

Mary Aileen DELANEY info as at 23 August 2003

Born 1894 R3774 Wellington New Zealand
Died 1949 in Sydney Australia

1st daughter of Michael Delaney and Ophelia POTOKY
Grand Daughter of John Delaney and Eleanor McDEMOTT and of Francis POTOKY and Harriet EADE
Great Grand daughter of Denis DELANEY and Judith DORMER

Mary left New Zealand in 1912 and came to Sydney with her mother, Ophelia, Frank, Walter, Annie, Eleanor and Michael (Don). They settled first in Waterloo.

In 1913 she married **Percival GARRATT** and they had 4 daughters, seen together with Mary in a photo.

Another shows Mary with grandson Stephen, son of Jean. Mary later married Harold MACKLE but have not found a record of that marriage - there is a photo of Harold and Percival.

Mary and Percivals children were;

1. **Mary Lillian Garratt** - born abt 1913 married **John Hobbs MORGAN** in 1936 and they had a daughter **Pamela Joan MORGAN**. B.20 October 1937. There is a photograph of the wedding with big brother Francis Patrick giving away the bride.

Lillian later married **John Searancke** and they had 2 boys John and Eric and a girl Judith Ann. Tragically, Lillian after a long illness, took her own life on 5 January 1961 and it seems, that of the younger girl who died 8 days earlier on 28 December 1960 aged just 4 years 5 months. They are buried at Otahuhu Cemetary along with John Searancke Snr who died some 20 years later aged 80. Pamela Morgan married Allen Kenneth Rowe in 1956. Allan died in 1973 and Pamela married Kenneth William Lammas on 30 September 1976.

Pamela has 7 children - 2 are deceased and 8 grandchildren. She and Ken have a small market garden in Te Awamutu in the Waikato region of New Zealand's North Island where the Delaneys settled some 140 years earlier.

Pamela has been extremely grateful to learn more of her family as it seems her mother destroyed all of the family records just before she died.

2. **Doris Agnes (Dotty) Garratt** married **William COX** and they had one son William 2nd. William Cox was a jockey as was his brother Eddie who appeared in a news report with trainer George Delaney who was in fact a son of John Delaney 2nd and Isabella Potoky - sister of Ophelia. Doris Agnes later married Eric White but there were no children of this union. George Delaney lived in Caulfield, Melbourne I believe and was visited in 1931 by Don, Alice, Yvonne, Eleanor and mother Ophelia. Just recently I found that Emma Jane Mobberley, George's wife, is related to a very good friend of my son Stephen.

3. **Jean Phyllis Garratt** married Eric Earnest Edwards and had a son Stephen. She later married Stanley Strang. They lived in Grafton N.S.W. where Jean was the local dressmaker. She is believed to have died young.

Stanley lives at Arrawarra Headland NSW.

Stephen has a wife Stephanie and 2 daughters, Shannon and Sarah and they live at Cherrybrook.

Stephen and Stephanie lived on the Gold coast in 1994 whilst Stephen was Contract Manager for Sanctuary Cove Resort, a huge complex just north of Surfers Paradise. Unfortunately, Stephen was diagnosed with cancer in 1999 and sadly passed

away on Australia Day 26 January 2000. I regret that I didn't start this saga earlier and didn't get to meet Stephen. Stephanie and Stephen were fortunate in spending 2 years in Kuala Lumpur where Shannon and Sarah attended American schools. In 1993 Shannon finished year 12 in Sydney and then moved to USA and do a further year of schooling there and graduated in 1994 and then returned to Australia.

She worked during the opening of "Toys R Us" in NSW and Queensland and in 1996 and was appointed a Managerial position with Rebel Sports in Queensland and is living there and studying Psychiatry. Sarah completed her Year 12 studies in Queensland and having done very well enrolled at Griffith University to study Commerce Law majoring in Politics.

After her dad's diagnosis Sarah decided to move back home and this has been difficult in having to complete her final year through NSW and Queensland Universities.

4. Mavis Amy Garratt married Lesley Murray ROWLAND in 1945 and they had just one son Gary who is believed to have drowned off Cronulla Beach. Mavis owned a Curtain fabric store in Riverwood and died young with cancer - it is believed Les re-married and may still be alive.