

THE MYLOTT FAMILY FROM THE MORUYA PIONEER DIRECTORY

MYLOTT, Patrick b. 1838 Cloncormack, County Mayo, Ireland son of Patrick Mylott and Mary McDermott. *Arr NSW 2 August 1861 per 'John Masterman'*. Died 16 Jul 1899 Tuross Head. Bur: Moruya RC.

Mar: 16 Nov 1864 Moruya RC to **Mary HEFFERNAN** b. 15 Aug 1839 Suirville, County Tipperary, Ireland dau of Edmund Heffernan and Honoria Ryan. *Arr NSW 10 December 1849 per 'Sarah'*.
Died 30 Jul 1931 Moruya. Bur: Moruya RC.

Issue:

- (1) **Mary (Minnie) Gertrude MYLOTT** b. 6 Sep 1865 Trunketabella.
Died 21 Oct 1931 Stanmore, Sydney. Bur: Waverley RC, Sydney.
Mar: 17 Feb 1896 St Patricks RC, Sydney to **John MULCONRY** b. 1866 County Clare, Ireland.
Died 1907 Stanmore, Sydney.
- (2) **Hanora MYLOTT** b. 11 Jun 1867 Trunketabella.
Died 21 Aug 1938 Moruya. Bur: Moruya RC. Never married.
- (3) **Margaret MYLOTT** b. 11 Jul 1869 Tuross Lake. Died 8 Nov 1938 Moruya. Bur: Moruya RC.
Mar: 2 Feb 1921 Moruya to **Theodore Albert Sylvester DAINER**.
- (4) **Patrick James MYLOTT** b. 4 Oct 1871 Tuross Lake. Died 24 Aug 1946 Moruya. Bur: Moruya RC.
Mar: 16 Feb 1909 Turlinjah RC to **Elizabeth Chivas CANTLAY** b. 9 Oct 1873 Tuross Lake dau of Robert Cantlay and Hannah Chapman. Died 7 Dec 1961 Moruya. Bur: Moruya RC.
- (5) **Edmund MYLOTT** b. 25 Sep 1873 Tuross House, Tuross. Died March 1938 Kingsford, Sydney.
Mar: 1913 Marrickville, Sydney to **Kathleen M. BARRY**.
- (6) **Eva Teresa MYLOTT** b. 16 Sep 1875 Tuross House, Tuross.
Died 20 Mar 1920 Chicago, USA. Bur: Mt. Clive cemetery, Chicago, USA.
Mar: 17 Jun 1917 New York, America to **Hutton GIBSON**. Died Sep 1941 New York, USA
Grandparents of movie actor Mel Gibson.
- (7) **Catherine MYLOTT** b. 7 Nov 1877 Tuross Heads.
Died 14 May 1957 Moruya Hospital. Bur: Moruya RC.
Mar: 4 Oct 1905 Paddington, Sydney, NSW to **Denis Francis DRISCOLL**.
- (8) **Johanna Agnes MYLOTT** b. 2 Sep 1879 Tuross. Died 12 Dec 1941 Moruya. Bur: Moruya RC.
Mar: 1915 Sydney to **John McGRATH** b. 1888 Barrow-on-Furness, Scotland.
Died 22 Mar 1951 Moruya. Bur: Moruya RC.
- (9) **Ellen Amanda (Nellie) MYLOTT** b. 27 Apr 1882 Balmain, Sydney, NSW.
Died 11 Jul 1951 Moruya. Bur: Moruya RC. Never married.

Obituary - Moruya Examiner 28 Jul 1899: Death of Mr Patrick Mylott

We regret to have to chronicle the demise of a very old resident of Turlinjah in the person of Mr Patrick Mylott of Tuross Heads who passed over to that silent majority on Sunday 16th. The deceased gentleman had been ailing for some considerable time so that his death was not altogether unexpected. **As far back as 1861 or 1862 Mr Mylott occupied a position of trust on the Bodalla Estate under the old regime**, where he was greatly respected by, and extremely popular with employees at that time on the estate. Subsequently Mr Mylott worked a farm at Trunketabella, about which time he espoused a daughter of the late Mr E. Heffernan. Later he moved to Tuross Heads, being in fact amongst the first to take up land in that vicinity under the Robertson Land Act of 1861. He gradually increased his holdings until at the present time the Tuross Heads Estate may fairly claim a premier position as one of the gems of the South Coast. Mr Mylott took a great interest in the welfare of the district and some few years ago made strenuous efforts to secure steamboat communications between Sydney and Moruya, making Tuross a port of call. Unfortunately his efforts in that direction were unsuccessful. The deceased gentleman was about 61 years of age at the time of his death and leaves a widow and family of grown up sons and daughters to whom the residents of Turlinjah and Moruya tender their heartfelt sympathy.

Obituary - Moruya Examiner 1 August 1931: Mrs Mary Mylott

At the grand old age of 92 years Mrs Mary Mylott of Mynora, passed to her eternal reward early on Thursday morning. The second eldest daughter of Edmund and Hanora Heffernan, she was born in Tipperary, Ireland on 15th August 1839 and in the early 1840s arrived in Australia with her parents. The family first resided at Mullenderee but afterwards settled down at Moggendoura where deceased spent her girlhood days. On 16th November 1864 she married Patrick Mylott who at that time was Managing Overseer of Bodalla

Estate under the late Thomas Sutcliffe Mort Esquire. Subsequently, Mr Mylott took up the picturesque estate at Tuross where, with the exception of a number of years spent in Sydney when he was educating his family, he and his wife spent the best part of their lives. After the death of her husband, Mrs Mylott and her family carried on the management of the estate until a few years ago when they disposed of the property and went to reside at Mynora. A loyal wife and devoted mother, the late Mrs Mylott was greatly respected and admired by a wide circle of friends, and her generosity and piety were known to all. Her home at Tuross was proverbial for its hospitality. Although she had enjoyed remarkably good health, Mrs Mylott totally lost her eyesight 15 years ago and during the whole of that long period she was most lovingly and devotedly cared for by her daughters Norah and Nellie. She leaves two sons; Patrick of Moruya and Edmund of Sydney; and six daughters; Mrs Minnie Mulconroy of Sydney, Miss Norah of Moruya, Mrs Margaret Dainer of Moruya, Mrs Katie Driscoll of Moruya, Mrs Agnes McGrath of Moruya and Miss Nellie Mylott of Moruya. Daughter Eva, (Mrs Gibson) the world famed contralto singer who died a few years ago in America, was the seventh daughter. Deceased is also survived by 15 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Yesterday morning her remains were removed to the Sacred Heart Church where a Requiem Mass was celebrated. She was then interred in the RC portion of Moruya cemetery.

Obituary - Moruya Examiner 27 March 1920: **Death of Mrs Hutton Gibson (Eva Mylott)**

Intense grief prevailed in our community on Tuesday when the very sad news came through that Mrs Eva (Mylott) Gibson had died on the previous Saturday at her home in New York, America, aged about 40 years. It is sad to realize that this charming and loveable woman will no more be seen on this terrestrial sphere. She was indeed the "Queen of Song" having won her way into the hearts of thousands throughout the world with her magnificent contralto voice. The very deepest sympathy is extended to her aged mother, and her brothers and sisters whose love and affection for their beautiful and talented daughter and sister were unbounded. Besides her relatives in Australia she leaves a widower and two young children, the youngest about three months old. Her early religious training manifested itself in her hour of trial and she died a true Christian woman, giving up her life for her child. An exemplary Catholic all her life, she was strengthened and fortified in her last hours by her Holy Faith, being constantly attended by the priests and nuns of her town.

News Item - Moruya Examiner 28 September 1940: Miss Nellie Mylott, Mynora, has received the sad news of the death of **Mr Hutton Gibson**, of Gibson Brother's Manufacturing Company, New York. Mr Gibson married **Miss Eva Mylott**, Australia's famous contralto who toured the world with Mesdames Kubelic and Melba. Their marriage some few years ago was considered a big society event in New York. Mrs Gibson predeceased her husband some time ago, two young sons surviving their loss - John Hutton Gibson and Alex Mylott Gibson, New York City.

Obituary - Moruya Examiner 24 October 1931: **Mrs Mary Gertrude Mulconry**

Death stalks in with tragic swiftness occasionally but when Mr P. Mylott received the startling news on Saturday night last that his sister, Mrs Minnie Mulconry of Stanmore, had died that afternoon following a severe heart seizure in the morning, the terrible unexpectedness of the phone message proved so stupendous that he collapsed. When the news was also conveyed to other members of the Mylott family, they were prostrated. It is barely three months since their mother went to her eternal reward. Mr Mylott and Miss Nora Mylott, representing the family, left immediately for Sydney and arrived to find the Mulconry family overwhelmed and stunned with grief at their irrecoverable loss. Mrs Mulconry was taking her customary interest in the domestic affairs of her home when she complained to her daughter Mary, that she felt unwell. Shortly afterwards she was assisted to her bedroom and despite the best of medical aid, gradually weakened and passed peacefully away at 5.15 pm in the presence of her family, after receiving the rites of her Church. Mrs Minnie Mulconry was born at Trunketabella in September 1865 and was the eldest of the family of the late Mr and Mrs Patrick Mylott of Tuross. A largely attended Requiem Mass was celebrated at St Michaels Church where the remains of the deceased had been conveyed. The funeral left the church for Waverley cemetery at 9.15 am on Monday and the burial service was conducted by Monsignor. King. The late Mrs Mulconry was laid to rest in the same grave as that of her husband who predeceased her by 25 years.

Obituary - Moruya Examiner 12 November 1938: **Mrs Maggie Dainer**

That man is born to trouble is being fully realised by the Mylott family who, during this year have suffered three severe bereavements through the deaths of a brother and two sisters. In March last Mr Edmund Mylott passed away, in August Miss Norah died after only a short illness and on Tuesday last Mrs Maggie Dainer was called to her eternal reward. The latter had been in indifferent health for the past few years, in fact she was seriously ill in hospital when her sister Norah died. After being discharged from hospital she went to Miss Nellie Mylott's home at Mynora where she convalesced and appeared to be much improved, so much so that she was able to occasionally attend the Mission in the Sacred Heart Church a few weeks ago. The improvement, however, was only temporary and on Tuesday she was seized with a sudden illness and within a few hours she had crossed the Great Divide, after having been blessed by all the consolations of the Last Sacraments by the Rev Fr O'Donnell. The third daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Patrick Mylott of Tuross, Mrs Dainer was born 68 years ago, and except for a few years with her parents in Sydney, had always resided in this district. The remains were conveyed to the Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday night and the following

morning Requiem Mass was celebrated. The funeral, which left the church for the Catholic portion of Moruya cemetery on Wednesday afternoon was a fine tribute, being attended by a lengthy concourse of relatives and friends. The Rev Fr McGee officiated at the graveside and Mr J.S. Brogan had charge of the arrangements. To mourn their sad loss, the deceased leaves a widower, Mr A. Dainer, one brother Mr P.J. Mylott, and three sisters, Mrs Driscoll and Mrs McGrath and Miss Nellie Mylott. One brother, Edmund, and three sisters, Mrs Mulconry and Mrs Gibson (Miss Eva Mylott, the famous singer), and Miss Norah predeceased Mrs Dainer.

Obituary - Moruya Examiner 20 December 1941: Mrs John McGrath

The many friends of Mrs John McGrath of Mynora were deeply shocked to hear of her death, which occurred at the Moruya District Hospital on Friday evening last. The late Mrs McGrath had suffered for many years with rheumatoid arthritis, which had undermined her health and weakened her considerably, and as a result of a chill, she contracted pleurisy and passed away a few days after admission to the hospital at the comparatively early age of 57 years. Deceased, who was the youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Mylott, was born at the old family home at Turlinjah. As a young lady she took up music and became an accomplished pianist. Later she lived in Sydney where she set up as a teacher of music, and put through many students. The late Mrs McGrath was known throughout this district as a brilliant accompanist at the piano, and she gave her services gladly at scores of musical evenings. It was in Sydney that she met her husband, who was on the staff of the PMG department, and their only daughter Patricia was born. Later when Mr McGrath was transferred to Goulburn Post Office, the family went to live in that city, and about 12 years ago they came to Moruya and settled at Mynora. In her youth she displayed a lively interest in the horses on her father's property and developed into a good horsewoman. Nothing would give her greater delight than to visit district race events, and in the later years of her life, not a week passed without her following her fancy in the metropolitan meetings. The late Mrs McGrath is survived by a brother and two sisters; Patrick of Moruya, Mrs Katie Driscoll and Miss Nellie Mylott of Mynora; the following being deceased; Honora and Edmund, Mrs Minnie Mulconroy, Mrs Margaret Dainer and Mrs Eva Gibson. The funeral took place on Saturday last to the Catholic cemetery after service at the Sacred Heart Church, the Rev Fr McGee officiating.

Obituary - Moruya Examiner 30 March 1951: Late John McGrath

The death occurred in the Moruya District Hospital on Thursday 22nd inst. of Mr John McGrath, well known for many years in Moruya and a resident of Mynora. Deceased, who was born at Barrow-on-Furness, Scotland in the year 1888, came to Australia when 20 years of age and after a short time, joined the postal service. He married Agnes Mylott, a sister of the late Mr Patrick Mylott, the Moruya storekeeper, and they had one daughter, Mary Patricia, better known as Pat. Mrs McGrath died in 1941. Shortly after, Mr McGrath went to Goulburn PO but his health giving out, he retired and moved first to Sydney, and then to Moruya where he lived since. His health had been failing for the last year and on the 15th, while daughter Pat was away in Sydney for medical treatment, he took a stroke and was found lying unconscious in his home by Mr Rick Mylott who summoned an ambulance. He died a week later and interment took place on Good Friday, the Rev Fr McCormack conducting the service which was very largely attended. Two brothers, one in England and one in Scotland, survive him. He was predeceased by a third brother who lived in Scotland.

Obituary - Moruya Examiner 20 July 1951: Death of Nellie Mylott

The death of Miss Nellie (Ellen) Mylott will grieve a wide circle of friends who learned to know her during the many years she lived at Mynora and Tuross Head. She was the second last of her generation in a family which played a large part in the pioneering of the district. Her father, Patrick Mylott, played a leading role in the establishment of a local shipping company, at the time when the family lived at Tuross Head in the old stone house, and he was the first to send a steamer into Tuross Lake. Miss Nellie Mylott was born at Balmain 68 years ago, the daughter of Patrick John Mylott and Mary nee Heffernan. Others in the family were Minnie, Maggie, Patrick, Edmund, Nora, Katie, Eva and Agnes. Her childhood and most of her early life was spent at Tuross Head. In her younger days she was noted for a voice of exceptional quality. When her sister Eva, fresh from triumphs overseas as a concert singer, made a tour of the South Coast and Tablelands in 1913, Nellie accompanied her and sang solo numbers as well as duets with Eva and another member of the party, Miss Marie Narelle. She was a graceful equestrienne and it cannot be much over a year ago that one of the correspondents of the 'Examiner' reported seeing her out Mynora way, mounted sidesaddle and dressed in riding habit. Not long after this the illness which finally carried her off became evident. Deceased made many trips to Sydney for specialist medical treatment, but to no purpose. Long before she took to her bed, her relatives and friends knew she had no chance of recovery. It is believed she knew it too but pretended otherwise to spare distress and up to the last she met her visitors with a smile and a cheerful word. Friendly to everybody, she was a particular friend to anybody in trouble, no effort being too great in such a case, and money, when anybody had need of it, had little value to her. She was imposed upon, naturally enough, but this never influenced her treatment of the next to happen along with a tale of misfortune. Entering hospital on Monday of last week she died on Wednesday at 11 am. A Requiem Mass was held at the Church of the Sacred Heart on Thursday morning and was followed by the funeral to the Moruya cemetery with Fr Butler officiating.

Obituary - Moruya Examiner 17 May 1957: End of an Era - Death of Mrs K. Driscoll

Mrs Katherine Driscoll, who died last Tuesday night aged 79, is claimed by her family to have had an even greater voice than her sister, the late Eva Mylott, who became a world renowned concert artist. She was born

at Tuross Head in the old granite home, still standing, in the days when her father, a well known Sydney merchant, owned all of Tuross Head. Other children of Patrick and Mary Mylott were Minnie, Honora, Maggie, Patrick, Edmund, Eva, Agnes and Ellen. Katherine was the last of her generation. Deceased was educated in Sydney and, with a natural aptitude for music and singing, took it up as a career and taught the pianoforte, and elocution. Those who knew her then say she was a beautiful and charming girl. Her marriage to the late Joseph Driscoll was an early one, before her talents were fully expressed. There were two children, Kathleen and Beryl, who were in Moruya to be with their mother in her last illness. In a fall from a horse, the deceased suffered injuries which permanently incapacitated her and since 1931 she has lived in seclusion at Mynora. In her last, fatal, illness she was brought into Moruya to be nursed by her sister-in-law, Mrs Pat Mylott and the family. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 2 pm to the Catholic portion of Moruya cemetery. With this passing of the last of her generation of Mylotts it is interesting to recall that her father, Patrick Mylott, at the time he bought Tuross Head, was a successful wine and spirit merchant in Sydney, and at first the area was rented out by him as a farm. At that time he owned a large part of Balgowlah, Sydney, then a windswept stretch of stunted bush and rock. Certain of his investments not turning out well, he sold his Sydney interests, including Balgowlah, in order to concentrate on the farm at Tuross Head. For a time he also ran a steamer in competition with the I & S C S Company, with Tuross Head as one of his ports of call.

Note: On Mrs Driscoll's birth and marriage certificates her christian name is spelt with a 'C'.