**Correspondence re the**

**Shea, Murphy, Horgan and Grady**

 **families**

**with**

**Paul Oliver and Noel Caffery**

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# Introduction

**This is a compilation of my correspondence with Noel Caffery and Paul Oliver about the history of the Shea, Murphy, Horgan and Grady families.**

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# Paul Oliver

## From: Paul, Sunday, 24 January 2021 11:48 PM

Hi Jim,

The 5 shared matches appear to be all tracing to Grady - Don't know about Scott Rawson but would love to bet he traces back to Samuel Rawson/Mary Grady (Patrick's eldest). Both Irene Radinovich and CB trace to Catherine Foran, daughter of Patrick Foran/Ellen Grady (If you are looking at CB's tree it's her husband's line you want). Robyn Smith traces back to John Kessey/Judith Grady via James and Debbie Baus traces to Margaret Foran (married Wilcox), daughter of Patrick Foran/Ellen Grady. I can give you a more detailed line on these 4 if you wish.

Have you checked out the thru lines because Shae comes up in both my Patrick Grady and also in Denis Shea - theoretically I should appear in both in Shea's thru lines.

Oliver matches - I am youngest of 5 and the only one in my immediate family to have done a DNA test (But I just had my brother do his and waiting on results - so if DGO (private) does pop up in your list you know who it is). My father was oldest of 6 boys and I am not aware of any cousins on this line interested in Ancestry. My Oliver grandfather was an only child born in Townsville, but my great-grandfather who came to Australia in 1881 had a brother with descendants now in Lismore and Newcastle. I have only 3 Oliver DNA matches in Australia and none connected with Shea or Bathurst (Nil on your list). Nearly all of my Oliver DNA matches are in the USA/Canada, with a few still in Scotland (PS I think I am distantly related to the historian Neil Oliver as he was born in Ayr).

Sorry about the Noel Caffery - on looking back on my email he does NOT mention he is a match to Shae but did copy me in to an email he sent you. Nevertheless I am a match and perhaps the info I passed on could be of value. Give you another tip - when you are comparing Ancestry trees - just under the head you will see "owner: \_\_\_\_\_\_" - Click on the blue owner's name - it will tell you if you are a match to them or a test they administer.

Regards,

Paul O.

## From: jim.fleming@ozemail.com.au Sunday, 24 January 2021 12:03 PM

**Subject:** Grady DNA

Hi Paul

I hadn't tried that technique before (clicking on the shared matches). I have just done this for your match with my sister Shae and it revealed five shared matches:

* Scott Rawson (40 cm, 3 segments) – no tree!
* Robyn Smith managed by Deanne Moore (36 cm, 3 segments) – Grady/Whalan
* Irene Radinovich (27, 1) – Grady/Whalan
* Debbie Baus (27, 2) – Tree too small
* CB managed by julienbracken (25, 1) – no matches in her tree of 3959 people!!

So, 2 of the 5 are Grady/Whalan and the others are undetermined. This confirms your thinking that the DNA match between you and Shae relates to your shared Grady/Whalan heritage.

I also compared Shae’s matches on the Grady side with her matches on the Shea side. Yours is the only name that is on both lists. Therefore, it is likely that the shared Shea/Hargin heritage has not left any detectable DNA link between you and Shae.

Strangely enough, Noel Caffery does not feature in Shae’s matches at all.

Shae matches to a lot of people with the Oliver surname, including:

* Tracy O (33 cm, 1 seg) – no tree
* FO managed by Faye O (16, 1) – locked tree
* Kenneth William O (13, 1) – locked tree
* You
* Janaoliver19 (10, 1) – no tree
* Charl\_oliver (10, 2) – no match in his tree of 162 people
* Mandi Oliver (9, 1) – no match in her tree of 438 people
* Anthony Oliver (8, 1) – no useful tree

I think most of these are coincidental matches, but the first 3 are probably real. It is a pity that they have not uploaded a tree. It is interesting that they don’t show up in the list of matches that Shae shares with you. This suggests that these matches are unrelated you yours.

Regards

-----Original Message-----

## From: Paul Oliver Thursday, 21 January 2021 10:10 PM

Hello Jim,

We exchanged notes last year - I am the one who is a 12 cm, 1 segment DNA match to Shae Therese and we share DNA tracing back to both Patrick Grady/Margaret Whalan as well as Denis Shea/Mary Hargin. You asked the question "Which of them is the strongest?" To that I do not have an answer, but will pass on some info. Shae comes up in my thru lines to both couples but when I click my shared matches with Shae Therese only our Forans come up suggesting the strength lies with the Grady's. In Thru Lines I have 42 clear matches to the Gradys and 18 to Shea (Mind you the Gradys seem to have far larger families and as well the Gradys, Forans, Sheas and Murphy's crossed paths and as I build my tree the links appear - eg your grandfather Halvar had 2 other siblings that married into that Grady line).

I have since been in contact with Noel Caffery who tells me he is also a match to Shae Therese but we do NOT come up in as shared matches (This is not the first time I have encountered this - perhaps the Ancestry algorithyms need a little tweeking).

For Info I have 4 other matches (apart from the Sheas) to descendants of Denis and Grace Horgan in my thru lines and perhaps located 2 others in private trees. 3 are descendants of James Horgan/Ellen Mulvey of the South Coast being Noel Caffery, Jessica Lucas and John Patrick McGill and all 3 are shared matches with my Moran cousins. Here's something you may be interested in - My Thru Lines clearly show a 10 cm match to

mPfeffer4857 (Illinois USA) who is a descendant of a Denis Horgan, born abt. 1823 Glenbeigh and would be a brother to James Horgan. Michelle's tree has other people from Glenbeigh and she is also a shared match to Graeme Moran, my 3rd cousin.

In the meantime you might keep an eye on my tree as I have found some records on your lot, including the 1913 Electoral Roll for James Kessey, and others, at Mount David which has not been correctly indexed by Ancestry.

Regards,

Paul Oliver,

Scone NSW

## From: Paul Oliver Saturday, October 26, 2019 9:46 PM

Jim,

Thanks for the Foran info - I am sure I will find it useful and a good cross-check.

My match to Noecaffery1 is on Ancestry - 15 cm 1 segment - but we only have one shared match - Graeme Moran who does not have a tree. However Graeme Moran and I have many shared matches and from that he is a descendant of Catherine Shea/Charles Moran, Catherine being daughter of Daniel Shea and Mary Cantwell. Don't despair DNA is quirky and Shae will turn up somewhere in the Caffery line.

The Death Record of Mary Shea 1855 - As I said I do not have a copy - it is pre-statutory so this burial record will be minimal - but what is interesting from the index is the code. Pre-Stat records have a code at the end which identifies the parish. If you come across Bathurst records - here goes - 62 is Hartley (or Fish River), 162B is Stoney Creek, 66 is Kelso and in her case 120 is Wattle Flat. This helps a lot to decipher old records - viz the marriage of Patrick Foran and Ellen Grady which is recorded in a Central Church Registry at St. Mary's, Sydney 1828 but it has a code of 128 indicating the marriage took place at Bathurst. To further justify this the Minister Reverend Keane was based at Bathurst and on that page there are several of his marriages.

It is most unlikely he would have organized a tour bus for all these people to go to Sydney. In addition Patrick Foran was still under service and his ticket of leave stipulated he remain in the Bathurst area, Ellen was under age and approval of her father in Bathurst was required prior to marriage taking place. This all points to the marriage being consecrated in Bathurst but recorded in the Central Registry, St.

Mary's, Sydney. Likewise the Baptisms of daughters Margaret and Mary are recorded also in St. Mary's but both have codes 128 (Bathurst) and Mary's own M/C states she was born Macquarie Plains. Isn't this a challenge!

What I am doing at the moment is somewhat time consuming but useful - I am am tagging the trails of my DNA matches via their individual profiles. I evaluate but do not copy trees (that is a dangerous manoeuvre as it will change things in background) - eg Herbert Henry Humphries - every tree has him being born 22 April 1908 - how then is it possible that his birth was registered in 1907 and his wife, everyone has her being born 1913, try 1910. In the process I am picking up hidden DNA matches - currently working on my 5 matches to Catherine Foran/George Humphries (OMG some trees have made a mess of that pair). I am slowly chipping away at my DNA matches and grouping them in my DNA section.

I think it will be a while before I get Noel Caffery, so I have put him in my "to do list", but there are few in front of him.

Thanks again,

Paul O.

## From Jim Fleming 26/10/2019 10:49 am

> Hi Paul

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> We are the same vintage - I'm 1955. I've checked Ancestry DNA for Shea matches - like you, well over 60.

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> I agree that there is good evidence, aside from DNA, for Honora Shea. Thanks for the suggestion on the Bathurst Pioneers book. I have that on my bookshelf and will use it as evidence to add some information to my tree. Thanks for putting me straight on the identity of the four people in the Murphy grave in Bathurst cemetery.

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> Strangely enough, Noel Caffery doesn't come up as a DNA match for my sister Shae. Did you find that match on Ancestry?

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> I have a database printout on the Foran family that was shared with me my another researcher. There is not a lot on your line, but I have attached anyway it in the hope that it helps somewhat in your current task.

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> Regards

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> Jim

## From Paul Oliver 25/10/2019 9:03 pm

PS - Noel Caffery is a 15 cm DNA match to me.

Paul

Thanks Jim,

For your in-depth reply and a prompt for me to do some ticking and checking. Answers to many questions;-

ANCESTRY DNA - In Thru lines I have 14 DNA matches to Denis Shea/Mary Hagan (I had more in the old DNA circles). Likewise with Patrick Grady/Margaret Whalan I have 32 (had 39 in old DNA circles). The problem here is peoples trees - some have done their DNA but not linked it to their tree, chosen to make their tree private, or in some cases linked it to the wrong tree. You can find them - often trees may be created by a partner who has their own DNA linked. When you are in any individual profile pull up the Ancestry Tree Hints, then click on the name in blue of the administrator of that tree - it will show if that person has administered a test that is a match to you - eg Julie Bracken, in the Humphries/Foran line, is not a match to me, but her husband is and a Grady descendant and the test comes up when you click on her profile (She is married as Bracken and the one doing the tree). Ancestry algorithyms are fickle, wont pick something up if someone has made a spelling mistake (eg Google Maps do not recognize Wiseman's Creek, near O'Connell - so people who have not fiddled with the location have their DNA in Oklahoma. I suggest that when moving around your own tree check individual Life Story maps and have a look where Mr. Ancestry is putting some of the icons - this completely throws out DNA matches). You have to fiddle and dig! When in the DNA section do a simple search in the DNA section - I have in excess of 60 Shea matches.

OLIVERS - Yes - William Campbell Joseph Oliver and Vera Ada Lillian Gailey are my parents - I am a 1954 model, youngest of 5, and details of my siblings and some grandchildren are listed in her SMH Obit in my mother's profile. If you think it's wrong blame me I organized her funeral.

HONORA SHEA : - Thru lines and the old DNA circles showed that I have 2 DNA matches to her descendants. If you go to my profile of Denis Shea have a look at the Annotated Convict Indent 1788-1842 - It shows that Denis Shea had 5 children, 1 male, 4 females. One was missing from the Talavera. The D/C of Honora Shea (McMann then McElroy) in 1895 gives age as 65 (The age conflicts with Census and marriage records). Her D/C shows parents as Dennis Shea and Mary Honigan. I have only recently decided to get world access to dig up more details, (But go to Family Search and find some of the records for free).

RECORDS: I have some NSW BDM, but not many (Must confess I used to work for the Registry of Hatches, Matches and Dispatches so had free access to records, scribbled down many vitals). I do not have the D/C of Mary Shea (Horgan) - got her parents names from the "Panama" script. Daniel Shea's parents are listed on the NSW BDM Index for 1858 (I had written down his mother's maiden name as Barrett, so must have viewed the original). I am sure details of Shea's are recorded in the Bathurst Pioneers (Dianne Murphy Barnes, who is a descendant of John and Johanna has a copy of this - Incidentally her husband Allan is a descendant of Catherine Cantwell, sister of Mary Cantwell as married to Daniel Shea

1829-1864 - Allan and I are both a DNA match to John Cantwell/Bridget Kennedy).

MURPHY - Ancestry does have some Kerry records but they are in Latin - so you have be a little inventive (you would have noticed this from the baptism register - James was Jaesbum). I'll see what I can dig up on Danielium 1837? The headstone - 91 years may well be correct. I ran with the age on the Talavera as the others seemed to fit correctly, but they may have fudged his age (If 15 adult fare would have applied). His parents were married 1836 so 1838ish may be closer to the mark. On the Grave - Johanna (Foran) b. 1836 is his wife and Mary (d. 1916), Daniel (d. 1976) 2 of their children.

HORGAN - I have my Mary shown as Mary Hagen as the only record I have is the "Panama" - Odd - but in my thru lines to my Daniel Hagen and Grace

(unknown) I did have a match to a sibling of Mary, but for reasons unknown this has disappeared.

I know some of my ancestors were rapscallions, pursuing the honorable professions of highway robbery and cattle rustling (Sounds familiar to my Scottish MacFarlanes - check the meaning of Macfarlane's Lantern) - makes today's corporate greed no different. Can't find it now but the one I like is our character in 1881 Bathurst Criminal Court who was fined 10 pound for losing his wife's sewing machine in a game of dice. I suppose over-lockers in those days would have been worth a bit - I don't the misses would let him live that one down.

You've reminded me I have a bit of work to do on the Kesseys and Gradys. I am currently bogging down linking up my Foran's.

Cheers for now.

## From Jim Fleming 25/10/2019 1:06 pm

> Hi Paul

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> Thanks for moving over to email - this enables the exchange of files more readily.

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> It is quite amazing that we seem to be 4th cousins twice; once from Denis Shea and Mary Horgen and once from Patrick Grady and Margaret Whalan. I have never struck this before. It just goes to show that 19th century NSW was a smallish place, I suppose. Given this double link, it is surprising that we share only one segment of DNA. I wonder which side it comes from. I have attached a hand-written chart that shows both double lines of descent. I am not sure, however, whether William CJ Oliver and VAL Gailey are your parents or grandparents.

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### SHEA

> I have spent some time looking at your Ancestry tree and comparing it to mine. No stuff ups were apparent - we agree on the core details. I have updated my Ancestry tree accordingly. As I said below, you were more advanced on the Shea side than I was; and a lot more advanced on the Whalan side. I spent the last couple of days researching the Shea line and have caught up to some extent. You still have more detail on the children of Denis Shea and Mary Horgan. I don't have Honora at all - how did you come across her? (I don't have access to Ancestry's USA records). Also, I don't have anything on Denis Shea's parents. I notice that you have found the DC for Mary Shea nee Horgen, which I couldn't find. I wonder if you have obtained a copy of that certificate? If so, I would appreciate it if you could share a copy with me.

### MURPHY

> Thanks to the Glenbeigh baptism register documents that you have on your Ancestry tree, I was able to add a couple of children to my tree for Mary Shea and John Murphy. In looking into this family I unearthed the website irishgenealogy.ie - this provided some additional detail. While Ancestry provides images of the Catholic baptismal registers for Glenbeigh, their indexes are hopeless; absolutely hopeless. I have previously had success with better indexes on RootsIreland - but that site has no records for Kerry!!! The Kerry records are indexed on irishgenealogy.ie - talk about a convoluted bureaucracy! Why can't the Irish get their act together like the Scots have done with ScotlandsPeople? Anyway, I digress. The point is that, through the indexes on irishgenealogy.ie I found another child of John Murphy and Mary Shea: Daniel (born in 1837). Note that this is not their son Daniel who was born in 1850 and known as Donald. I have attached a copy of the relevant index entry for you. The older Daniel must have died before the younger one was baptised in 1850. (Maybe this is why the younger one was known as Donald.) Now normally I would obtain a copy of the actual page from the register in a situation like this. But, while the register images are online at https://registers.nli.ie/parishes/0670 (and also on Ancestry) the page for 1837 is not there! So, we have to make do with the index entry.

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> The Murphy gravestone in Bathurst cemetery puzzles me a little. John Murphy (died 7/2/29) is stated to be 91 years and 10 months = 1837, but on his arrival in 1853 (Talavera) his age was given as 13 = 1840. Furthermore, Mary (d 25/5/1916) is said to be 53 but I think this should be 63 (if she is John's sister). Then there is Johanna (d 9/6/16) aged 80 = 1836. She can't be a sister of John and Mary (also buried there) because they had another sister called Johanna born in 1858. I have concluded that she must have been their aunt; a younger sister to their father, John Murphy (1819-1894). And I don't know who Daniel (d 19/1/1955 aged 76) is; presumably a grandson of John Murphy and Mary Shea.

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### HORGAN

> I have recently been in touch with Noel Caffery who is a descendant of James Horgan (1829-1913). James came to Australia on the SS Bee in 1856. Between us we have worked out that he was a first cousin to Mary Shea. The immigration of James Horgan was sponsored by John Murphy (Mary Shea's husband). Noel has discovered that the surnames Shea and Horgan appear as joint occupiers of land in a Tithe Applotment search for the Parish of Glenbeigh townland Keelnamrack. This is the same place that is mentioned on the Murphy baptisms at Glenbeigh.

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### GRADY

> I have done quite a bit of research on Grady over the years. My mother's maiden name was Kessey - one of the many descendants of convict Thomas Cassey and Judith Grady who married at Bathurst in 1832. Their son John Kessey married Mary Ann Hanrahan who was a daughter of convict Patrick Hanrahan and grand-daughter of convicts Philip Hogan and Mary McMahon. The first generation of the Kessey family were, I have argued, essentially Gradys because they were raised by their mother's large extended family (see my essay here: https://www.sag.org.au/croker/2014/1416%20-%20John%20Kessey%20-%20criminal%20or%20victim.pdf). The Kesseys were connected by marriage to most of the pioneering Catholic families of the Oberon area, including Foran, Behan, Donnelly, Hogan, McQuirk, Grady, Hanrahan and Murphy. Two of the Kessey sons served 10 years for highway robbery (essentially bush-ranging) and some of the Forans and Gradys were worse! My great-grandfather (James Kessey 1858-1944, whose father John Kessey served 3 stints in Bathurst Gaol) knew many of his convict ancestors as a child but he became a model citizen. The family history is quite engrossing.

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> I intend to start writing the history of these families quite soon, starting with Philip Hogan and Mary McMahon.

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> I wonder whether your ancestor Martin Joseph Griffin was related to the Griffin family of Glenbeigh?

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> Your Scotland trip sounds great - a real pilgrimage. I visited Scotland in 1999 (including Fort William and Culloden) but it was tourism, not family history. I did manage to find the address where my GG-grandfather (Charles Fleming) was born in outer Glasgow. (My sister Shae is going to Scotland next year; maybe I should go back!) More recently I have worked ScotlandsPeople overtime in researching my Fleming, Taylor and Ballantyne families. My essay about my 3G grandmother (Elizabeth Taylor) was awarded a Highly Commended by the judges for this year's Croker Prize essay competition - see here: <http://jimfleming.id.au/up/Blog%20Croker%202019.htm>

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> There are a few more of my stories on my website that you may find interesting: <http://jimfleming.id.au/up/Stories.htm>

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> Let's keep in touch.

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> Regards

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> Jim Fleming

## From Paul Oliver Thursday, October 24, 2019 8:49 PM

> To: jim.fleming@ozemail.com.au

> Subject: SHEA

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> Hi Jim,

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> Thought I should follow up on our recent conversations. I did send you an invite to my tree on Ancestry but sent it to your yahoo email - Do you need me to resend this?

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> DNA Match to Shae Therese Fleming: - She comes up in my thru lines to both Denis Shea/Mary Hagen (Hargin) and also Patrick Grady/Margaret Whalan, which is pretty intuitive of Ancestry as I haven't put any of Judith Grady's line in my tree yet. Shae and I have only 5 shared DNA matches (so far) with 4 to Foran (Grady) and 1 to Murphy (Shea).

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> When you explore my tree I do hope you will let me know if you think I have stuffed up anywhere - I have tried my most ut to critically analyze it! I have numerous convicts, 7 in direct lines, all marked with ball and chain icon. Apart from convicts there are some interesting individuals - in the Shea part you will find Martin Joseph Griffin, Mayor of Bathurst, and credited with the establishment of Mount Panorama. Whilst on the road you could check out Cecil Albert Gregory, a Bathurst boy, but comes into the wings of my tree through my mother's side via the Dowling's of Pambula - He was co-founder of the NRMA, Editor of "The Open Road", founder of "Gregory's Maps". And of course there are bush-rangers and gold-diggers - who needs Kings!

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> This DNA is pretty amazing stuff - your bones have a habit of eeking out the truth! - For 30 years, like others, I have trying to solve the enigma of George Lewis as married to Mary Foran. Always had the feeling that he was born out of wedlock, countless hours of delving/sorting through records of St. Nicholas Church in Potterspury and other records of Yardley Gobion, Northamptonshire. He never lied about his origins, just didn't reveal much of it. His mother was Charlotte Lewis, Lewis being her married name. It was the DNA that brought this all together. I have 5 DNA matches to descendants of his niece and 6 to his grandparents. It led to to the surprising Australian connection to the man he was named after - George Lewis, Charlotte's estranged husband.

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> My father's side also has some twists and turns - check out my globe-trotting great-grandfather William Campbell Oliver. I recently spent 6 weeks in Scotland, visiting the house where he was born 1861.

> Walked my DNA footsteps to Dunlop where I had my photo taken with the headstone of my 4th great-grandfather Francis Logan (8 DNA matches), sat in the old schoolhouse to be told that when he was there in 1760 every day he had to bring a potato and a lump of coal to school (to cook his lunch and keep him warm). Followed the trail to Glasgow and found residences, still standing, of my MacFarlane's, although the Mitchell Library revealed that merchant George MacFarlane's warehouses in Hutcheson St, were later bull-dozed to make way for Buchanan Bus Terminal. Then up to Inverary and Lochawe, home of the Campbells of Argyllshire, to Fort William, Inverness and Skye. Culloden was spooky (Scotland's Gallipoli). My trip was absolutely amazing, now I know where my 4% Viking comes from! Why am I telling you all this - Fleming sounds very Ghlaschu to me!

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> Hope I haven't bored you.

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> Keep in touch,

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> Paul Oliver - Scone NSW (Yes named after the Stone of Destiny with the Royal Arms in Edinburgh Castle)

## From oliver paul Oct 23, 2019

> Don't understand this - I have 2 trees - My main tree (Oliver/Gailey Tree) is public. My DNA tree which is a worksheet is private.

> Have sent you an invite - Hope you enjoyed the Parthenon - 6 weeks ago I was in Scotland. Have sent you an invite.

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> Cheers Cous

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## From Jim Fleming Oct 23, 2019

> OK, belay that! I can't access it through your Ancestr Profile but I

> can through Throughlines! The wonders of technology! I can see that

> you are more advanced than I am with the Shea family. I will have a

> good browse through - thanks. You can contact me direct at jim DOT

> fleming AT ozemail DOT com Dot au

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> James Fleming

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> Oct 23, 2019

> Hi Paul

> I'm back from Greece but I still can't see your tree. It says that it is a Private Searchable Tree (whatever that is). Can you grant me permission to view it?

> Shae Therese Fleming is my sister.

> Thanks

> Jim

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## From oliver paul Oct 07, 2019

> Hey Jim,

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> Don't know if you are back yet and had a chance to look at my tree, but I thought I would let you know I am 12 cm DNA cousin match to Shae Therese Fleming.

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> Cheers,

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> Paul Oliver.

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## From: Ancestry Thursday, September 19, 2019 12:22 AM

> To: jim.fleming@ozemail.com.au

> Subject: New message from oliver\_paul88 on Ancestry.com.au: Denis Shea

> 1797-1858

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> 3 of 3 message(s) from oliver\_paul88: Denis Shea 1797-1858

> oliver\_paul88

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> Denis Shea 1797-1858

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> Hi Jim, My tree is not locked. Have a look when you get back - if a problem contact me. Cheers Paul

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## From James Fleming Sep 18, 2019

> Hi Paul

> Thanks very much for getting in touch. I tried to look through your tree but it said that it is locked and that I need to seek your approval for access. I would appreciate it if you could grant me that access. I am currently overseas; I will respond in more detail when I get home in a few weeks time.

> Regards

> Jim

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## From Ancestry Monday, September 16, 2019 10:14 AM

> To: jim.fleming@ozemail.com.au

> Subject: New message from oliver\_paul88 on Ancestry.com.au: Denis Shea

> 1797-1858

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> 1 of 1 message(s) from oliver\_paul88: Denis Shea 1797-1858

> oliver\_paul88

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> Denis Shea 1797-1858

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> Hello James, Know you are busy - can tell by the enormous amount of work you do. I am a descendant of Denis Shea/Mary Hagan (or Hargin), have many DNA cousin matches to other descendants of their children, including those of daughter Mary Shea as married to James Murphy, and a few to their line via James Murphy/Prudence Reed. NB - the Indenture Record 1834 of ship-master of Blenheim, James Temple Brown, shows Denis had 5 children, 1 male, 4 females - no wonder I have DNA matches to missing daughter Honora, who somehow found her way to America in the Potato Famine. Sure you aren't interested in all that, BUT, in my 40 years of research I have uncovered numerous records on Denis and his families. You may care to click on my name above, view my tree and tour - you can see my relationship and probably find some records on the Sheas/Murphys that are of value to you. Regards and well done on your work. Paul Oliver - Scone, NSW PS - I have 37 established DNA matches to Patrick Grady & 14 to Patrick Foran.

# Noel Caffery

## From: Noel and Liz Tuesday, July 2, 2019 6:22 PM

To: jim fleming <jim.fleming@ozemail.com.au>

Subject: Re: Re James Horgan 1829-1913

Hello Jim

It was never really understood what prompted James Horgan to immigrate to Australia as no information or records were passed on

It is now clear that Denis Shea who was transported in 1834 to Australia as a convict was the catalyst for James’s arrival in 1856

I am still trying to solve the circumstances of Ellen Mulvey’s arrival in Aust and likewise there is no info abt this

I have established that she was baptised in the Catholic parish Kilbeggan co Westmeath on the 29/03/1836 parents Patrick Mulvey and Eleanor Shanley this is the only Irish record I have found

She married James Horgan on the 02/08/1957 in Parramatta

Her marriage certificate which is registered as Horgen indicates that she was a spinster aged 22(should be 21) occupation servant parents Patrick Mulvey and Ellen .......... and her signature appears as a X her mark

A few years after their marriage James and Ellen moved to Nowra

Ellens death certificate shows her dod as 21/12/1909 and states her age as 75 (should be 73) and having lived in NSW for 53 years hence arrived in 1856

Sadly there is no further documentation as she does not appear on any shipping records

I am beginning to think that she may have arrived with a family as their servant with her passage paid for by the family

I understand that fare paying passengers were not always listed on shipping records

Otherwise I do not think that a single girl aged 20 unable to write with no family or sponsor in Aust and possibly no financial means would decide or be allowed by the authorities to immigrate

I appreciate your offer with Rootsireland which I would be happy to accept

Regards

Noel

## From: jim fleming Sunday, June 30, 2019 2:21 PM

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.



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

## From: Noel and Liz Saturday, June 29, 2019 7:56 PM

Subject: Re: Re James Horgan 1829-1913

Hello Jim

The following extract shows that John Murphy and his wife Mary nee Shea and their family arrived in Aust on the Talavera in 1853

Regards

Noel Caffery

 

## From: Noel and Liz Saturday, June 29, 2019 5:25 PM

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







## From: jim fleming Friday, June 28, 2019 1:44 PM

To: noelcaffery@bigpond.com

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 (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

Jim Fleming

From: jim fleming Thursday, June 27, 2019 3:17 PM

To: JMF Ozemail <jim.fleming@ozemail.com.au>

Subject: Fw: Re James Horgan 1829-1913

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From: Noel and Liz <noelcaffery@bigpond.com>

To: "jimflemingnsw@yahoo.com.au" <jimflemingnsw@yahoo.com.au>

Sent: Saturday, 23 February 2019, 04:10:42 pm AEDT

Subject: Re: Re James Horgan 1829-1913

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## From: Noel and Liz Saturday, February 23, 2019 2:48 PM

To: jimflemingnsw@yahoo.com.au

Subject: Re James Horgan 1829-1913

Hello James

I am researching my great grandfather James Horgan who emigrated to Australia on the SS Bee in 1856 from Ireland

He is listed as an immigrant in the SMH 8 Jan 1856 under the Remittance Regulations system with a John Murphy as the depositor – see link below

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/28638605>

It shows on the shipping list for the SS Bee that James Horgan had a cousin Mary Shea, living in the colony in Bathurst

His parents are also shown as Denis and Mary( no surname shown) and native place as Glenbeigh co Kerry

His birth record shows that he was baptised on the 1 Aug 1829 in Glenbeigh Catholic Parish ,parents Denis Horgan and Mary Dinahy , sponsors ? Roache and Ellena Shea

James Horgan married Ellen Mulvey from Kilbeggan Westmeath at Parramatta NSW in 1857 and later settled in the Shoalhaven district

The surnames Shea and Horgan also appear as joint occupiers of land in a Tithe Applotment search for the Parish of Glenbeigh townland Keelnamrack

Could it be that the mother of Mary Shea who was born in Ireland in 1821 was Mary Shea nee Horgan a sister of Denis Horgan father of James

I look forward to hearing from you

Regards

Noel Caffery

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