her brothers and sisters. Elegant refreshments were served and the occasion was a very valuable one to Mrs. STILES and her guests.</p>

Marcia kindly shared the following photographs:



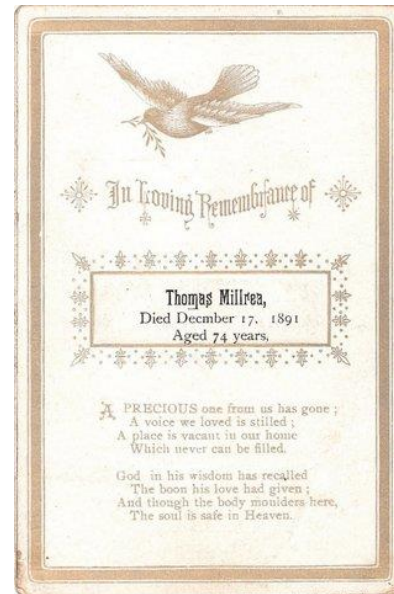
Thomas as a younger man



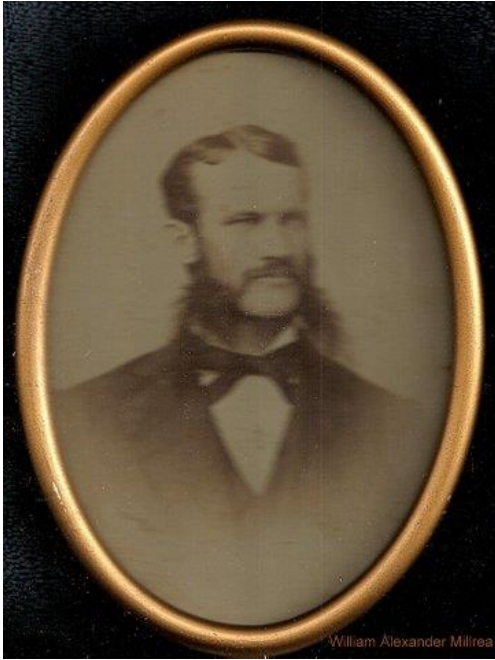
Isabella Whyte

THOMAS MILLREA.
Died, Thursday, Dec. 17, 1891, at his home on Beecher Hill, Owego, N. Y., of heart failure, superinduced by the grip, Thomas Millrea, aged 73 years. Funeral Sunday at 2 p. at his late residence. His death follows close upon that of his wife, but three days intervening, and her funeral was held yesterday. The children, five in number, have the heartfelt sympathy of all in their double bereavement.

Thomas's Obituary



Thomas's Funeral Card



Thomas's oldest son, William Alexander
(Great grandson of Edward Mylrea of Lonan)



Mattie Smith Millrea
Wife of Thomas's second son Thomas Whyte
Millrea



Quilt made by Mattie Millrea
Note label "Compliments of Fred Millrea"

ATTACHMENTS



1. MYLROIE of LONAN

Not to be confused with the Mylrea clan in Lonan was the Mylroie clan. Although the surnames sound remarkably similar, they are worlds apart genetically. Recent DNA analysis shows that the Mylroies are Scandinavian while Mylreas are Celtic⁶².

The first recorded Mylroie, a man named David, arrived in Lonan, perhaps in the early years of the 18th century. The surname name became unique to Lonan although this first recorded Mylroie, David, was probably born in Douglas. In several instances, the surname Mylroie eventually morphed into Mylrea, meaning that the family historian without the benefit of DNA faces a challenge to distinguish a Mylroie line from a Mylrea line. The situation is not helped by the Manx Directories of the day referring to the Mylroie men as Mylrea in their listings.

David married Margaret als Cowne in Braddan in 1680 and although no record of their marriage has survived, their Marriage Contract remains to mark their alliance. They probably arrived in Lonan in the early 1700, having lived for some time in Braddan, and later in the northern parish of Maughold.

If David and Margaret Mylroie can be described as the *foundation* members of the Mylroie clan in Lonan, then their son Richard deserves the title of Mylroie *patriarch*⁶³. Richard, born in 1690 in Braddan, married three times - Isabel Moore 1714, Ellinor Ffargher 1732, and Mary Quark 1740 - and produced four daughters and five sons:

- John (1724)
- David (1727)
- Richard (1736)
- Thomas (1743)
- William (1746)

Sons John and David remained in Lonan to create their own enduring family lines. They were farmers and their estates enjoyed the names of *Ballachoan*, *Close Moar*, and *Ballacosney*. The Mylroie connection to the land continued into the 19th century when debt and a more predictable income from the Laxey mines proved either too great a burden or too great a promise.

⁶² Manx Surname DNA Study: John Creer. <http://www.manxdna.co.uk>

⁶³ Fathers & Sons: One Mylroie Clan <http://www.mylrea.com.au/stories/Fathers%2oand%2oSons.pdf>

2. MYLREA LA ENTRIES FOR DOUGLAS

I. THOMAS

YEAR	#	Rent	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant
1605-1606		6d	Thomas Mc ylrea id	John Moore 4d		Richard Howarth id	
1607-1619		6d	Thomas Mc ylrea id	Thomas Dawson 4d		Ric Howarth id	
1620-1628	76	6d	Thomas	Thomas Dawson 2d	George Stanley 2d	Arthur Caesar id	
1629-1630	77	6d	Thomas	Charles Quayle 2d	George Stanley 2d	Ewan Christian 1/2d	Jane Carbury/ Stanley/Sainbury Shurbery 1/2d
1631-1634	79	6d	Thomas	Carrol? Quayle 2d	George Stanley 2d	Ewan Christian 1/2d	Jane Carbury 1/2d
1635-1645	78	6d	Thomas	Carroll?? Or Charles Quayle 2d	George Stanley 2d	Ewan Christian 1/2d	Ewan Christian 1/2d (LV 1634)
1646-1661	76	6d	Thomas	Charles Quayle 2d	Jane Stanley, wife & executor John Stanley 2d (LV1645)	Ewan Christian id	
1662-69		6d	Geo Tyson ⁶⁴ (LV1661)	Charles Quayle 2d	Jane Stanley d wife & executor John Stanley 2d	Ewan Christian id	
1670-78	76	6d	Geo Tyson	Charles Quayle 2d	Jane Stanley wife & executor John Stanley 2d	Arthur Brewe id (LV 1669)	
1679-1686		6d	Geo Tyson	Charles Quayle 2d	Jane Stanley wife & executor John Stanley 2d	Charles Bridson id (LV 1678)	
1687-1689 (-90)		6d	Geo Tyson	Charles Quayle 2d	Robert Key 2d (LV1686)	Charles Bridson id	
1691)-93) -1696	76	6d	Geo Tyson	Charles Quayle 2d	Ro Key 2d	Cathn Bridson id (LV??) ⁶⁵	** Kath Moore als Bridson?
1697 (-00) -??		6d	Geo Tyson	Charles Quayle 2d	Ro Key 2d	Kath Bridson id	
1702	76	6d	Geo Tyson	Charles Quayle 2d	Ro Key 2d	Kath Bridson id	

⁶⁴ Did George Tyson die 1662? Wife Ellin died 1674??? Only burials, but make no sense; son John Tyson b1641, daughter Margaret b1642?

⁶⁵ According to Crow, Arthur Bridson received the tenancy from Charles Bridson. An Arthur Bridson was also present on other tenancies held by John Bridson



Nigel Crow's 2003 analysis of cottage #76 tenants after 1705

REF	TENANT	ENTITLEMENT	Previous tenants
02/01	Robert Kaye, tailor	Bought from the executors of Mr. Richard Stevenson of Balladoole, Arbory, c1686 Balladoole, Arbory, about 1686	Robert KEY held a 2d tenancy on #76 from 1686 to 1702. The prior tenant was Jane Stanley, although LV records that it was purchased from Ric Stevenson
02/02	Patrick Clark	Bought from Robert Quayle & Gilbert Looney, 1691/2	Charles QUAYLE held a 2d tenancy on #76 from 1629 until 1702. Recorded in LV 1629 without the benefit of an explanation.
02/03	James Kermode	Not known. Acquired before 1687. Previously held by George Tyson, 1663	George TYSON held a 1d tenancy on #76 from 1661 to 1702. He acquired it from Thomas Stoale who had purchased it from Mylrea's daughter.
02/04	John Gelling	Inherited from his father George Gelling (d. 1701) who bought from Gilbert Brew, 1691	
02/05	Arthur Bridson of Kirk Malew, joiner	Acquired before 1691 from the estate of Charles Bridson (d.1682) who inherited from Arthur Brew, soldier (d. 1678)	Charles BRIDSON held a 1d tenancy on #76 from 1678 until 1691 after which Kath BRIDSON's name appeared in the LA entries (without the benefit of an LV entry). She was there until 1702. Charles inherited tenancy from Arthur BREW
02/06	Mary Oates alias Clark, widow	Inherited from husband Thomas Oates (d. 1692) who had acquired; (a) by purchase from Thomas Stowell, c1688 (b) details unknown, but part of the garden was said in a later document to have been 'bought of Savages rent'	
02/07	James Savage & Elinor Savage alias Hendricks his wife	Elinor acquired her right by purchase with first husband Christopher Fitzsimmons c1688. James bought his share from Christopher's estate, 1702	
02/08	Margaret Lowcay alias Garrett, widow	Inherited from husband Rev. Henry Lowcay (d. 1700) who acquired (manner unknown) before 1662	
02/09	John Cannell, tailor	Inherited (a) as executor of father William Cannell (d. 1644) (b) from mother Jony Cannell alias Finch (d. 1670)	

2. JOHN & HEN

LA	# (1), (5)	TENANT 1	TENANT 2	RENT
1651	60	Nick Conore 9d	Jo Carrolly 1½d with wife, Robert Quayne 1½d	12d
1651LV		Nick Conora 6d	Hen Mc yloy (3d) Bill of Sale	12d
1652-54		Nich Conoree 6d	Hen Mc yloy (3d), Jo Corrolley with wife (1½d) Robt Quine (1½d)	12d
1655		Nich Conoree 6d	Hen Mc yloy (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) Robt Quine (1½d)	12d
1656		Nich Conoree 6d	Hen Mc yloy (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) Robt Quine (1½d)	12d
1657		Nich Conoree 6d	Hen Mc yloy (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) Robt Quine (1½d)	12d
1657LV		Nick Conora 6d	John Mc yloy (5d) Bill of Sale	12d
1658	60	John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc yloii (3d), Jo Corrolley with wife (1½d) Robt Quine (1½d)	12d
1659		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc yloii (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) Robt Quine (1½d)	12d
1660		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc yloye (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) Robt Quine (1½d)	12d
1661		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc yloye (3d), Jo Corrolley with wife (1½d) Robt Quine (1½d)	12d
1662		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc yloye (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) David Christian (1½d) (LV1661 in possession)	12d
1663-64		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) David Christian (1½d)	12d
1665		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) David Christian (1½d)	12d
1666		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) David Christian (1½d)	12d
1667		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc yloye (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) (executor?) Phil Christian wife and executor for David Christian (1½d) (LV 1666 - Jo to David to Phil executors)	12d
1668		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc yloye (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) Phil Christian wife and executors for David Christian (1½d)	12d
1669	59	John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc yloye (3d), Jo Corroley with wife with wife (1½d) Phil Christian wife and executor for David Christian (1½d)	12d
1670		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc yloy (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) Phil Christian wife and executor for David Christian (1½d)	12d
1671	59	John Mc ylvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorey (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) Phil Christian wife and executor for David Christian (1½d)	12d
1672	57	John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) Phil Christian wife and executor David Christian (1½d)	12d



1673		John Mcv Ivorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½ d) with exor Philp Christian (3/4d) wife and exor David Christian (3/4d)	12d
1674	62	John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), Jo Corrolly with wife (1½ d) Kath Moore 3/4d widow and exec David Christian 3/4d (LV 1673) Bill of Sale – Philip Christian to Kath Moore, <u>Robert Quaile</u> also mentioned	12d
1675		John Mc ylvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), Jo Corrolly with wife (1½d) Kath Moore (3/4d) widow and exec David Christian (3/4d)	12d
1676-1690		John Mc ylvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), Jo Corrolly (/Cowley) with wife (1½d) Kath Moore (3/4d) Kath Moore (3/4d) (LV 1676) Bill of Sale <u>Robert Quayle</u> to Calcott who passed the tenancy on to Kath Moore	12d
1691-1693	63	ThomasMc ylvorrey 6d (No LV 1685-1695)	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), John Cowley with wife (1½d) Kath Moore (3/4d), Kath Moore (3/4d)	12d
1694		Thomas Mc ylvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), John Cowley with wife (1½d) Cath Moore (3/4d), Cath Moore (3/4d)	12d
1695		Thomas Mc ylvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), John Cowley with wife (1½d) Kath Moore (3/4d), Kath Moore (3/4d)	12d
1696		Thomas Mc ylvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), John Cowley with wife (1½d) Kath Moore (3/4d), Kath Moore (3/4d)	12d
1697-1700		Thomas Mc ylvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), John Cowley with wife (1½d) Kat Moore (3/4d), Kat Moore (3/4d)	12d
1702	60	Thomas Mc ylvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), John Cowley with wife (1½d) Kath Moore (3/4d) Kath Moore (3/4d)	12d

3. HEN & JOHN

LA	# (1), (5)	TENANT 1	TENANT 2	RENT
1651		Nich Conoree	-	4d
1651LV	90	NichConorey (3d)	Hen Mc yloy (1d)	4d
1752-54LA		NichConorey	Hen Mc yloy	4d
1655		Nich Conoree	Hen Mc yloy	4d
1656		Nich Conoree	Hen Mc yloy	4d
1657		Nich Conoree	Hen Mc yloy	4d
1658		Nich Conoree	Hen Mc yloy	4d
1659		Nich Conoree	Hen Mc yloy	4d
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1661		Nich Conoree	Hen Mc yloy	4d
1662		Nich Conoree	Hen Mc yloy	4d
1663-64		Nich Conoree	Hen Mc yloy	4d
1665		Nich Conoree	Hen Mc yloy	4d
1666		Nich Conoree	Hen Mc yloy	4d
1667		Nich Conoree	Hen Mc yloy	4d
1668		Nich Conoree	Hen Mc yloy	4d
1668 LV		John Mc yloye is entered for this 3d being in possession and by virtue of a composition		4d
1669LA		John Mc yloye (3d)	Hen Mc ylvorrey (1d)	4d
1671	87	John Mc ylvorrey (3d)	Hen Mc yloy (1d)	4d

1672		John Mc ylvorrey (3d)	Hen Mc ylvorrey (1d)	4d
1673		John Mcylllrey (3d)	Hen Mc ylllrey (1d)	4d
1674	91	John Mc ylvorrey (3d)	Hen Mcyylvorrey (1d)	4d
1677		John Mcyylvorrey (3d)	Hen Mcyylvorrey (1d)	4d
1686		John Mcyylvorrey (3d)	Hen Mcyylvorrey (1d)	4d
1686-87		John Mcyylvorrey (3d)	Hen Mcyylvorrey (1d)	4d
1687-88	92	John Mcyylvorrey (3d)	Hen Mcyylvorrey (1d)	4d
1689-1690		John Mcyylvorrey (3d)	Hen Mcyylvorrey (1d)	4d
1690-91	91	John Mcyylvorrey (3d)	Hen Mcyylvorrey (1d)	4d
1692-1693	91	John Mcyylvorrey (3d)	Hen Mcyylvorrey (1d)	4d
1694		John Mcyylvorrey (3d)	Hen Mcyylvorrey (1d)	4d
1695		John Mcyylvorrey (3d)	Hen Mcyylvorrey (1d)	4d
1696		John Mcyylvorrey (3d)	Hen Mcyylvorrey (1d)	4d
1697-1700		John Mcyylvorrey (3d)	Hen Mcyylvorrey (1d)	4d
1700	91	John Mcyylvorrey (3d)	Hen Mcyylvorrey (1d)	4d
1702	88	John Mcyylvorrey (3d)	Hen Mcyylvorrey (1d)	4d

What I find interesting in these records is that there are “patches” of cottages for whom the tenants or order do not change over time:

- 1643 Quayle, Robert Joyner, Tho Joyner, Tho Joyner, Tho Joyner, Robt Joyner, Tho Joyner, Vinch
- 1643 Robert Lewn, Edward Fletcher (neighbour Nich Conoree)
- 1651? Robert Lewn, Edward Fletcher (neighbour Nich Conoree & Hen Mcyloy)
- 1672 Robert Lewn, Edward Fletcher (neighbour John Mcyylvorrey & Hen Mcyylvorrey)
- 1673 Robert Lewn, Robert Lewn (neighbour John Mcyylvorrey & Hen Mcyylvorrey)
- 1690 Robert Lewn, Robert Lewn (neighbour John Mcyylvorrey & Hen Mcyylvorrey)

NOTES:

- These cottage allotment numbers until 1700 are somewhat ad hoc, except for the ones taken from MNB, so I might not be entirely accurate in my counting of the entries but will be within a number of two. Numbering didn't start officially until 1705
- Liber Vastarum do not record any of the changes: John to Thomas (1691), Thomas to Killey & Higgin (1707-1708), Killey & Higgin to Thomas 1708-1709
- The best I can make of these Mylrea holdings is that the change was enacted initially in 1703, and the “transitions” fit what is known about the Mylrea women – ie. Jane Higgin's father was Hen, and Jane Killey's father was John
- In relation to Cottage #63 more specifically, this entry traditionally had the Lewns on one side and Coultrey on the other prior to 1703, With John (3d) and Hen (1d) the tenants. In 1703, Thomas Mc ylvorrey held a 3d tenancy, then in 1706 Richard Killey (3d) and Phil Higgin (1d) were the tenants - presumably John's share & Hen's share respectively. In 1709, Thomas Mc ylvorrey was again the tenant.
- The history of the Mylrea allotments is as follows:

1643	1650s	1660	1666	1679	1691	1704/5
<u>Katherine Moore</u> for 12d cottage for the lives of the said	No entry for this cottage	Phil Moore in being, .. <u>Kath Moore</u> for 13d rent 1d	<u>Kath Moore</u> for 13d cottage Fine in 1643 = 4d	<u>Kath Moore</u> now Phil Moore & Phil Christian	Phil Moore & Phil Christian formerly <u>Kath Moore.</u>	Richard Killey - For three houses and two gardens rent 12d



<p>Katherine, and of John her son, and of James Moore, son of Phill of Douglas (3d)</p>		<p>Lives in being ... James Moore</p>	<p>Lives expired Note: Jo Mylvorrey renewed for 9d of this rent 1666 and one life is yet in being of the last lease 1666 – Richard Moore sold 3d of 4d tenancy to John Cowne (#16), and gave 1d share to daughter Kath.</p>	<p>for 12d cottage Fine = 3d Lives James Moore son Phil Moore of Douglas</p>	<p>James Moore alleged to be in Ireland</p>	<p><i>compounded for in the year 1643 by Kath Moore fine then was 3s Lives dead so to pay 00:03:00</i> Kath, mother of Jane, was (Crowe) d/o Richard Moore who must have been the rightful heir of James Moore, last of the 3 lives from 1643</p>
<p><i>(Previously purchased from Stoale & Joyner)</i> Nic Conoree for cottage in Douglas rent 13d for the lives of the said Nic and of ... and ... his children (4d)</p>	<p>John Mylrea holds certain cottage for 3 lives of the said Nicholas, of Mary and Nicholas his children whereof Nicholas the said compounded forty-four and in 16.. the said Nicholas sold the part for</p>		<p>John Mylroy and Katherine his wife ... for 13d rent last compounded for by Nicholas Conoree for of three lives whereof the said Ric is dead now to the said life and to two lives for the lives of Sill</p>	<p>Nich Conoree for a cottage in Douglas 13d rent Fine in '43 = 4d Lives all dead + which John Mylroy and Katherine his wife compounded in 1666 for 9d of the said rent. Fine thereon = 18d Lives Sill Ratcliffe,</p>	<p>Kath Moore formerly Nicho Conery - expired Jon Mylroy compounded for part of this rent in 1666. Lives in Being Sill Ratcliffe 54 years and Richard Mylroy alleged to be alive in Ireland</p>	

 of officers as it ... appears		Ratcliffe, son of Thomas Ratcliffe of Knockaloe and of Ric Mc yloy son of the said John Mc yloy and Katherine and of Margaret his daughter ... for (13d)	son of Thomas Ratcliffe of Knockaloe and Ric Mc yloy son of the said John Mc yloy only alive (to pay 6d for 6 years and 1d a year for the ...) And the other 4d in Hen Mc Yloy's possession and out of lease		
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1666	1679	
Robert Joyner now Amy Watson and her children for 3s 9d rent in Douglas fine = 10d Lives Hen his son only in being		

1666		
Richard Moore to Katherine Moore (LV 1666) The sd Cowne is entered by vertue of a bill of sayle from ye sd Rich Moore & his son conFired by ye officers & ye sd Kath daughter to sd Rich is entered for the 1d rent Cottage Allotment #16/17. She was there until 1702 Could this have been the id garden inherited by Margaret and rolled into allotment #75?		



3. MYLREA of BALLAKILLEY

Two branches of Mylrea lived in Lonan, both appearing well after David Mylroie's arrival in the parish, and sent their perhaps because of their Lonan relatives:

- **Edward**, born in Douglas in 1743⁶⁶, took up residence in his youth in the mid-18th century and had perhaps six children. He died when he was 40.
- **Thomas**, also born in Douglas but in 1804, six decades later than Edward. He too took up residence in Lonan, the birthplace of his mother, and was given about 30 acres of land by his mother's Clague family. He lived there until his death in 1881.

Thomas was the son of William Mylrea and Elizabeth Clague. He was their second child, born in 1804, but the oldest surviving of their offspring. His father, William, probably came from Douglas while his mother, Elizabeth, was from Lonan where they married in 1802. The couple soon moved to Douglas where most of their children, including Thomas, were born.

The Clague family

Thomas's mother, Elizabeth, was the daughter of William Clague & Alice Craine, and born in Lonan in 1771. Several of her siblings were subsequently instrumental in Thomas's prosperity at a relatively young age:

- ↪ In 1831, Elizabeth's brother John left his nephew Thomas Mylrea some land in *Ballakilley*, land that he had bought from a William Clague, quite possibly John's brother
- ↪ In 1832, for £40, Elizabeth's widowed sister Isabella (Kinnish) sold to her nephew Thomas Mylrea some land that her late husband had purchased from William Clague in 1815⁶⁷
- ↪ Later in 1832, both Isabella and her spinster sister Catharine settled upon their nephew the rest of their goods and chattels, to come into effect after they had died, which they conveniently did within a month of each other in 1836

The sum of these pieces of land was about 30 acres, and evidently came from a larger estate held by the Clagues in Lonan.

Thomas's mother, Elizabeth, died in 1834, at the age of 63. The following newspaper item tells of her death, and that she lived Sand Street, pointing to her birth year as 1771⁶⁸. To confound family historians, no record of her burial appears in the register for St George's chapel, although on that page of the register the other three mentioned in the Deaths notices do. Instead, Elizabeth's entry in a burial register can be found in Lonan (with the annotation in the Lonan parish register "from Douglas"), all strong evidence that this was indeed Elizabeth Clague.

⁶⁶ [http://www.mylrea.com.au/stories/EDWARD%20MYLREA%20\(LONAN\)%201743-1784.pdf](http://www.mylrea.com.au/stories/EDWARD%20MYLREA%20(LONAN)%201743-1784.pdf)

⁶⁷ <http://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/isabellathomas-sale-1832.html>

⁶⁸ *Mona's Herald*; 31 Jan 1834; p3

Deaths.

On Friday last, in his 61st year, Mr. Wm. Green, merchant, of this town.

On Saturday last, in Athol-court, Miss Isabelia Skillicorn, aged 81 years.

On Monday night, in Sand-street, Mrs. Elizabeth Mylrea, aged 63 years.

On Tuesday last, on the Parade, highly respected, John Quane, Esq., aged 76, for many years a worthy and independent Member of the House of Keys.

The marriage of an Eliza Mylrea to John Christian was reported as taking place in Lonan in 1834⁶⁹. The Lonan marriage register jumps from 16th November to 22nd November, so Eliza's marriage record has not survived. However, it is highly likely that Eliza was Thomas's sister, the daughter of William Mylrea and Elizabeth Clague, and baptised in 1810 in Douglas. Given her mother's death at the beginning of the year and the presence of Thomas Mylrea and the Clague family in Lonan, it would not be at all surprising for this Eliza to also come to Lonan. The young couple may have gone to live in Preston, in England after their marriage in Lonan – the census records are not specific enough to be certain.

Marriages.

On Saturday last, at Ballaugh, Mr. George Craven, to Miss Eliza Davis, both of Ballaugh.

Same day and place, Mr. Daniel Cleator, of Jurby, to Miss Margaret Quayle, of Ballaugh.

Same day and place, Mr. George Crebbin, to Miss Eliza Davies, both of that parish.

Same day, at Peel, Mr. W. Corkill, to Miss Mary Crow, both of the parish of German.

Same day, at Kirk Lonan, Mr. John Christian, of Andreas, to Miss Eliza Mylrea, of Lonan.

Same day, at Kirk Malew, Mr. William Craine, formerly of Ballabunt, Braddan, to Miss Hannah Bridson, of Malew.

Same place, on Sunday last, Mr. Thomas Quinney, Ballacrine, Santon, to Miss Patience Moore, of Ballacramash, Andreas.

Same day, at Ballaugh, Mr. Philip Kneen, of Jurby, to Miss Elizabeth Fell, of Ballaugh.

Same day, at Kirk Braddan, Mr. Richard Dodd, to Miss Catherine Curphey, both of this town.

Ann Killey, Thomas's wife

A few months after the settlements from the Clague family, Thomas married Anne Killey, and they went on to have eight children, six girls and two boys: Ann (1833), Elizabeth (1835), Isabella (1837), Eleanor (1839), Jane (1842), Thomas (1843), William (1845) and Margaret (1849), all of whom lived to adulthood.

- ↪ Ann married in 1883, at the age of 50. Her husband was John Kinrade, a mariner, and lived in Peel
- ↪ Elizabeth married Thomas Kermode, stone mason, and remained in Lonan
- ↪ Isabella was not mentioned in her father's 1881 will but she had migrated to New Zealand in 1862 and married Peter Calder there in 1865

⁶⁹ Mona's Herald; 21 Nov 1834: p3



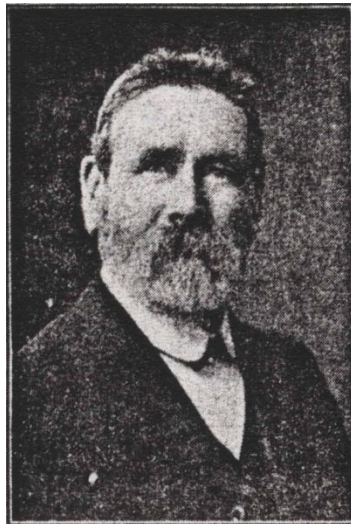
- ↪ Eleanor married James Lace, a miner, in Patrick
- ↪ Jane married John Corkill, a farmer. The family migrated to the UK
- ↪ Thomas married Ann Jane Cubbon and stayed in Lonan
- ↪ William married Emily Helena Corlett and stayed in Lonan
- ↪ Margaret married John Kermeen, a miner

Thomas & William, Thomas's sons

Thomas jnr, the heir to *Ballakilley*, married Ann Jane Cubbon in 1875 but died four years later at the age of 32, not having had children.

Thus, Thomas's second son, William, became the heir to the family's estate acquired from the Clague family. Surprisingly he was never described in any census collection as a farmer as his father had been but rather as a miner, or an engine driver, or a general laborer. Unlike his brother, William lived on into old age, dying in 1924 when he was 75 years of age.

He married Emily in 1873 and the couple always resided at Sunhill Cottage in *Croit-y-quill* (Lonan) where they had four children, all of whom died soon after their birth. If miners did not die in accidents in the mines, they and their families were susceptible to lead poisoning although the potential danger was unknown at the time. The deadly result of working in lead mines was later generations of Lonan families having high death rates amongst their children.



Mr. W. MYLREA (Society Steward)

William Mylrea 1883
s/o William Mylrea jnr &
Ann Killey

William was a steward in the Baldrine Methodist church⁷⁰. Whatever Thomas's ancestry, his male line ceased with William's death in 1924.

⁷⁰ Baldrine Methodist Church, Centenary Booklet 1893

At the age of 60, in 1904, William and his surviving sisters, Isabella (67) and Jane (62), successfully sued the administrator of the estate of sister Ann's husband, John Kinrade. Ann had established a trust to which her husband was not to have access while she was alive, and the Mylrea siblings achieved a ruling that they were Ann's next of kin and as such were entitled to the trust which was worth about £700.

It was this lengthy Court action that brought to light Ann's late-life marriage to John Kinrade, and also the fact that Isabella had made a life for herself in New Zealand. Since Isabella was not mentioned in her father's 1881 will, most family historians could hold the (justified but incorrect) view that she had predeceased her father. The records of this Court case and the associated documentation highlights the importance of looking well beyond the dates of baptism, marriage and death to find the true story of individuals.

It is possible that the high death rate in this Mylrea family was the result of living close to, or working in, the mines. Thomas Mylrea jnr and wife Ann Jane Cubbon produced no children in their short marriage and Thomas jnr himself died at a young age. Alternatively the explanation might have been a genetic fault although William's sisters Elizabeth, Isabella, Eleanor, Jane and Margaret had many children, nearly 40 between them, most of whom grew up to carry the Mylrea connection through their maternal line. Indeed, William's 1924 will covers many pages, listing bequests to his sisters' children. The genetic fault might have been a Clague endowment, because none of Elizabeth's siblings (Catherine, John & Isabella) had living children, and Elizabeth herself had about 8 children, of whom 4 are known to have died.

Whatever his ancestry, Thomas's male line ceased with the death of his younger son, William, in 1924.

Mylrea family trees

The parentage of Thomas's father, William, is a conundrum, one well known to Manx family historians. There were two William Mylreas living in Douglas, born and marrying at much the same time; one married Elizabeth Clague in 1802 in Lonan and the other married Jane Kewley in 1808 in Marown. One was the son of William Mylrea and Jane Taggart and born in 1781. The other has no discernible history

In an attempt to discover who each William Mylrea might have been, a survey of the William Mylreas baptised on the Isle of Man between 1760 and 1783 revealed nine.

- William b1760 (father William, Ballaugh) died 1786
- William b1771 (father John) died 1771
- William b1772 (father Daniel, Rushen) died 1772
- William b1773 (mother Catherine Mylrea, Bride)
- William b1775 (father Edward, German) married Jane Plaice
- William b1777 (father Nicholas, Ballaugh) married Elinor Caine
- William b1780 (father Edward, Lonan) married Jane Killey
- William b1781 (father William, Douglas)
- William b1781 (father John, Michael)



*William, illegitimate Son of William Crinolt
and Cath: Mylrea ——— baptized Oct 10.*

Source: Bride Parish Register 1773

William Son of Jo^h Mylrea and Ellinor Caine " 29

Source: Michael Parish Register 1781

Of those, all but three can be accounted for:

- William born in Bride in 1773 the illegitimate son of Catherine Mylrea⁷¹, and nearly a decade later
- William son of John Mylrea and Ellinor Caine in Michael
- William born in Douglas, the son of William Mylrea and Jane Taggart:

So one of these three could be Thomas Mylrea's father, and the husband of Elizabeth Clague.

- A William Mylrea died in 1838 at the age of 57 (ie. dob 1781). He lived in South Quay
- Another William Mylrea died in 1850 at the age of 68 (ie dob 1782). He lived in Market Street.

PINKNEY PARK, WHIS.
DEATHS.
On Saturday week, in Market street, William Mylrea, aged 68 years.
On Sunday week, in Castle-street, Mr. John Fell, grocer, in the prime of life.
On Monday week, in Back Strand-street, Mr. Cowell, mason, aged 60 years.
Same day, at Port.e-Chee Beg, Mr. George Coultra, in the 65th year of his age,—and in the hope of a blessed resurrection through faith in a crucified Redeemer.
Yesterday week, generally respected, Mr. John Nelson, of the British Hotel, in this town, aged 61 years.

⁷¹ Who Catherine Mylrea was remains a mystery – she was probably the daughter of William Mylrea and Jane Tear. Their daughter was born in 1739, and her family was known to have lived in Bride for a while. Her father died there in 1774, and her sister Margaret (Kewish) lived there in the 1760s, 70s & 80s, which might be the reason for the parents and the unmarried daughter also residing in that parish. If this Catherine was the mother of the illegitimate William, then his father was William Crinolt, and another child Elizabeth, was born to this couple in 1776. This Catherine died in 1789 in Douglas. See the will of William Mylrea, died 1774 Bride & will of Catherine Mylrea, died 1789, Douglas

William Mylrea, the illegitimate child born in Bride, was closer in age to Elizabeth Clague; the other two were 10 years older than her.

William (+ Elizabeth Clague)

married Lonan, 1802

- * ~~William (1802, Lonan)~~
- * Thomas (1804)
- * ~~Elizabeth~~
- * Eliza (1810, Braddan)
- * ~~John (1812)~~
- * Catherine (1814)
- * ~~John (1819)~~

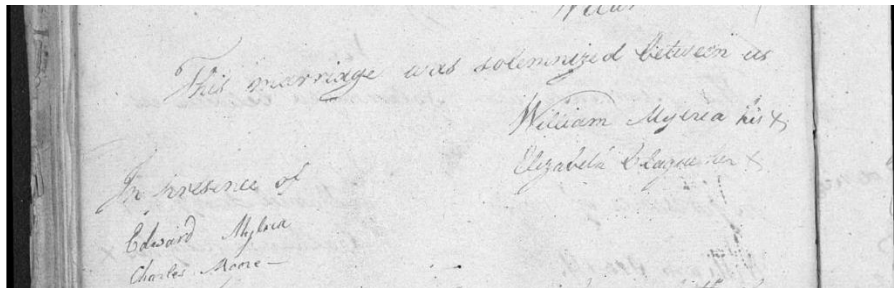
William (+ Jane Kewley)

married Marown, 1805

- * Mary Ann (1806)
- * ~~Jane (1808)~~
- * William (1810)
- * Ellinor (1813)
- * Thomas (1813)
- * John (1818)
- * Catherine (1821)
- * John Robert (1823)
- * ~~Edward James (1823)~~
- * ~~Sarah (1828)~~

Unfortunately, three of the four parents in this imbroglio had died by the time the 1841 census was conducted. The surviving William Mylrea was not listed, indicating perhaps that he was a mariner. None of the children, except for Thomas, can be positively identified in the 1841 census, the girls married and the boys perhaps mariners so not present when data were collected.

Edward Mylrea was a witness to the 1802 wedding of William Mylrea and Elizabeth Clague. The only Edward Mylrea of adult age at the time was the sea captain, living in Onchan, son of Edward Mylrea snr and Dorothy Fargher. If this William was the son of William Mylrea and Jane Taggart, then Edward the sea captain was his cousin.



ALISON'S STORY: Alison is the gg grand daughter of Thomas Mylrea and Ann Killey through their daughter Isabella, born in 1837. This is Alison's narrative of Isabella's new life in New Zealand.

Isabella left the Isle of Man about 1863 and travelled to Dunedin with the Clucas family, as their servant, I think. In the 1861 census she is listed living with them in Douglas. The first time I can pick her up in NZ is living on Shennan's Station, near Alexandra Central Otago, at the time of the Dunstan gold rush.

Living in Alexandra at that time was Peter John Calder, who had headed to the area from the Victorian goldfields in 1862. Peter realised that there was money to be made by using



his trade of a baker, and he set up a bakery in Alexandra, supplying the miners with bread and biscuits as well as dabbling in chasing the gold at the same time.

Peter and Isabella got together, married in Clyde in 1865 with the Clucases as witnesses, settling in Alexandra where they had five children. They left Alexandra in 1874 and Peter invested in a bakery in Mornington, Dunedin, where they were struck by tragedy - two of their sons died within two weeks of each other in the measles epidemic. Life went on and they had another 3 children including my grandmother Lily who was born in 1879.

Alison generously shared these photographs:



Thomas Mylrea & Ann (Killey)



Isabella, their daughter

4. EXTRACTS FROM LANCASHIRE Online Parish
Project

The Parish of St Martin in
the Fields, Vauxhall
in the County of
-- Lancashire -- Marriages at St
Martin in the Fields
in District of Vauxhall, Liverpool
Marriages recorded in the Register for the years 1829 - 1837
Marriages for the Years 1829 - 1833

http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/Liverpool/Vauxhall/stmartin/marriages_1829-1833.html

Marriage: 9 May 1830 St Martin in the Fields, Liverpool, Lancashire, England

William Mylrea - Harness Maker Bachelor of Liverpool

Eleanor Williams - Spinster of Liverpool

Witness: Richard Jones; Mary Jones

Married by Banns by: Nicholas Robinson, M A Assistant Minister

Notes: With consent of such as the law requires

Register: Marriages 1829 - 1837, Page 24, Entry 71

Source: LDS Film 1656205



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Marriage: 14 Apr 1852 St Helen, Sefton, Lancashire, England

William Mylrea - 40 Tailor & Draper Bachelor of Waterloo (NOTE: should be Philip)

Anne Moore Martin - 21 Spinster of Waterloo

Groom's Father: Thomas Mylrea, Ship owner

Bride's Father: James Martin, Captain with 38 Regiment

Witness: Robert Rothwell; Elizabeth Elliot

Married by Licence by: Jos. Clark, Curate

Register: Marriages 1837 - 1864, Page 126, Entry 251

Source: LDS Film 1657555



The Church of St Luke, Great Crosby
in the County of
-- Lancashire --



**Burials at St Luke
in the District of Great Crosby, Liverpool**
Burials recorded in the Register for the years 1854 - 1869

Burial: 4 Apr 1854 St Luke, Crosby, Lancashire, England

Philip Mylrea -

Age: 3 yrs

Abode: Waterloo in Litherland

Buried by: J. Jones, M. A. Archdeacon of Liverpool

Register: Burials 1854 - 1869 from the Bishops's Transcripts, Page 6, Entry 43

Source: LDS Film 1468974

Burial: 28 Mar 1867 St Luke, Crosby, Lancashire, England

Mabel Mylrea -

Age: Infant

Abode: Waterloo

Buried by: Jos. Clark Incumbent

Register: Burials 1854 - 1869 from the Bishops's Transcripts, Page 35, Entry 277

Source: LDS Film 1468974

5. MILLREA in TIOGA CEMETERY, Town of Owego, NY

These records were obtained from the:
Tioga Cemetery Board Secretary, Dave Geller
For further information you may contact the cemetery chapel,
west of Owego, NY on 17C,
607-687-2842.

First Name	MI	Last Name	Section	Lot	Plot	Burial Date	Bk/Pg	Age
Edward	L	Millrea	2	26	6 West	11/18/1908	1-20	54
Elsie	L	Millrea	2	27	8 W 2 ft North of stone-C	1/20/1975	3-414	87
Fred		Millrea	2	26		6/1/1918	FS	61
George		Millrea	2	27	5 West	7/18/1965	3-192	84
Helen		Millrea	2	27	1 West	1/23/1892	FS	36
Helen	S	Millrea	4	48	3 South	6/29/1970	3-310	84
James	F	Millrea	2	26	7 West	11/4/1918	1-71	61
Jennie	A	Millrea	2	26	3 West	1/14/1924	1-126	73
Mary	L	Millrea	2	26	8 West	9/9/1924	1-134	67
Richard	W	Millrea	2	27	1ft South of stone-C	5/12/1975	3-419	50
Ruth	S	Millrea	2	27	6 West	10/4/1988	4-183	98
Susan	G	Millrea	4	48	4 South	10/15/1955	2-389	76
William	A	Millrea	2	27	2 West	1/10/1894	FS	45