



# More on John Byers and Elizabeth Deyell's family.

## Elizabeth Deyell's family

Elizabeth's father, George Deyell, was born c.1804 and died, aged 86, on 23 November 1889 (his death was registered in Jan-Mar 1890 in Cootehill district Vol.3 p.125). It seems likely (from Griffith's 1857 Valuation) that he had an elder brother, Alexander, b. c. 1797, and a younger brother, Humphrey, b. c. 1807.

The Calendars of Wills and Administrations, 1858-1922, has George DEYELL - Effects £90 8 March 1890. Letters of Administration of the personal estate of George Deyell late of Cornanurney County Cavan Farmer who died 23 November 1889 at same place were granted at Cavan to Sarah Deyell of same place the Widow [the primary beneficiary].

George Deyell had married Sarah McFadden [no marriage details discovered so far] possibly around 1825.

It seems likely their first child was the George Deyell baptised on 17 December 1827 in the parish of Kilsherdany, Co. Cavan. His father was named as George Deyell, a farmer of Drumartin. Denomination given as Church of Ireland. Young George's mother was listed as Sarah Deyell [their family names in Roots Ireland are all given as Dyell].

I suspect that Sarah McFadden had a brother called Matthew.

There is surely a family connection with twins Sarah and Mary McFadden who were born on 30 October 1825 (baptised in C of I on 10 November 1825) in the parish of Drumgoon, Co. Cavan. Their parents were Matthew and Sarah McFadden. I'm not certain about what the connection actually is, but the tendency for twins in the family seems to be relevant when we look at Elizabeth's family!

George and Sarah's known children include the following:

George, b.1827 (see above)

Elizabeth, b. c. 1832, who married John Byers, and settled in Queensland.

Humphrey, perhaps b. c. 1837

Alicia, b. c. 1853, who died 7 November 1935. In 1873, aged 20, she sailed on the *Great Queensland*, from London to Brisbane, arr. 2 September 1873. She married James Bullock (born 1850 in Bayswater, Middlesex, London) on 2 Oct 1877. Their children include:

Sarah Deyell Bullock (m. Herman Edwin Bowser, 20 December 1916 in Queensland);

Alicia Cornelia Eliza Bullock (m. John Crozier Valentine on 20 December 1904 in Queensland with 3 sons and 2 daughters);

Daisy Bullock (6 Jan 1885 – 27 October 1920) (m. David Sinclair Grieve (1887-1964) on 25 June 1912 in Queensland with one son)

Susan, b. unknown. On 30 Nov 1915 Susan Deyell applied for extracts about her parents from the 1851 Census Returns (perhaps for pension information?). Copies were duly despatched to her on 4 December 1915. Her address was given as 'Mr S Atkinson, Lisnalong, Rockcorry, Co Monaghan'.

The parents' census address details were Kildrumsherdan parish in Tullygarvey barony and the townland of Cornanurney.

See here: <https://censussearchforms.nationalarchives.ie/search/cs/details.jsp?id=21109>

On 26 February 1872 in the parish of Drumgoon, Co. Cavan, Susan Deyell (address given as 'Currin anumagh Par Of Kill', a previously unmarried spinster of full age), married John Connolly (address given as Raugh Auhnamullen, Co. Monaghan, a previously unmarried bachelor, also of full age). Both were Church of Ireland and he was a farmer.

## John and Elizabeth Byers's family

On 14 February 1855, John Byers and Elizabeth set sail from Liverpool for Brisbane on the *Truro*. The recorded details of the journey (*New South Wales, Australia, Assisted Immigrant Passenger Lists, 1828-1896*) provide some strange details.

Byers, John

aged 21, labourer,

Native place and county: Dublin;

Parents' name and, if alive, their residence: John in Dublin / Ann

Religion: Presbyterian; Read or Write: Both

Relations in the Colony: none

State of bodily health, strength, and probable usefulness: good

Any complaint regarding treatment on board the Ship: none

Byers, Elizabeth

aged 23, wife

Native place and county: Carlow

Parents' name and, if alive, their residence: George Dwill, Carlow / Sarah

Religion: Presbyterian; Read or Write: Read

Relations in the Colony: none

State of bodily health, strength, and probable usefulness: good

Any complaint regarding treatment on board the Ship: none

Male infant, born on board.

The *Truro* arrived in Brisbane on 1 June 1855.

The following paragraph has been recorded as being from *The Moreton Bay Courier*, 26 May 1855, though so far I've failed to find it!

The *Truro* encountered very severe weather in the Bay of Biscay, where she lost her fore-top sail yard. Off Tristan D'Achunna was becalmed 14 days, being six days in sight of the islands. In a gale off Van Diemen's Land she lost her quarter boat. She has made a good run, being 93 days to Sydney and 102 days to Moreton Bay. The immigrants are all in good health, and are reported as an orderly and well educated body of people. They speak highly of Capt. Duncan, the master of the vessel. On the passage there were 10 births and one death

– an infant. There are 318 in all, 48 being single women and 48 single men. The steamer Hawk was engaged to bring them to Brisbane, and completed the job yesterday.

So John and Elizabeth's family began with that 'Male infant, born on board', who was surely George Humphrey with the Deyell family name connections. He married Agnes Scott on 19 Jul 1887 in Queensland where he died on 12 Oct 1937, 'aged 82' on cemetery records.

*Queensland Times*, Friday 15 October 1937, p.5

#### OBITUARY.

GEORGE HUMPHREY BYERS, A resident of Brassall of approximately 70 years, Mr. George Humphrey Byers passed away suddenly on Wednesday. The late Mr. Byers was born at sea on May 22, 1855, and with his parents came to Queensland. Almost immediately the family settled in Wyndham-street, North Ipswich, removing later to Pine Mountain-road, Brassall, in which locality Mr. Byers had lived practically ever since, covering a period of about 70 years. With his father he engaged in the building trade, as John Byers and Sons. Among other works they erected the old Presbyterian Manse and portion of the drill sheds. The trade has been carried on in the family ever since, a son, Mr. John Albert, and a grandson being associated with the work. With his parents, Mr. Byers was present at the opening of the first section of the railway at Ipswich. Mr. Byers was married on July 19, 1887, to Miss Agnes Scott, Pine Mountain, at St. Thomas's Church of England. His wife died 40 years ago. Mr. Byers was a member of the old Brassall Shire Council. He leaves one son, Mr. John Albert Byers, Fahey-street, Brassall, and one daughter, Miss Daisy Elsie, Pine Mountain-road, Brassall, and four grandchildren. George Humphrey Byers, Jun., and Louisa Deyell Byers, another son and daughter have passed away. Mrs. George Humphrey Byers, Jun., Hunter street, Brassall, is a daughter-in law. The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. R. Faulkner, of Scots' Church, North Ipswich. Members of the church committee were represented by Mr. W. T. Whittaker, and the Brassall School Welfare Committee by Mr. W. J. Boody.

Martha was born 15 May 1857. She married a Mr James Manning Trow (1852-1917) in 1885; Martha Byers was listed as a passenger on the S.S. Celtic from Liverpool to New York, arriving on 28 April 1884 (No.23, Steerage, spinster, aged 27 travelling onwards to Canada). Is that really our Martha Byers? Martha Trow died on 24 Jan 1929 in Brisbane.

John and Sarah, twins, were born 13 April 1859, at Brassall, Ipswich City, Queensland, Australia.

Sarah m. Frederick Scott in 1891. Their children were Norman Reuben Scott, Clara Jane Scott, Bessie Sharpe (née Scott), Alfred Roma Scott and John William Frederick Scott. Sarah died 3 July 1948, at Clarendon, Somerset Region, Queensland.

John m. Jessie McLean, 7 Jun 1886. He died 7 Jun 1939, Queensland.

Alexander, born 15 Sep 1861, Queensland. He lived at Bundamba, Moreton, Queensland and died in 1920. He was listed as a farmer at Brassall in a Queensland street directory.

Elizabeth Jane Byers, born c.1863, died 31 March 1937, Queensland. The Rogers Queensland Cemetery index helpfully adds 'Age 74 years'. Thank you, FamilySearch and Christopher Sherrow!

This next from the *Queensland Times*, Thursday, 1 Apr 1937, p.1

BYERS.—The Funeral of the late ELIZABETH JANE BYERS, of Brassall, will leave Reed's Funeral Parlour, South-street, at 3.30 THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON for the Ipswich Cemetery.

Margaret, born 8 Aug 1868, Queensland. She married Courtney Boyland (1864-1956) on 14 Apr 1891.

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Elizabeth Byers's grave states, Elizabeth, beloved wife of John Byers, died 16 March 1898, aged 64 years. Also John Byers, died 7 Jan 1908, aged 75 years.

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