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**From:** jim fleming <jim.fleming@ozemail.com.au>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 30, 2019 2:21 PM  
**To:** 'Noel and Liz'  
**Subject:** RE: Re James Horgan 1829-1913

Hi Noel

Thanks for sending this information through. The evidence is strong to support the theory that Dennis Shea's wife was Mary nee Horgan/Hagan who was a sister of Dennis Horgan who married Mary Dinahy. The pax manifest for the SS Panama gives the names of Mary's and Dennis' parents: Daniel and Grace. It is unsurprising, then, that Mary's son that accompanied her aboard the Panama was named Daniel (after his grandfather).

Thank you for the image of the pax manifest for the Talavera in 1853. I had located that 30-odd years ago, but in those days you couldn't get an image of it, so I just have my handwritten note!

In relation to Ellen Horgan nee Mulvey and her arrival in Australia, have you got her death certificate? That normally indicates how long they had been in Australia – may give a clue to narrow down your search. Also, does her marriage certificate say that she was a spinster in 1857? If she was a widow, she may have arrived under a different name. I have located two possible death certificates in NSW (see below), but there are other possibilities spelt Hogan, Hourigan and Howrigan.

### Deaths Search Results

| Name   | Registration Number | Father's Given Name(s) | Mother's Given Name(s) | District | PDF availability  |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------|-------------------|
|   HORGAN ELLEN | 14505/1909          | PATRICK                | ELLEN                  | NOWRA    | Readily Available |
|   HORGAN ELLEN | 14559/1889          | MICHAEL M              | BRIDGET                | GOSFORD  | Unavailal         |

I currently have a one-month subscription to Rootsireland.ie. They have lots of records there, so if you would like a lookup, let me know. Unfortunately, this site does not appear to have any records at all for County Kerry!

Regards

Jim

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**From:** Noel and Liz <noelcaffery@bigpond.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 29, 2019 5:25 PM  
**To:** jim fleming <jim.fleming@ozemail.com.au>  
**Subject:** Re: Re James Horgan 1829-1913

Hello Jim

Thanks for your email

I have attached extracts showing Mary Shea and children listed on the Panama in 1849

It appears that Denis Shea convict sponsored his daughter Mary and her husband John Murphy to Australia abt 1852 then

John Murphy and Mary cousin of James Horgan sponsored him to Australia in 1856

He stated on his shipping records that he had a cousin Mary Shea living in Bathurst

Mary Shea wife of Denis Shea and her children came to Australia in 1849 when Denis received his pardon

I started my research on James Horgan to find out how his wife Ellen Mulvey arrived in Aust from Co Westmeath in 1856

They married in 1856 at Parramatta. She is not listed on any shipping records and appears to have arrived separately from James Horgan

I will keep looking

Regards

Noel Caffery

New South Wales, Australia, Assisted Immigrant Passenger Lists, 1828-1896 for Mary Shea

1849 > September > Panama

|    |           |    |                             |                         |      |  |     |    |
|----|-----------|----|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------|--|-----|----|
| 61 | Shea Mary | 54 | James Horgan -<br>W. Mulvey | David & Grace<br>Horgan | Ref. | mother -<br>Dennis Shea for<br>1849 - child of 1848<br>living with her father<br>at 1. 1. 1849 | yes | no |
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| Shea Daniel         | 20 | Wattman      | Spinka -<br>W. Mulvey | Dennis & Mary<br>Horgan | Ref. | mother  | yes | no |
| General<br>(French) | 18 | James Horgan | do                    | do                      | Ref. | mother  | yes | no |
| Nancy               | 16 | do           | do                    | do                      | Ref. | mother? | yes | no |

**From:** [jim.fleming](mailto:jim.fleming)

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**Subject:** re: Re James Horgan 1829-1913

Hi Noel

Please accept my apology for a tardy response. I was very slow in checking my mail at that email address. A better email address for me is [jim.fleming@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jim.fleming@ozemail.com.au) (but I don't put that one on my website).

Thank you so much for getting in touch. Your research into James Horgan certainly throws some light onto my Shea family from Glenbeigh. I must admit that I have not done any research on this family for over 30 years, so it is time for another look!

I agree with your suggestion that the most likely explanation that fits with all the known facts is that Mary Shea's mother Mary was Mary Horgan who was a sister to Dennis Horgan. This would make Mary Murphy nee Shea a first cousin of James Horgan.

I know that Dennis Shea arrived at Sydney aboard the Blenheim in 1834. I hadn't done any more research on him but I found this page that has some further information:

<http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/claimaconvict/convictDetails.php?convictId=12343>

This indicates that his wife was Mary HAGAN. With the eccentric spelling of the 1800s, this could quite well be equivalent to Horgan, so it sort of fits our theory. One question that springs to my mind is: how did Mary Shea nee Horgan/Hagan get to Australia? She wouldn't have come with her husband, a convict.

You have piqued my interest in this family now. Time for some more research on this side I think. Let me know if you find out any more.

Regards

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