

## *Descendants of John Daffarn*

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### *Generation No. 1*

1. JOHN<sup>1</sup> DAFFARN was born Abt. 1799 in London, and died 28 Sep 1871 in Braidwood (72). He married (1) MARGARET. She was born 1802, and died 21 Aug 1842 in Queanbeyan (40). (2) MARGARET DYCE nee ROACH, daughter of EDWARD ROACH and MARGARET MCCREA. She was born 1808 in Middlesex England, and died 13 May 1874 in "Tillygreig" Gundaroo rg Queanbeyan 7524.

#### **JOHN DAFFARN:**

John Daffarn 'Daffenor' arrived as a steerage passenger on the 'Agnes' which sailed from London arriving Sydney on 12th June 1832, he was described as a settler. It is thought he was also working on one of Antill's properties at Stonequarry (Picton) as his daughter Ann was born there. He later he moved to Carwoola another one of Antill's properties.

#### **Queanbeyan**

"The Dog and Stile Inn" was opened in April 1841, initially in a timber building, by John Daffarn, former superintendent of Henry Colden Antill's property near Carwoola. The Inn was Queanbeyan's second licensed establishment, the first having been the Elmsall Inn operated by John Hunt and Joseph Kaye. Daffarn's inn was rebuilt in brick soon after it opened. The inn was strategically located to capture the passing trade of travellers entering the town along MacQuoid Street, the only access road from Goulburn in the north and Bungendore in the east. It was the first of what would become a series of inns along MacQuoid Street, all of them catering to travellers. Following the death of his wife the year after he opened the inn, Daffarn put the establishment up for sale. It was bought by John Gray, a pioneer Queanbeyan businessman and the town's first postmaster and poundkeeper.

John Daffarn was late the Poundkeeper at Braidwood, NSW.

John Daffarn convicts listed as being assigned to him at Queanbeyan they were:

He had Michael Murphy arrived per 'Surry1 (8) 1836 was assigned to John Daffarn and Mr. Moon at Queanbeyan

William Morgan convict arrived per Bengal Merchant assigned to John Daffarn and Mr. Mowatt as a shepherd.

John's wife Margaret died 21st August 1842 and was buried at The Oaks Burial Ground which was the first burial ground of Queanbeyan. Early information on the burial ground states the earliest burial took place in a paddock adjacent to "The Oaks" homestead. It would also appear that no headstones existed in the burial ground. The site was used for burials from 1838 to 1846 when the Queanbeyan Riverside Cemetery was established.

However one burial took place after 1846 when an unknown Indian juggler was buried on 8 Apr 1863.

When burials took place in this burial ground, Oaks Estate was part of New South Wales. In 1912 Oaks Estate was acquired by the Commonwealth and became a part of the Australian Capital Territory. Over the years the burial ground's exact location had been forgotten.

However, on 21 April 1991 a back-hoe operator, digging a storm-water trench in a drive way of 9 Florence Street Oaks Estate unearthed skeletal remains. An anthropologist from the Australian National University confirmed the bones to be 150 years old. It was then established the site was The Oaks Burial Ground.

The following names of burials at The Oaks Burial Ground have been extracted from a publication by the Queanbeyan City Council in conjunction with the Queanbeyan and District Historical Society (1982). 'Queanbeyan Pioneer Cemeteries'.

Daffarn, Margaret, d. 21 Aug 1842, age: 40 yrs, w/o John. Mother of Ann Daffern

Sometime later John Daffarn married the widow Margaret Dyce but no records can be found of the marriage but Joanna Strang Daffarn was born in 1843 at Gundaroo.

**Queanbeyan Age and General Advertiser**  
**Thursday 5 November 1863**

JOHN DAFFARN. October 22, 1836. Caution. 'ALL persons concerned are hereby cautioned against feeding sheep or cattle on. the undermentioned lands, near Yarrlumla, in the district of Queanbeyan, without the permission of the undersigned or that of his agent Mr. Miles' N. Carter, Viz.

2,600 acres at Weston on the Molonglo River

1,150] acres extending from the above on the south to the Murrumbidgee at the Jew's corner.

1000 acres]

476.8 acres]

768] acres Near the White hill on the Murrumbidgee.

615] acres at and near the junction of, the Molonglo river with the Murrumbidgee

850]

1,070].

All stock found thereon after this date, without such permission, will be impounded.

20<sup>th</sup> October 1868

T.A. Murray

**MARGARET ROACH:**

Margaret Roach arrived free on the 'Minstrel' 25th October 1812 aged 20 years, living at Inverary and working as a house servant, according to the 1828 census.

ROACH, Margaret. Daughter of Edward and Margaret Roach

1821 Aug 7 To be admitted to Female Orphan Institution if under age of 8 (Reel 6040; 4/403 p.74)  
 1821 Oct 17 To be admitted to Female Orphan Institution, but to be apprenticed (Reel 6040; 4/403 pp.76-7)  
 1821 Nov 14 Mrs. Minchin expressed willingness to try Margaret Roach (Reel 6040; 4/403 p.81)  
 1823 Nov 12 Returned to Female Orphan Institution by Mrs. Bunker (Reel 6040; 4/403 p.109)  
 Margaret married Patrick Dyce 9th December 1832 in a Catholice service by Father Therry..

Margaret, sister Joanne and her father Edward Roach C/F carpenter, her mother Margaret Roach who was a convict serving a 7 year sentence, arriving on the Minstrel a square stern flush deck vessel of 351 tons, with an extreme length of 104-5ft., in length, a breadth of 28.9ft.and a height between decks of 6.9ft. A three master of one and half decks, she had a quarter gallery and a man's figure as a figurehead. She had been built at Hull in 1810 and made the passage from England to Rio in better than 60 days. She died as Daffarn so she could have married John Daffarn

Child of JOHN DAFFARN and MARGARET ROACH is:

2. i. JOANNA STRANG ROACH<sup>2</sup> DAFFARN, b. 1843, Gundaroo Rg 369/27a; d. 30 Jul 1920, Loftus Street, Temora.

Child of JOHN DAFFARN and MARGARET is:

3. ii. ANN<sup>2</sup> DAFFARN, b. 1836, Stonequarry; d. 21 Dec 1902, 'Falkirk' Wardell Road, Dulwich Hill.

*Generation No. 2*

2. JOANNA STRANG ROACH<sup>2</sup> DAFFARN (*JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1843 in Gundaroo Rg 369/27a, and died 30 Jul 1920 in Loftus Street, Temora. She married (2) JAMES EDWARD ROACH 16 May 1870 in Queanbeyan, son of JAMES ROACH and HONOR HARRINGTON. He was born 20 Jan 1842 in Sussex Street, Sydney rg 9698 1C-337/14 Baptism 26.3.1830 St, James, and died 09 Mar 1882 in Yass Gaol.

JJames Roach was charged with stealing a gelding (recovered)the prperty of Edwin Elliott, Gundaroo. Has been arrested by Constable Buckley and Constable Purcell, Gunning Police. Committed to Goulburn Circuit Court and was discharged..

Children of JOANNA DAFFARN and JAMES ROACH are:

4. i. MARIAN EMMELINE DAFFARN<sup>3</sup> ROACH, b. 1868, Queanbeyan.
5. ii. SYDNEY JOHN ROACH, b. 1872, Gundaroo; d. 1931, Wee Waa.
- iii. JAMES EDWARD ROACH, b. 1874, Queanbeyan; d. 15 Oct 1887, Gunning (13).
6. iv. LILLIAN EVANGELINE ROACH, b. 1876, Queanbeyan; d. 23 Nov 1950, Sydney 25213/1950.
- v. HONORIA ROACH, b. 1879, Queanbeyan.
- vi. MARGARET E ROACH, b. 1882, Yass; d. 1882, Yass.

3. ANN<sup>2</sup> DAFFARN (*JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1836 in Stonequarry, and died 21 Dec 1902 in 'Falkirk' Wardell Road, Dulwich Hill. She married (1) WILLIAM DARKE 1853 in Araluen rg 381 39c. He was born Abt. 1826 in Dargue, and died 02 Jun 1879 in Surry Hills (53). She married (2) ARCHIBALD MORISON 1883 in Glebe.

The Sydney Morning Herald - Tuesday 23 December 1902

Death of Ann Daffarn (Darke – Morison)

Morison-December 21.1902, Ann, widow of the late Archibald Morison, of Falkirk, Wardell-road, Dulwich Hill, and relict of the late "William Darke, of Braidwood  
Buried as Ann Darke at Rookwood Cemetery with her husband William Darke.

WILLIAM DARKE:

Proprietor of the Commercial Hotel at Braidwood c1860. He was the proprietor of the Doncaster Hotel, Braidwood after Mrs. Badgery retired  
DARKE.-June 2, at his residence, Surry Hills, William Darke, late of Braidwood, aged 53 years. Buried at Rookwood C/E Cemetery.

Children of ANN DAFFARN and WILLIAM DARKE are:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> DARKE, b. 1853, Braidwood; d. 1853, Braidwood.
- ii. WILLIAM J DARKE, b. Aug 1855, Braidwood; d. 08 Mar 1856, Braidwood 7 months.

WILLIAM J DARKE:

Deaths SMH

Monday 17 March 1856

At the residence of his parents, Braidwood, on the 8th instant, William, the beloved infant of William and Ann Darke, aged 7 months.

- iii. EDWARD S DARKE, b. 1857, Braidwood; d. 1857, Braidwood.
- iv. ELIZABETH E DARKE, b. 1859, Braidwood.
- v. EDWARD D DARKE, b. 1861, Braidwood.
- vi. HERBERT DARKE, b. 1862, Braidwood.
- vii. IDA MARIA DARKE, b. 1864, Braidwood; m. RICHARD JAMES SMITH, 01 May 1889, 3 Landsdowne St Surry Hills.
- viii. AMY BERTHA DARKE, b. 1868, Braidwood; m. HENRY ALFRED BENNETT, 14 May 1890, Redfern.

Saturday 28 June 1890

BENNETT- DARKE - May 14 1890. at the residence of the brides parents, by the 'Rev.G. Preston. Henry Alfred, oldest son of the late Henry Bennett, of Redfern, to Amy Bertha, third daughter of the late William Darke, of Braidwood.

- ix. MAY DARKE, b. 1871, Braidwood; d. 22 May 1902, Marrickville (23).

*Generation No. 3*

4. MARIAN EMMELINE DAFFARN<sup>3</sup> ROACH (*JOANNA STRANG ROACH*<sup>2</sup> *DAFFARN*, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1868 in Queanbeyan. She married GEORGE LAWRENCE 1888 in Yass. He was born 1861, and died 15 Jun 1942 in Yass NSW (81).

Children of MARIAN ROACH and GEORGE LAWRENCE are:

- i. STELLA M<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE, b. 1891, Yass.
- ii. ROY V LAWRENCE, b. 1892, Yass.

- iii. RUPERT A LAWRENCE, b. 1894, Yass.
- iv. IVY LAWRENCE, b. 1896, Yass.
- v. ALGERNON G LAWRENCE, b. 1899, Yass.
- vi. ERIC R LAWRENCE, b. 1899, Yass.
- vii. ELLA C LAWRENCE, b. 1901, Yass.
- viii. LESLIE G LAWRENCE, b. 1906, Yass.
- ix. KEITH N LAWRENCE, b. 1908, Yass.

**5.** SYDNEY JOHN<sup>3</sup> ROACH (*JOANNA STRANG ROACH<sup>2</sup> DAFFARN, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1872 in Gundaroo, and died 1931 in Wee Waa. He married ROSE A ELIZABETH BUTT 1899 in Yass, daughter of FREDERICK BUTT and MARY ELLEN. She was born 1881 in Yass.

Children of SYDNEY ROACH and ROSE BUTT are:

- i. FLORENCE P P<sup>4</sup> ROACH, b. 1900, Yass.
- ii. FREDERICK S ROACH, b. 1902, Yass.
- iii. JAMES E K ROACH, b. 1905, Kiama.
- iv. MABEL W ROACH, b. 1910, Temora.
- v. BERYL D ROACH, b. 1912, Temora.
- vi. DORIS M ROACH, b. 1917, Temora.
- vii. DULCIE P ROACH, b. 1917, Temora.

**6.** LILLIAN EVANGELINE<sup>3</sup> ROACH (*JOANNA STRANG ROACH<sup>2</sup> DAFFARN, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1876 in Queanbeyan, and died 23 Nov 1950 in Sydney 25213/1950. She married WILLIAM BONNETT 1896 in Gosford, son of WILLIAM BONNETT and MARGARET. He was born 1861 in Gosford, and died 1930 in Temora.

Children of LILLIAN ROACH and WILLIAM BONNETT are:

- i. MYRTLE I<sup>4</sup> BONNETT, b. 1899, Yass.
- ii. ATHOLD MERVYN BONNETT, b. 1901, Yass; d. 1978, 201109/1978; m. RHODA ALICE BOWTELL, 1941, Sydney 6833/1941.
- iii. DORIS INEZ BONNETT, b. Aug 1904, Goulburn; d. 28 Jan 1905, Towrang 6 months.
- iv. DARCY W R BONNETT, b. 1906, Goulburn; m. RITA E WORMLEATON, 1928, Temora 2755/1928.
- v. DONALD G BONNETT, b. 1909, Temora; d. 1909.
- vi. ERIC RONALD BONNETT, b. 1910, Temora; d. 1974, 16715/1974; m. (1) BARBARA M SULLIVAN, 1930, Temora 11463/1930; m. (2) ETHEL MURPHY, 1954, Sydney 14323/1954.
- vii. INEZ M BONNETT, b. 1912, Temora.
- viii. HAZEL M BONNETT, b. 1914, Temora.
- ix. JAMES RAYMOND BONNETT, d. 1978, 11434/1978.