

From Anne Duncan nee Clarke descended from John's daughter Margaret Gallagher – who's grandfather was her son James Michael Clarke

John Gallagher - Enrolled Pensioner Guard 92nd Regiment

Parents – William Gallagher b. 1783 & Mary O'Neill b. 1787

Wife – Sarah Brewitt – not Brewett

John and Sarah – 3 daughters – Mary Ann, Janet and Margaret –each of the daughters married ex-convicts.

John Gallagher died “intestate”- in April, 1883 Mary Ann Coe, the eldest of the three daughters applied for letters of Administration to the Estate of John Gallagher.

John Gallagher was buried by friends in the Protestant Cemetery next to the body of his wife, Sarah, as he himself wished, on the day following his death.

1. **Mary Ann Gallagher** m. Jonathon Coe on 23rd February, 1856 in Port Gregory, Western Australia.

Mary Ann Coe operated a boarding house in Geraldton and after the death of her father in 1866, brought her two younger sisters Janet and Margaret to live with her. Both Janet and Margaret were listed as “housemaid” on their wedding certificates.

Mary Ann's husband Jonathon Coe had a blacksmith operation in Geraldton until he suffered a severe stroke and was unable to work. He later sold his blacksmith business to one of his workers, Daniel Marsh.

Jonathon Coe died in Geraldton on 8th September, 1885

Mary Ann Coe, widow, married for a second time to Edward Hughes (alias McCarthy) an ex convict. Edward Hughes met Mary Ann when he was a

boarder at her boarding house.

They married in Northampton on 6th April, 1891. Edward was a carpenter.

Mary Ann Hughes died in Geraldton on 16th April, 1893 aged 50 years.

Edward Hughes died in Geraldton on 3rd May, 1896

2. **Janet Cecelia Gallagher** – b. 12th December, 1854 in Port Gregory.

Janet was baptised in Port Linton by the visiting priest Dom Venatius Garrido OSB, on 12th January, 1856.

In 1856 when it was decided to relocate the convicts and enrolled pensioner guards to Greenough, John and Sarah and their young daughter Janet aged 2 years left Port Gregory, leaving behind Mary Ann and her husband Jonathon Coe.

When both her parents died Janet and her younger sister Margaret moved from Greenough to Geraldton to live with Mary Ann in her boarding house.

Janet Cecelia Gallagher aged 20 years, married Henry Grimshaw, 32 years on 29th April, 1875 in Geraldton. Margaret Gallagher, sister of the bride was a witness.

Janet and Henry had 3 children –

John Henry b. 1876; Elizabeth b. 1878 and William Denham b. 1893

They lived in Greenough Road, Geraldton where Henry had a vegetable and flower garden and chooks. Henry

Henry was also a teamster, driving ox teams to the Murchison goldfields.

Henry Grimshaw (an ex-convict) died on 23rd January, 1926 aged 83 years.

Janet Cecelia Grimshaw died on 31st March, 1936 aged 81 years.

3. Margaret Gallagher –b. 19th August, 1859 at Greenough
Margaret was only 1 ½ years old when her mother Sarah Brewitt Gallagher died at Greenough in 1861.

Her father John married a widow Elizabeth Petty (nee Chapman) in Greenough in 1865.

After less than a year of marriage John Gallagher died (1866) His two young daughters Janet 11 years and Margaret 7 years were left in the care of their stepmother Elizabeth Gallagher.

Janet and Margaret Gallagher moved to Geraldton to live with their older sister Mary Ann Coe who operated a boarding house in the town.

Margaret Gallagher met and married an ex-convict James Clarke in 1878 in Geraldton. Margaret and James lived in Geraldton, Chapman Valley and Day Dawn.

James was a storeman, a farmer, a teamster driving ox teams to the Murchison goldfields and a miner in Day Dawn.

Margaret and James Clarke had a family of 11 children –

Sarah Ann b. 1879 in Geraldton – m. name Bourne -murdered in Perth in 1915-
4 children

Elizabeth Margaret b. 1880 in Chapman Valley –m. name Wells – 8 children

Ellen Josephine b. 1882 in Chapman Valley – m. name Pereira -7 children

John (Jack) b. 1884 in Chapman Valley – no children

James Michael b. 1886 in Chapman Valley – 6 children

Michael James b. 1889 in Chapman Valley – 7 children

Henry b. 1889 in Chapman Valley – killed in action WWI in Belgium – 1917

Janet Cecelia b. 1894 in Geraldton – m. name Cox – 2 children

Mary Julia b. 1896 in Geraldton – m. name Allen – 1 child

Myrtle b.1897 in Geraldton – m. name Davies – 2 children

Gertie b. 1899 in Geraldton –d. 1902 in Day Dawn

Margaret Gallagher Clarke was a midwife in Geraldton and was well known as Nurse Clarke

James Clarke died on 30th September, 1918 aged 77 years.

Margaret Clarke died on 12th May, 1926 aged 67 years.

Records of Baptisms, Marriages and Death – of the Catholic Church, Geraldton

Baptism – Gallagher – On 12th February, 1857, I Venatius Garrido, Missionary Priest, baptised a child at a place called Port Linton or Port Gregory. The child was born at the same port on 12th December, 1854 from John Gallagher and Sarah Brewitt, natives of Scotland and of lawful marriage. The baptismal name of the child was Jennett (Januaria). Her godparents were Calaghan Foote (son of Richard and Joanne Roch) and Frances Maloney (daughter of Bernard and Maria McAkoy from Ireland) Record no. 3

Baptism – Gallagher – On 13th February, 1861 at Greenough, I Patrick McCabe, baptised a child born on 19th August, 1859, daughter of John and Sarah Gallagher, lawfully married. The child received the name Margaret. Godparents were Jeremiah Buckley and Mrs Butt. Record no. 39

Marriage – Jonathon Coe and Mary Ann Gallagher

“On 31st October, 1856, Jonathon Coe (Protestant) and Mary Ann Gallagher, daughter of John and Sarah Gallagher, were now joined in Catholic marriage. They had already been married in the presence of the civil magistrate. Now they had agreed to the conditions of the Catholic Church for mixed marriages. The witnesses present were Calaghan Foote and James Fitzgerald.”

Record No. 5 -marriages of the Catholic Church, Geraldton.

Marriage – John Gallagher and Elizabeth (Chapman) Petty

Mixed marriage- On 19th August, 1865 in the presbytery at Greenough, I Adolf J Lecaille, Priest, (the announcements (banns) of the dispensation were omitted. No impediments other than that of a different religion.)

I interrogated John (son of William Gallagher and Mary O’Neill) of Greenough, native of Glasgow, Scotland (his widow Sarah Brewitt) and Elizabeth (widow of George Petty) (daughter of George Chapman and Elizabeth Hall) of Grennough,

from Newton Mount, County Wicklow.

I have heard their mutual consent concerning the contracting of matrimony. The witnesses were Thomas (son of Thomas Mead and Helen Connor) of Greenough, native of Limerick, Ireland and Fanny Butt, wife of Sam Butt (daughter of Bernard Malone and Mary McHyde) of Greenough, native of County Kerry, Ireland.

Marriage – Henry Grimshaw and Janet Gallagher

In 1875 on 29th April in the Church of St Francis Xavier of this town (Geraldton) for the protection of those who must be protected in a mixed marriage, I Adolf J. Lecaille, Priest, no legitimate impediment being noticed, I have applied to Henry (son of Henry Grimshaw and Ann Smith) of Geraldton, native of Brighton, Yorkshire, England and Janet Gallagher (daughter of John Gallagher and Sarah Brewitt) of Greenough, native of Western Australia, matrimony through word from the present, mutual consent having been given, to the contracting parties by reason of the power given to me from Very Rev. Dr Martin Griver, Bishop of the diocese of Perth. I have granted witnesses present, named Daniel (son of Dan Buckley and Ann Hanly) of Greenough, and Margaret Gallagher, sister of the bride, of Geraldton.

Marriage – James Clarke and Margaret Gallagher

In the year 1878 pm 7th January in the Church of St Francis Xavier, the announcements having been made 30th December, to 1st and 6th January, on three successive feast days and no legitimate impediment being observed, I Adolf J. Lecaille, Priest, I have questioned James (son of John Clarke and Elizabeth Allwell) and Margaret (daughter of John Gallagher and Sarah Brewitt) and through mutual consent through word at the time, I joined in matrimony. Witnesses were Francis (son of John Kelly and Ann Fox) and Anne (daughter of James Magner and Mary Maroney)

Then I blessed them in the rite of the Holy Mother the Church.

Record no. 48

Liber Defunctorum – Death

Gallagher – In the year 1866 on 30th May in his home in Greenough, in communion with Holy Mother the Church, John (son of William Gallagher and

Mary O'Neill) native of Glasgow, Scotland, 55 years of age, gave up his soul to God having confessed to me A.J.Lecaille, approved priest, on the day before.

His body was buried by friends in the Protestant Cemetery next to the body of his wife, Sarah, as he himself wished, on the following day.