

BARRETT FAMILY HISTORY

Michael Barrett (1789 – 1854) born possibly in Loughglynn (Loughglinn), Co. Roscommon, Ireland. He is recorded as being a labourer from Loughin, Laughin, or Laughlin throughout his military records. (Pronunciations may have been loch-lin or loch-glin).

He enlisted in the 40th Regiment of Foot on 28th September 1817 at Stirling in Scotland, after desertion from an unknown regiment. A soldier's life was a hard one with long marches all over the countryside on not much pay, so men would desert and then re-enlist in another regiment to receive a bounty, which in some cases could be equivalent to a full year's pay. Deserters were tattooed with a D on their chest so they couldn't re-enlist again. Michael spent 30 days in solitary confinement as punishment, but I guess the money was worth it, although he wasn't paid the normal daily rate for each day in solitary confinement.



*Uniforms of an Officer and a Private,
40th Regiment of Foot, 1815*

Some of the marches and detached duties undertaken by Michael Barrett with 40th Regiment.

Duty: Stirling, Scotland 25 March 1818 – Unknown date

Duty: Dumbarton, Scotland Unknown date – 24 June 1819

March from Glasgow to Carlisle, Cumbria (dates not recorded)

March from Carlisle to Sunderland (dates not recorded):

March from Carlisle to Newcastle (dates not recorded)

Duty: Newcastle upon Tyne, England 25 December 1819 – 23 May 1820

March from Sunderland to Manchester 24 May – 2 June 1820

Duty: Oldham, Lancashire 13 June – 17 August 1820

March from Oldham to Macclesfield, Cheshire 18 – 19 August 1820

March from Macclesfield to Stockport, Cheshire 24 August 1820

March from Ennis to Broadford, Co. Clare 13 – 19 December 1820

Duty: Broadford 20 December 1820 – 24 March 1821

March from Newcastle to Buttevant 28 – 29 January 1822

March from Ennis to Templemore 19 – 23 May 1821

March from Templemore to Duncannon Fort, Co. Wexford 8 – 18 June 1821

March from Buttevant to Fermoy, Co. Cork 1 July 1822

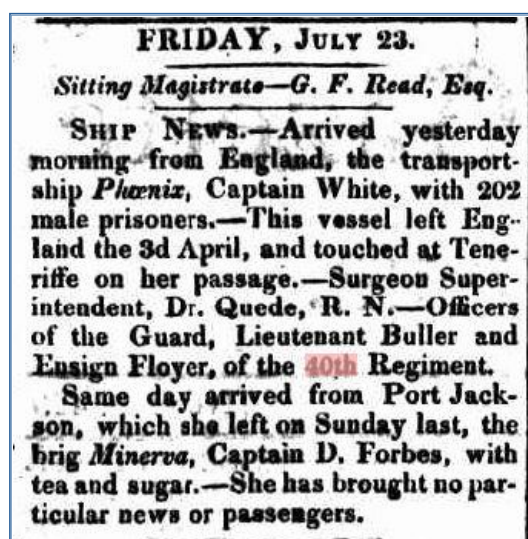
March from Fermoy to Athlone 27 July – 3 August 1822

March from Athlone to Dublin 25 December 1822 – 24 March 1823

March from Liverpool, Lancashire to Chatham, Kent (25 March – 24 June 1823?)

March from Harwich, Essex to Landguard Fort, Felixstowe, Suffolk (1823?)

In March 1824, Michael was mustered on board the 'Phoenix' in Portsmouth harbour, England. The ship was to transport Irish convicts to Tasmania.



"Phoenix": Sailed from Portsmouth 29th March 1824. Arrived Hobart 21st July 1824. Lieutenant Butler, Ensign Floyer, 2 Drummers, 51 other ranks".

Michael, with the 40th Regiment, is recorded as being on duty in NSW (more likely to be VDL), Hobart and Port Dalrymple (Georgetown), Tasmania 1824-1829.

On 25th December 1829, Michael transferred from the 40th to the 63rd Regiment to stay in Tasmania as the 40th was moving on to India. In December 1833 he demobbed, and he & his family settled in Port Esperance / South Port area in southern Tasmania.

For further information, Michael's military history has been thoroughly and meticulously researched and recorded by Robyn Smith in the attached document "Tracking Michael Barrett through Series WO 12. Muster Books and Pay Lists" April/May 2022.

The 1842 Census has Michael & Ellen with 10 children (6 boys & 4 girls), and a visitor Mary Howe at Cummins Bay, Huon River. Michael was a licensed government sawyer at the time. The children were all aged between 2 and 21, so some of these children would have been grandchildren.

The 1851 Census has Michael & Ellen at Port Esperance. Michael is listed under Mechanic & Artificers (Craftsman) as is one son. The other two sons are listed as seaman. I am guessing these sons are John, George & Alexander. John married in 1852 and is likely to the craftsman (boatbuilder) and George & Alexander were the seamen.

In 1852, the family travelled to Victoria, this could have been to deliver a boat, possibly "United Brothers" which was sold in Melbourne in 1853 (built in 1851 by John, George & Alexander). They returned in June 1853 - Free arrivals; M Barrett & wife; J Barrett & wife; E Barrett, wife & 3 children; G. Barrett & A. Barrett from Melbourne

On 2 May 1854, Michael died in Hobart at home in Davey Street, Hobart, aged 65. He was a shoemaker and cause of death was decay of nature. The informant was son John of Port Esperance.

Ellen Barrett

At some stage Michael Barrett married Eleanor (Ellen) Rourke (1789 -1869). A marriage record has never been located however the marriage likely happened in Ireland before 1816. They had about 8 children (that have been identified one way or another).

Ellen died on 15 January 1869 at Barnes Bay of old age. The informant was Henry Barrett, grandson, mariner of Bruny Island*.

*BARRETT - On the 15th January 1869, at her residence, Barnes Bay, in the 80th year of her age Ellen Barrett, relict of the late Michael Barrett late of H.M. 40th Regt who arrived in the colony in about 1823 leaving two sons and one daughter**, 23 grandchildren and great grandchildren***.*

Ellen had outlived many of her children and her husband by 15 years.

Ellen arrived in Tasmania on 9 April 1825 per Lady East with 3 children Catherine (7), John (4) & Edward (2).

News.
 Arrived on Saturday last the transport-ship *Lady East*, Captain Talbert, from England, with 208 male convicts. She left the Downs on the 17th December.—Surgeon Superintendent, Dr. W. M'Dowell, R. N. The Guard consists of a detachment of the 20th and 40th Regiments, under the command of Lieutenant Henry Clinton, of the 20th, and Lieutenant Joseph Wynn, of the 83d Regiment, who are accompanied by their ladies, also Miss Celia Tie, sister of Mrs. Clinton.—The *Lady East* brings out likewise upwards of 200 tons of Government stores

Notes

* I haven't been able to identify this grandson, Henry Barrett, he is not a son of John or Edward.

** The surviving two sons would be John (1821-1886) and George (1828-unknown) and daughter would be Johanna McGovern (1829 – unknown)

*** I can tally 17/18 grandchildren by January 1869 – Catherine had Adesila 1832, & 3 sons 1845-1850; Edward had 3 children 1846-1851; Johanna had 1 son 1848 (not sure if he survived into adulthood), John had 6 children 1855-1868; Adesila had 4 surviving children 1850-1868 – so there were another 5/6 grandchildren to be found. Perhaps these are children of the elusive Johanna & Daniel McGovern? Or George? Did he marry?

These are the children who have been identified by various means. There may have been more, or less:

Catherine Ann, Baptised 9 Feb 1817, Cavan, Ireland; died 9 June 1853 aged 36 in Hobart, Catherine married Richard Ray in 1832 with consent of parents, and they had one daughter Ada Zillah (Adesila). He died in 1838 and Catherine married Peter Smith in 1843. There were 3 sons, Henry (Harry), John Thomas (1848-1919) & George Michael (1850-1919). Their daughter Ellen born 1852 died in 1853 shortly before her mother.

John, Baptised 1 Jun 1821, Tipperary, Ireland; John died in 1886. His occupation was boat builder, late of Bruny Island (Barnes Bay). John married Mary Ann Charlotte Smith in 1852. There were 9 children: John Michael 1855-1880; Christopher Cornelius 1858-1873; William Norton 1861-1883; Eleanor Ann 1863-1930; Edward John 1865-1925; Mary Ann Charlotte 1868-; Elizabeth 1871 -; James Samuel 1874-1874; and Maria Agnes 1875.

Eleanor Ann married James Wicks in 1886 in Hobart (James Wicks was lighthouse keeper on both Bruny & King Island)

John Michael born Bruny Island 1855; baptism 1856 – Sponsors George Barrett & Johanna Elizabeth McGovern (nee Barrett). John Michael died in 1880 aged 25, of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis (tubercular), he was a shipwright born on Bruny Island.

Edward, Baptised 4 Mar 1823 at Drum, Roscommon, Ireland; Edward died in 1854. He was a seaman, sawyer, boatbuilder and farmer. In 1845, Edward married Esther Jane Garth in Hobart. Three children were born Edward Alfred 1846; Eleanor Ann 1848 and Emma Louisa 1851.

Henry was born 20 Feb 1826 in Georgetown, Tasmania. Baptised 9 November 1826 at Launceston. He was their first child born in Tasmania and he died on 4 Nov 1848 in Hobart. He was a sawyer, and the informant was his brother Edward of Huon River. His age is recorded as being 19 years & 6 months, but he would have been 22 years & 8 months.

George, Baptised 24 Feb 1828. He was building boats with his brothers (1847-1851) and travelled with the family to Victoria in 1852/1853, otherwise not a lot is known about George. In 1856, he won 3rd place at the Hobart Regatta for Sailing Vessels – *Edward & Christopher*; skipper - George Barrett. In November 1857 he was living with brother John at Barnes Bay, Bruny Island (*this is from article Insolvency Court, re Ellen Barrett; The Tasmanian Daily News (Hobart Town, Tas. : 1855 – 1858); 12 Nov 1857*). In 1861, he is still on Bruny Island and building the vessel “Uniting Family” with brother John, which was licensed for fishing by George Barrett. No marriage or death records have been found.

Johanna Elizabeth, Baptised 13 September 1829. She had a child named Jacob Edward Barrett to James Edward Freeman who was baptised 11 Aug 1848 – *Sponsors Edward & Esther Barrett*. In 1851, Johanna married Daniel McGovern at St. George’s Anglican, Battery Point. No further details are known. I suspect they moved to Victoria in the 1850’s.

Christopher, Baptised 14 December 1833 (no birth or death records). Little is known about Christopher, and I suspect he died young and there is no mention of him in other family records. In 1855/56 John and George Barrett built the schooner *Edward and Christopher*, which likely named after the two brothers who died, Edward in 1854 & Christopher unknown. As Alexander is the youngest son (as per death notice below) Christopher would have been born around 1830.

Alexander Cornelius, Baptised 23 August 1846 and died 13 May 1854, aged 22/23. His death and will record his name as Alexander Christopher Cornelius. His land deeds are sometimes as Christopher Cornelius. Based on age at time of death, he would have been born about 1831/32 and baptised as a teenager. He was a boat builder and shipwright with his brothers, John & George and bequeathed his personal estate to his mother Ellen, widow of Michael Barrett. *Witnessed by John Barrett.*

DEATHS.

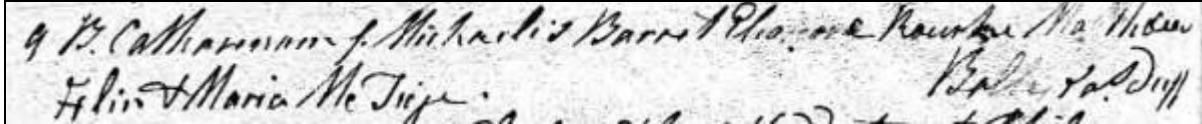
On Saturday, 13th May, 1854, at his residence, Collins-street, after a few hours' illness, **Henry Degraives, Esq.,** of this City, merchant, aged 43 years.

On the 3rd of February last, **Edward**, the second eldest son of Michael and Ellen Barrett, of Davey-st., aged 27 years, (from injuries received from Frederick Garth, his wife, her sister, and others, all relatives being present, as was proved at the Coroner's Inquest.) On the 2nd May, at Port Esperance, **Michael Barrett**, the father of the above, and on Saturday last, the 13th instant, **Alexander Christopher Cornelius**, the youngest son, aged 22 years.

Baptism Records for children of Michael Barrett and Eleanor (Ellen) Rourke

Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915, Ancestry

Catharinam Barret, 9 February 1817, Cavan, Castlerhan and Munterconnaught, Ireland

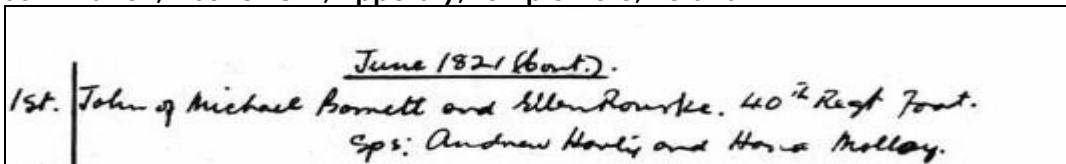


Catherinam of Michaelis Barret, Eleanae Rourke

Sponsors Matthew Felin and Maria McTeige?, at Bally James Duff

Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915, Ancestry

John Barrett, 1 June 1821, Tipperary, Templemore, Ireland

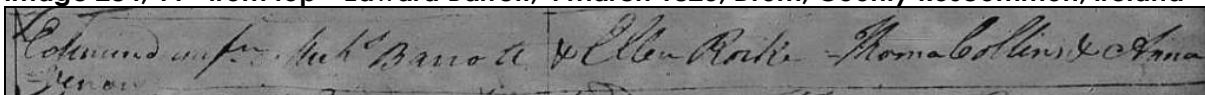


John of Michael Barrett and Ellen Rourke, 40th Regt. Foot.

Sponsors Andrew Harty and Honora Molloy

"Ireland Births and Baptisms, 1620-1881", database, FamilySearch

Image 284, 11th from top - Edward Barrett, 4 March 1823, Drum, County Roscommon, Ireland

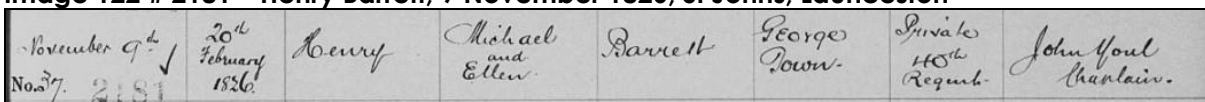


Edmondum of Mich'l Barrott and Ellen Rorke

Sponsors Thomas Collins and Anna Vernon?

"Australia Births and Baptisms, 1792-1981", database, FamilySearch

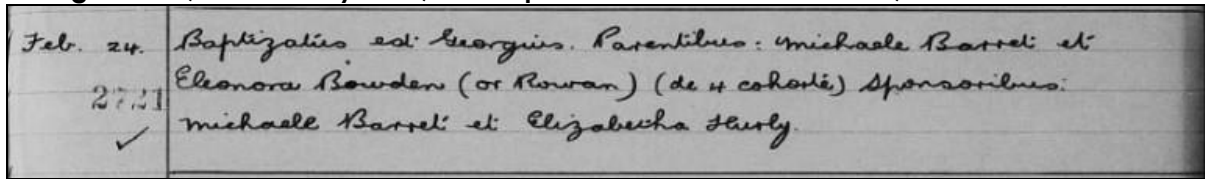
Image 122 # 2181 - Henry Barrett, 9 November 1826, St Johns, Launceston



DOB 20 February 1826, Henry, Michael and Ellen Barrett, Abode Georgetown, Private 40th Regmt.

TAHO, RGD32/1 1828/2721, Hobart

George Barret, 24 February 1828, St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Hobart

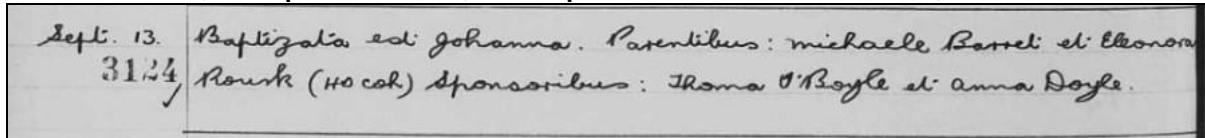


Georgius of Michaelae Barret and Eleanora Bowden (or Rowan) (de 4 cohorte) refers to 40th Regt.

Sponsors Michael Barret and Elizabetha Hurly

TAHO, RGD32/1 1829/3124, Hobart

Johanna Barret, 13 September 1829, St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Hobart

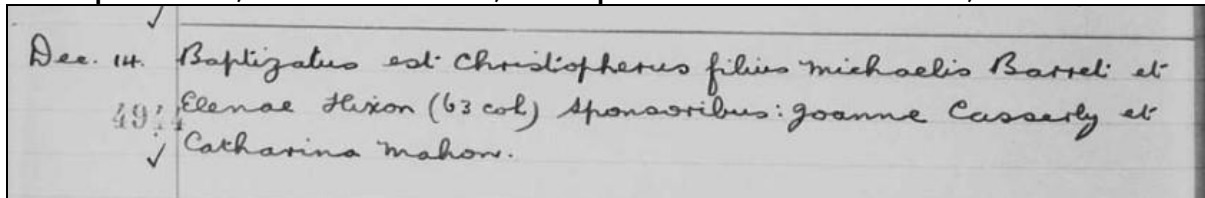


Johanna of Michaelae Barret and Eleanora Rourk (40 coh) refers to 40th Regt.

Sponsors Thomas O'Boyle and Anna Doyle

TAHO, RGD32/1 1833/4944, Hobart

Christopher Barret, 14 December 1833, St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Hobart



Christopherus of Michaelis Barret and Elenae Hixon (63 coh) refers to 63rd Regt.

Sponsors Joanne Casserly and Catherine Mahon

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Alexander Cornelius Barrett, 23 August 1846, St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Hobart

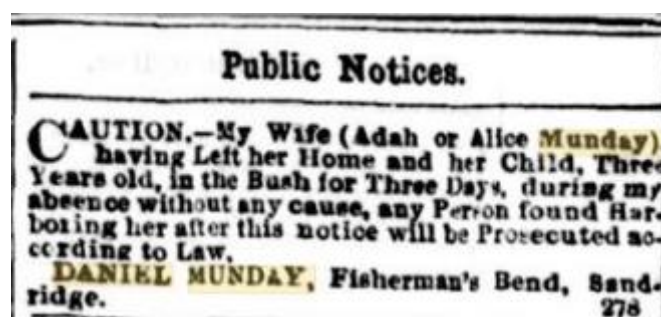
Alexander Cornelius Barrett, baptized 23 August 1846, father Michael Barrett, mother Ellen (olim Hickson), sponsor Johanna Barrett (no date of birth given).

Other children sometimes attributed to Michael & Ellen:

Patrick, b. unknown, possibly Ireland

This is purely speculation however, family folklore is that there was a Patrick in the family. I also believe that they may have had a son named Patrick based on the naming of one of their boats. The *Patrick Henry* was built in 1849 by John & George Barrett and I think that she was named after their two brothers who died. Patrick before 1824/5 when the family came to Tasmania and Henry who died in 1848. Of course, another scenario may have been that Henry b. 1826 was known by the family as Patrick Henry.

Alice Barrett, unknown, no records found for birth, baptism, or death. Alice Barrett married Daniel Francis Munday on 21 May 1849 (RGD37/1/8 no 198). Daniel Munday and Ada Zillah Ray's first child was born 24 Jul 1850 (RGD33/1/3 no 2580), 16 months later. It is likely that Alice Barrett and Ada Zillah (Adesila) Ray (daughter of Catherine Barrett) are the same person? Is it also likely that Ada Zillah married under the alias of Alice Barrett. There is no marriage Ada Zillah and Daniel Munday yet the couple went on to have a large family and at some stage moved to Victoria. On the birth certificate for Alfred in 1858, marriage details are recorded as 1848, Hobart Town. (VIC BDM 9968/1858) This newspaper advertisement suggests that she used both names (Adah or Alice).



Mary Barrett who married Michael Yeoman in 1844, died in 1866 aged 51, wife of labourer, born Ireland. Michael Yeoman, born England, died 1872 aged 67. Ellen arrived in 1825 with 3 children, Catherine, John & Edward (CS01/1/139/3387). If this Mary was their daughter, she would have also arrived with the family. There are no records that suggest a connection to Michael and Ellen's family.

Christopher Barrett who married Bridget Turnbull in Hobart, 1847. This Christopher was born in Philadelphia in 1826 and died in Victoria in 1872. There are records that suggest a connection to Michael and Ellen's family.

BOATBUILDERS – BARRETT BROS.

From the late DD Knight's (nee O'May) unpublished works:

"Members of this family built at least eight vessels in the region south of Hobart between the years 1847-69. The vessels ranged in size from 19-62 tons and were well known traders. Unfortunately, the author has not been able to find any details of the family and the relationship of the members. Some of the vessels are credited to "Barrett Brothers" and some to a particular member of the family. Perusal of the records indicates that the brothers were: John, Henry, George, and Joseph. Jonathan and Thomas did not appear on the scene until 1861 and 1869. An Alexander Christopher Cornelius Barrett was in partnership with George and John in the ownership of the "United Brothers" in 1851, the relationship has not been established. In November 1853 when the vessel was sold to Melbourne, interests mention is made on the Melbourne registration dated 20-11-1854 that the Barretts were formerly Tasmanian residents but were now resident in Melbourne."

Individually the Barrett Brothers may not have built a lot of vessels, but several were of considerable size and first-class construction. The Barrett name sometimes appears in association with other builders, and one might conclude that they worked for them as shipwrights. The Name also occurs in lists of masters of vessels, so the family was well known in the maritime field. A list of their vessels is shown below.

Year	Vessel	Rig	Tons	Builder / Place / Owner
1847	Madonna	Schooner	32	John, Edward & George at Port Cygnet. The Builders were the initial owners. William Young was the owner and master in 1848.
1847	Sophia	Schooner	42	Attributed to a J. Barrett but not confirmed, another source gives J. Gloster as the builder. He was the initial owner.
1849	Patrick Henry	Dandy	25	John & George at Huon River. The builders were the initial owners. <i>Speculation – vessel named after deceased brothers who died prior to 1849</i>
1851	United Brothers	Schooner	62	George at Port Esperance. The initial owners were George, John, & Alexander Christopher Barrett
1858	Edward & Christopher	Schooner	24	John at Port Esperance for Henry Pearce <i>Speculation – vessel named after deceased brothers who died in 1854</i>
1861	United Family / Albatross	Ketch	24	John & George at Barnes Bay, Bruny Island, for Henry Pearce. United Family - On the 22 April 1861, this vessel was licensed for fishing by George Barrett, Mark Webb and Charles Briscoe. The vessel was 39' long and had a 15' beam. No registration details have been located but Henry Pearce did receive title and interest in the vessel from George Barrett who must have been the owner. One could assume that George was the builder

Shipwrecks

<p>Madonna – Cartwrights Point</p>	<p>Schooner, 32 tons. Built on the Huon River, Tasmania, 1847; reg. Hobart, 39/1847, 32/1848. Lbd 56.5 x 14.1 x 5.0 ft. Master/owner William Young. Struck by a heavy squall and carried onto the rocks at Cartwright's Point, while on her way up the Derwent with timber, 7 June 1849. All hands saved.</p>
<p>Patrick Henry – Hope Island</p>	<p>Dandy, 24 tons. Built on the Huon River, 1849; reg. Hobart 19/1849. Lbd 46.6 x 14.1 x 4.6 ft. Capsized and sank off Hope Island, Port Esperance, 28 November 1857. Loss of one life.</p>
<p>Edward & Christopher</p>	<p>Schooner. Involved in rescue - see schooner Laurita, lost Tasmania, 1859. Laurita - Schooner, 101 tons. # 40910. Built at Bremen, Germany as the Athen, 1840; then Catherine of Honolulu; reg. Melbourne 280/1854. Lbd 74.2 x 18.8 x 10.1 ft. Captain Simpson. From Recherche Bay to Melbourne with timber, sprang a leak during a gale and foundered some fifty miles east of Schouten Island, Tasmania, 7 April 1859. The crew were later picked up by the schooner Edward & Christopher, then schooner Mary Ann and landed at Port Albert.</p>
<p>Albatross – Bull Bay, Bruny Island</p>	<p>Cutter, 25 tons. # 32117. Built at Barnes Bay, Bruny Island as the United Family, 1861; renamed when first registered at Hobart 1/1864. Lbd 40.8 x 15.5 x 5.1 ft. Ashore at Bull Bay, Bruny Island, during a gale, 30 August 1884. Later sank in deep water. All hands landed safely.</p>
<p>United Brothers – Oamaru, NZ Of 50 tons and built Port Esperance Tasmania in 1851. Beached at Papakaio Point on October 3rd 1874 to prevent her foundering.</p>	<p>Date of Casualty : 3 Oct 1874 Name of Master : Stephen TALL Age of Vessel : 23 years Rig : Schooner Register Tonnage : 50 Number of Crew : 4 Nature of Cargo : Iron Bridge material Nature of Casualty : Stranded; total loss Place of Accident : On beach, about 5 miles north of Oamaru Wind Direction : S Wind Force : Moderate gale <i>Finding of Court of Inquiry</i> Vessel made so much water whilst labouring in a heavy sea that master was compelled to beach her.</p>
<p>Edward & Christopher – Banks Peninsula, NZ Of 24 tons built at Port Esperance Tasmania in 1857, under Capt. Eckhoff was wrecked at Stoney Bay Banks Peninsula on 1st August 1867. No lives lost.</p>	<p>Date of Casualty : 1 Aug 1867 Rig : Ketch Register Tonnage : 23 Number of Crew : 3 Nature of Cargo : Wire fencing and flour Nature of Casualty : Total wreck Wind Direction : SE Wind Force : Gale Place of Accident : Stoney Bay, Banks' Peninsula <i>Finding of Court of Inquiry</i> No inquiry held.</p>

Thames

Built by Edward Barrett 1850



Thames

Rig, Sloop then Ketch and then changed to a cutter. 17 tons; built 1850 Port Esperance. Length 38', Breadth 12.8' Depth 5' lengthened 1892 to 47.8'. Engine oil British 1912, 15 hp made by L Gardiner and Son, Manchester, two cylinders, 5.25" bore, 6" stroke producing 6 knots under power. Single deck, square stern, no figure head, carvel built.

Owners:

27/7/1852	F.Lipscombe
29/1/1853	John Dunn
1853	John McGaughan & H Matterson
4/11/1853	John McGaughan & Robert F Wise
12/6/1855	John McGaughan
16/8/1880	Richard Bowden
5/7/1883	Jas. Ed. Risby
1897	A Hensh
1898	Wm. Parry
-	H Mitchell
1907	Wm. Gurr
12/6/1907	Wm. Gurr died
1/7/1907	Augustus Childs
3/9/1909	Charles Richmond Rex for 100 pounds sterling
8/9/1909	J T Langford for 150 pounds sterling
1939	She became a fishing vessel and taken to Welshpool by the Norling Brothers.
1970's	Sold and went to Eden NSW and renamed "Girl Pat" in use in the 1970's

Events:

1862	Capsized off Peppermint Point
1884	At Taylors Bay to load timber
17/2/1903	Backed into by a steamer that was leaving Beauty Point Wharf
1922-32	Won the Barge Race at the Hobart Regattas 1928 and 1932. Third placings 1922 and 1927.

Masters:

1852	Alex Hale
1853	John McGaughan
?	John Dunn
1878	J Gaffin
1880	Richard Bowden
1883	J Lovegrove
1885	Tas Young
1897	A Nensh
1903	H Mitchell
1907	David W Russell
1909	John T Langford



Thames & Terralinna 1910; Hobart Regatta



Thames, Terralinna, Lenna & Margaret Thwaits 1936-7; Hobart Regatta



Thames, Foam & Huon Chief 1937; Hobart Regatta

Edward Barrett (1823-1854)

Edward was born in Ireland, possibly Drum in Roscommon or nearby. His father was stationed in Ireland at the time marching to & from Athlone. Athlone is near Drum. Edward was baptised 4 Mar 1823 at Drum, Roscommon, Ireland.

Drum (*Irish, An Droim, meaning 'the ridge'*) is a civil parish in south Co. Roscommon about 5 km west of Athlone. One of the townlands in the parish is also called Drum. *Meehambee Dolmen*, portal tomb estimated to be 5,500 years old, is in the northern part of the parish. In the village there are several historical and religious sites, including Drum Cemetery, St. Brigid's Church, and Drum Monastic Site. *Wikipedia*.

In 1845, Edward married Esther Jane Garth in Hobart. Three children were born Edward Alfred 1846; Eleanor Ann 1848 and Emma Louisa 1851.

Baptisms for children of Edward and Esther:

Edward Alfred 1846 – *Sponsor Johanna Barrett*

Eleanor Ann 1848 – *Sponsors John Barrett & Adesila Ray*

Emma Louisa 1851 – *Sponsors John Barrett & Ann Garth*

Edward died in 1854. He was a seaman, sawyer, boatbuilder and farmer.

On 14 February 1854, Edward died aged about 30; from injuries from a drunken brawl with Frederick Garth cousin of his estranged wife Esther. Frederick Garth was charged with GBH and died in goal of illness and injury. There was an inquest into their deaths. Edward's mother Ellen & his wife Esther gave evidence.

In June 1854, Esther Barrett (widow of Edward) married Henry Young and a daughter Alice Young was born in 1858. Henry & Esther Young were licensees at Whaler's Return Hotel in Hobart from 29/11/1858 – 25/1/1860, after which the family moved to Victoria.

Edward Alfred then aged about 13 or 14 remained in Tasmania, possibly with his father's brother John Barrett. He became a master mariner and worked almost up until the day he died in 1929 aged 83.

Capt. Edward Barrett (1846-1929)



Edward Alfred "Ted" Barrett was born at Hobart on 2nd June 1846, eldest child of Edward Barrett (1824-1854) and Esther Jane Garth (1829-1877).

When his father, Edward snr, died in 1854, his mother remarried and she, Ted's younger sisters and her second husband Henry Young moved to Victoria in 1860, possibly to the gold fields. The family never returned to Tasmania, and it is likely that Ted, who was only 13-14 at the time, would have been left in the care of his father's family, probably with his uncle John. John Barrett was eldest son of Michael Barrett and Eleanor (Ellen) Rourke. Michael Barrett (b. 1789 in Ireland) arrived in Tasmania as a foot soldier with the 40th Regiment. The regiment was assigned to escort the ship

Phoenix whilst transporting Irish convicts to Van Diemen's Land in 1824. Ellen and their children, Catherine, John, and Edward snr, had joined him in George Town by 1826, and by 1833 Michael had demobbed and settled his now large family at Cummins Bay in the Port Esperance area of southern Tasmania. In 1842 Michael was recorded as being government sawyer at Cummins Bay, Dover, Port Esperance.

The Barrett brothers (John, Edward, George, and Alexander) were all shipwrights and master mariners who worked for several boat builders in the Huon area, whilst being boat builders in their own right, John & George built several boats together and in conjunction with the other brothers. Edward snr built the 17-ton sloop *Thames* in 1850. Alexander, a younger brother, was also involved in the family trade for most of his short life. He died at the age of 23 in 1854 as did Michael and Edward snr leaving John & George as the surviving brothers. In 1858, they built a 24-ton schooner the *Edward & Christopher* which I suspect was named in honour of their deceased brothers. *Madonna* was built in 1847, *United Brothers* in 1851, in conjunction with Alexander, and the *Patrick Henry* in 1849. The *Patrick Henry* defeated the *Huon Chief* in the 1850 Hobart Regatta, and I suspect that she too was named in honour of their brothers who had died, Patrick unknown and Henry in 1848.

I can only conclude that this is where Ted acquired his love of the sea. He became a master mariner and he and his beloved *Waterlily* were fully engaged for 34 years (1884-1918) in the transport of firewood for the O'May Bros. Ferry steamers on the Derwent River. In 1886 the *Waterlily* was owned by Edward Barrett & W. Evans however by 1892 Edward owned her outright.

The Waterlily was a 12-ton cutter built in 1858 at Three Hut Point (Gordon) and was originally named *Aqualilias* (water lilies).

Excerpt from State Library of Tasmania:

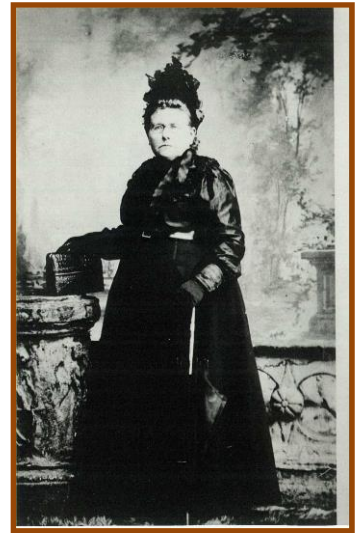
"Ted Barrett & Abe Sproule were good friends. Both skippered she-oakers, both had only one eye, and both enjoyed a drink and a song at the Lord Nelson pub. Barrett's vessel was the old cutter Waterlily. She-oakers were often old & leaky but Barrett reckoned the Waterlily was so tight the pump-box was full of spider's webs."



Ted married Sarah Poultney in 1873 and 4 children were born; Margaret Louisa (1871), George Edward "Teddy" (1873), who worked the *Waterlily* with his father for most of life; Esther Elinor (1876) and William John "Bill" Barrett (1882). Bill too worked with his father in his early days. Ted also raised Sarah's daughter Edith Rachel (b.1868) as his own. She was known as Edith Barrett and married Michael Kearnan in 1885.

The Barrett family settled at Barretta in 1880's and this soon become the Barrett strong hold and haven for generations to come. Ted's grandson William Michael Barrett (also known as Bill) lived there most of his life.

Ted died on Christmas Day in 1929 of carcinoma and exhaustion aged 83. He is buried at All Saints, Margate, as are his wife Sarah, daughter Esther and sons George and Bill.



The *Waterlily* was wrecked on the beach at Barretta. This photo was taken about 1940 and given to me by Nan Worsley, (originally from Tom Wills).

The *Waterlily*, tied up at Constitution Dock. Its owner was probably having one of those drinks at the Lord Nelson with his old mate Abe Sproule.



From Nan Worsley:

I can remember when the remains of it (the Waterlily) were on the beach at Barretta. Uncle Bill (William John Barrett), Col, Peg and I went around there one day when we were kids and he showed us and talked a lot about it. Tom Wills who lived in the house above there, tells me there is nothing of it left now - 1967 bushfires took all the wooden parts away. There used to be a lot of chains rusted into the rocks. I have often wondered how it came to be left there to die.

The old Barrett family home was also lost in the 1967 fires.



WATERLILY

Cutter, 12 tons, built 1858 at Three Hut Point. Originally named "*Aqualilias*" until 1886.

Owners 1886-1890 E Barrett and W Evans.
 1892-1914 E. Barrett, master and owner.

Capt. Barrett was contracted to supply firewood for the from the Channel area to the O'May Ferry Company's wharf.

Ted & Sarah Barrett and their children

Sarah Poultney was born at Hamilton in 1847, the youngest daughter of William Poultney (1796-1854) and Margaret Robertson (1814-1855). Sarah was an orphan at 8 with both parents dying a year apart. Her younger brother William was sent to the Queens Orphanage in 1858. I am assuming that Sarah stayed with her now married older sister Mary Ann but William must have been troublesome. Mary Ann married Alfred Griffith in 1858 and were living in the Kingston district by 1868 when Edith was born. They later settled at Cradoc.

Sarah gave birth to a daughter Edith Rachael in 1868 and the father is named as Alfred Hesketh. There was no marriage. In 1871, Edith was sent to the Queens Orphanage aged 3 years and her mother reclaimed her in 1874, once she had re-established herself and was married to Ted.

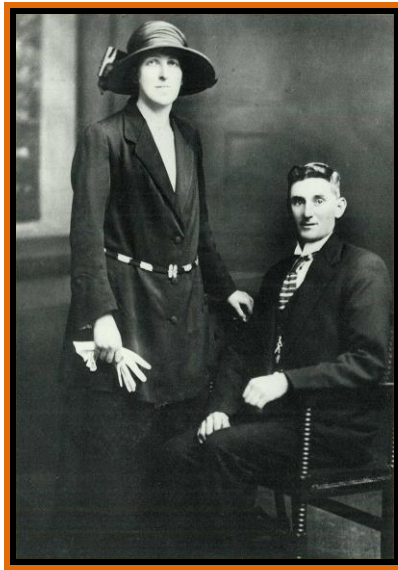
Ted raised Edith as his own and he and Sarah had four more children together.

1. **Edith Rachael** – born 17 July 1868. The birth is registered at Kingston. She married Michael Kearnan (Kiernan) in 1885 and had five children. Ada (1891-1969); Edith (1894-1955); Clarice (1898-1914); Mary (1902-1987) & Edward Michael (1907-1908). When Edith died in 1927 they lived at 75 Lord Street, Sandy Bay. Michael Kearnan died in 1934.
2. **Margaret Louisa** was born 5 Aug 1871 and she was known as Louie. She had a relationship with Herbert Little in the 1890's which produced four children with only one surviving. Ada Isabel Little Barrett was born in 1898.
Louisa married John Manamly in 1902 and five daughters were born: Thelma (1900-1987); Amy (1903-1991); Edith (1907-1934); Maud (1908-2004) and Eileen (1914-1990).
Louisa died in 1957.
3. **George Edward "Teddy"** was born 23 Oct 1873 and died on 6 Feb 1941 at Margate. He did not marry and lived and worked most of life with his father. After his parents died in the 1920's he was cared for by his sister Esther and they lived at Barretta.
4. **Esther Ellen** (or Eleanor, Elinor) was born 27 Apr 1876 and had two sons. The father was un-named on the birth certificates. It is believed that their father was Michael Cornelius Torpy for whom she was housekeeper at Snug and with whom she had a long-term de-facto relationship with. William Michael "Bill" Barrett was born 20 Jun 1894 and Michael Henry "Harry" Barrett was born on 24 Jan 1898. Esther died in 1931.



Photo of Michael William "Bill" Barrett, his mother Esther Barrett and daughters Lorna, Doris & Phyllis about 1928

5. **William John "Bill"** was born on 27 Jan 1882. He married Beryl Lenton in 1924 and had four children: Colin William Lenton (1925-2012); Peggy Rose (1928-2011); Geoffrey Peter (1930-1972) and Phillip John (1934-).



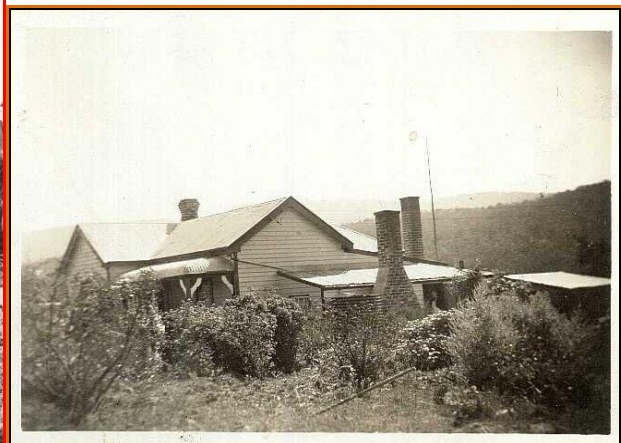
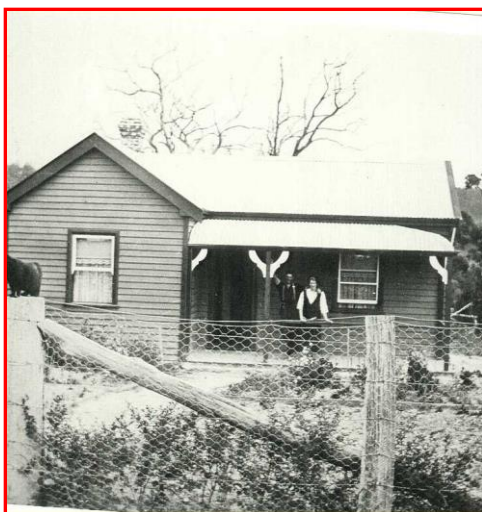
Wedding Day – 4th June 1924

Col married Patricia Jean Millhouse (1931-1982) and they had three children: Kaylene, Adrian, and Elizabeth.

Peggy married Eric Lipscombe (1924-1984) and lived her entire life at Margate. She was a member of the CWA for 63 years and attended the inaugural CWA meeting at Margate in 1947. They had three children: Stephen Russell (1950-1999); Rose Mary (1953-1953) and Andrew Lenton (1955-).

Geoff married Fay Hankin (1928-2003) and there were no children.

Phil married Yvonne Perry (1934-2009) and they had two children: Tony and Maree.



Bill and Beryl's home in Van Morey Road (Poverty Gully). The house is still there.

William John Barrett (1882-1964)



William John “Bill” Barrett was the youngest child of Edward Alfred Barrett & Sarah Poultney. The Barrett family had settled at Barretta soon after his birth.

Bill was a hard-working, quiet man; he was gentle and softly spoken. He could not read nor write. He never drove a car. His preferred mode of transport was horse and cart or push bike. He was a familiar sight riding to and from Electrona for many years.

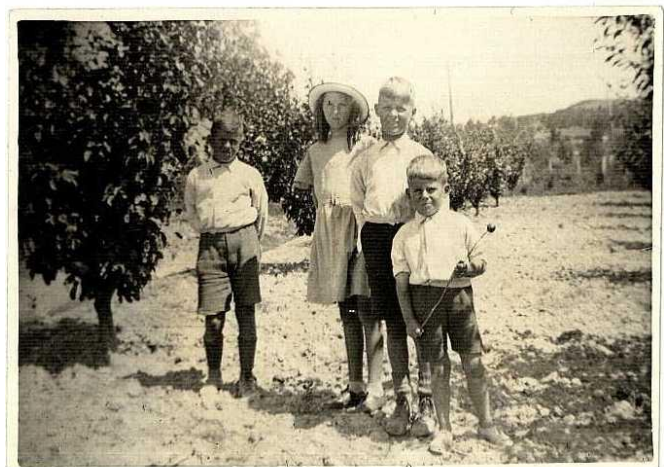


He worked shifts at Electrona for several years and in his down time here cleared his land in Poverty Gully. He planted an apple orchard by lantern and was a keen gardener growing vegetables which he sold locally. The work was hard and long.

He was a skilled axeman, avid cricketer, and football enthusiast, although he never played. He was also a regular at the local pub and loved a chin wag with his mates.

Bill met Beryl Lenton about 1923/4 and they were married on the 4th June 1924 he was 42 and she was 29. I can only assume that during one visit to her sister Rosa, who was newly married to Teddy Dunne and living in the Channel area, was how they met. Bill worked with Teddy Dunne at the Carbide Works. Beryl was working as a house keeping in South Hobart at the time and may have made the journey to Margate to visit her sister. Soon after Bill and Beryl married, her mother Amy and stepfather Fred Iles moved to Barretta and lived next door to Rosa and Ted Dunne in the 1940's & 50's.

Bill and Beryl had four children.
Colin, Peg, Geoff and Phil.



I never knew that the Barrett family was Catholic until I started researching the family history.

Nan Worsley (1927-2021) explains:

Yes, they were Catholic. You have probably heard the story of when Auntie Beryl and Auntie Rosa were to be married, Nana Iles made them promise they would never become Catholic or let their children become that either. They did promise and were married in St. Georges Church, Battery Point. The priests got on to Uncle Ted (Edward Dunne) and he and Auntie Rosa were married again in the Catholic Church, but Auntie never became Catholic. The priest came to Uncle Bill and Auntie Beryl's house and said they were not married--so Uncle Bill chased him up the path, got him by the collar and seat of his pants and threw him over the gate -- needless to say he never came again, nor did Uncle Bill have anything to do with the church. The Barrett family at Barretta – Billy Barrett was very Catholic and so were the Manamlys - Uncle Bill's sister - who lived where Teddy and Wo (Rosa) were.



Family gathering at the Iles' home at Barretta about 1942.

Bill & Beryl Barrett in doorway, Amy & Fred Iles seated to the right behind the table, Rosa & Ted Dunne standing behind, and Phil Barrett with the dog (Bonza) in front.

All the others are visiting Gard family members.

I believe it was Nanna Iles' birthday, so it would have been in November 1942.

The other dog belongs to Nanna Iles' dog and was called Winston Churchill.

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