Twins Jane and Sarah were born on 10th October, 1806. Family sources tell that Jane and Sarah spent their birthdays together until Jane’s death from cancer in 1876. The 1828 Census lists Jane as being single and living in her father’s household. Soon afterwards she left her English, Anglican background and married Michael Byrne, son of an Irish political exile, Hugh Vesty Byrne and his wife Sarah. No record of this marriage has been found but it obviously took place as the Reverend Thomas Reddall wrote a reference on Michael’s behalf on 15th December, 1829, addressed to Governor Ralph Darling. Reddall described Michael as being, “A very deserving young man, industrious and honest and having a short time ago married a very prudent and industrious young woman, the daughter of a farmer in this district.”

Hugh Vesty Byrne was the son of a small landholder, Sylvester Byrne of Kirikee, Glenmalure, County Wicklow, Ireland. Hugh was a cousin and trusted companion of the rebel leader Michael Dwyer and fought with Dwyer in the 1798 rebellion. A proclamation of 1800 described Hugh as “about five feet eight inches high, freckled fair face, light or sandy hair, well made, shot through the thigh, twenty four years old.” Dr. Charles Dickson wrote of Hugh Vesty Byrne, “No man dare to meddle, or to insult the poor, the stranger, or the feeble in his presence; he was generous in the extreme, true to his word and faithful to his friends.

Neither Michael Dwyer nor Hugh Byrne were involved in a failed attempt to capture Dublin Castle. However, December approached with severe effects on Dwyer and his companions sheltering in the Wicklow Mountains and British soldiers increased their presence, not only in the mountains, but they made life extremely difficult for families and friends in the villages. Surrender seemed the only solution to their predicament. After the capture of Martin Burke, Dwyer consulted with his comrades, and surrendered to the local magistrate on condition that his life and that of Burke be spared. The terms were accepted and Dwyer also negotiated the release of relatives and friends who had been arrested and that his wife and three children would live with him whilst he remained in prison. The most important point of his surrender was that he and his wife and children would be given free passage out of Ireland. Dwyer understood this to mean America and this became a point of conjecture with the authorities. Michael Dwyer was taken to Dublin Castle and from there to the Kilmainham Gaol. Hugh Byrne surrendered two days later and he joined Dwyer in gaol. Arthur Devlin and John Mernagh were to follow in quick succession. Sarah Byrne joined her husband in Kilmainham Gaol.

The United States would no longer accept British “exiles” voluntary or otherwise. Michael Dwyer and Hugh Byrne complained in writing from Kilmainham about this breach of the agreed surrender but the British authorities threatened to try them for treason unless they agreed to be transported to the antipodes. Finally, it was agreed that the five Wicklow men would be sent to New South Wales, not as felons, but as free men. They were not granted pardons but were allowed to go as permanent exiles.

Michael Dwyer and Hugh Byrne were permitted to take their wives and children with them. Michael and his wife, Mary left their children in Ireland with his parents. The Dwyer children did not arrive in the colony until 1828, three years after their father’s death.

Hugh and Sarah Byrne left their eight year old son Philip in Ireland and never saw him again. However, they were accompanied by their younger son, Michael and daughter Rose. Surely great courage was required to take a young family into the great unknown.
The Tellicherry sailed from Cork on Saturday 31st August, 1805 with the five Wicklow exiles. Captain Cuzens proved to be a humane man who saw that the prison was washed and scrubbed each day and fumigated occasionally. Dwyer’s party was housed in the ship’s hospital and they were not placed in irons. Because of the fear of fever, convicts were kept on deck during the day when the weather was fine and calm. It is thought that Sarah Byrne gave birth to her daughter, Anne somewhere between Madeira and Rio de Janeiro.

The Tellicherry arrived at Port Jackson on 15th February, 1806. In Sydney they were thrown into the midst of an English society dominated by Protestant beliefs and with no pastoral care for their Catholic faith. Each of the five exiles received a land grant of 100 acres on Cabramatta Creek. It seems strange that Governor King, with his paranoia about rebellion by Irish convicts, should have settled the five as neighbours. A more detailed story of Hugh Byrne and his experiences in the colony can be gained from “Upon the Mercy of Government” by Kieran Sheedy.

When he was seventeen years old, Michael Byrne wrote an undated memorial to His Excellency Lachlan Macquarie Esquire, Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief, explaining that he, Michael, had exceeded the age prescribed by Macquarie for applications for grants of land. Michael humbly requested a grant of land in such a position as the governor saw fit. Written across this document in Macquarie’s hand is “60 acres”.

On 30th August, 1822 Hugh Byrne wrote a memorial from Airds to the Colonial Secretary, explaining his views in a dispute with Mr. (William) Redfern over the grazing of cattle on common land adjoining Hugh’s 70 acre farm. Hugh humbly asked for redress, his large family of eleven children being taken into consideration and that his eldest son Michael be allotted the grant of 60 acres, given to him by his late Excellency.

In a second undated memorial Michael Byrne wrote to John Oxley, Surveyor General asking him to measure 60 acres granted by Governor Macquarie in 1820. The grant was near his father’s land and connected to the tract of Government Ground alongside the Georges River. In order to gain this grant, Michael would have had to establish that his father’s land had been considerably improved and that he, Michael, had the intention and ability to use the grant productively. The reason for the delay in surveying Michael’s grant was a shortage of staff in the Surveyor General’s Department and the fact that, in order to encourage settlers, Governor Macquarie had given land as liberally as his instructions would allow.

Michael Byrne was licensee of the Royal Oak Inn, Airds in 1830 and 1831 and was licensee of the Joiner’s Arms, an establishment with ten rooms at Airds from 1833 until 1869.

Governor George Gipps made a grant of land in Campbelltown to Michael in July 1839. One of the conditions of the grant was that a house be built within two years. On this land Michael built Glenalvon, an imposing two story town house built from finely cut sandstone in the neo-classical style. French windows opened on to a stone flagged verandah and the house was given dignity by stone Doric columns. There were four main rooms on the ground floor and on the first floor there were another four rooms which are reached by a graceful cedar staircase. The kitchen was detached and at the rear of the house was a stone coach house and stables. Michael was unlucky. Financial depression, made worse by drought in the previous three years, hit the colony in 1841. Graziers, with their production of wool were one of the main export earners and had over extended credit in anticipation of continuing productive years. Sheep were sold for as little as 1/- (10c) a dozen. Credit was impossible to obtain and the effect was felt by professional men, storekeepers and publicans. Unemployment was wide spread. Wages fell and ruin faced those who had overstretched their credit. In 1842 Michael mortgaged Glenalvon to his brother-in-law, John Keighran who became the owner in 1844 when Michael sought voluntary insolvency. Michael remained licensee of the Joiner’s Arms. His assets as listed in the Sydney Morning Herald on 9th January, 1845 were: The Joiner’s Arms Inn at Campbelltown, four farms each of 60 acres at Dapto, two farms on the Argyle Road each fifty acres, six acres of town property in Campbelltown and a further acre of town property opposite the Joiner’s Arms.
Michael continued to support political and sporting interests in the community. In 1851 the Campbelltown Turf Club, represented by John Bray of Denfield, John Vardy of Menangle and three of John Warby’s sons-in-law, William Fowler, post master; James Graham, wheelwright and Michael Byrne, farmer, leased 60 acres from John Keighran for a racecourse. Horse racing was well supported in Campbelltown and the three days when the races were held, were a high point in the town’s social life. In October, 1834 the Sydney Gazette reported that the Campbelltown races had come off with great éclat. “The horses were unknown in the sporting world. A steeple chase was run but the greatest novelty was a race between some ladies! Advance Campbelltown!”

In 1855 Michael was a member of the Water Trust which was responsible for the Campbelltown water supply until the 1880s, when local government took over this responsibility. To supplement water drained from roofs and collected from creeks, the residents drew water from the Hurley Park Reservoir. The Trust was authorised to lay pipes, levy fees for the use of water and to prosecute polluters.

Religion held an important place in Michael and Jane’s family. Their daughter Annie became Sister M. Marcella of the Good Samaritan Order, making her first vows on 26th September, 1869. In her early years in the convent, Annie taught at the Pitt Street Convent School which was situated where the Railway now stands. The cause of her death was tuberculosis. She played (organ?) at Benediction the night before she died—a peaceful end for a lady who was probably the first female Warby descendant to leave the area of domesticity and join a profession.

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Children of Jane Warby and Michael Byrne

Hugh George Gregory Byrne 16 April 1830 – 1902
Charles John Byrne 11 July 1831 – 1835
William Joseph Byrne 1832 – 12 November 1913
Sylvester Byrne 4 April 1835 – 1835
John Philip Byrne 8 February 1835 – 1835
John Philip Byrne 8 February 1837 – 6 Dec 1928
Michael Thomas Byrne 1840 – 4 August 1925
m. 9 February 1875 Bridget Kelly
Ann Jane Byrne 27 July 1842 – 22 March 1875
James Benedict Byrne 22 July 1844 – 11 March 1918
m. 19 March 1896 Mary Ann Bailey
Winifred Byrne 22 October 1846 – 8 November 1847
Rose Mary Angela Byrne 31 August 1849 – 13 June 1916
m. 15 August 1875 Alexander Joseph MacDonald Terry 25 May 1849 – 2 April 1931

Descendants of 6th Child

Jane WARBY
b. 10 Oct 1806 Prospect
bapt. 11 Aug 1816 St. Luke’s, Liverpool
d. 26 Mar 1876 Campbelltown
bur. 28 Mar 1876 St. John’s, Campbelltown
m.c1829

Michael BYRNE
b. c 1800 County Wicklow, Ireland
d. 24 Feb 1879 Campbelltown

1. Hugh George Gregory BYRNE
b. 16 Apr 1830 bapt. 23 April 1830 Campbelltown d. 1902 Hotham Victoria

2. Charles John BYRNE
b. 11 Jul 1831 bapt. 15 July 1831 d. 1835 Campbelltown

3. William Joseph BYRNE
b. 1832 Campbelltown d. 12 Nov 1913 Taralga NSW
4 Sylvester BYRNE  
b. 4 Apr 1835 d. 1835

5. John Philip BYRNE  
b. 1835 d. 1835

6. John Philip BYRNE  
b. 8 Feb 1837 bapt. 12 Feb 1837 d. 6 Dec 1928 Temora

7. Michael Thomas BYRNE  
b. 1840 d. 4 Aug 1925 Bankstown NSW  
m. 9 Feb 1875 Sydney  
**Bridget KELLY**  
b. 1847 d. 25 Sep 1928 Bankstown

1. Timothy BYRNE  
d. 20 Dec 1877 Tenterfield NSW

2. Michael BYRNE  
b. 1 Jul 1880 Campbelltown d. 29 Jun 1912 Parramatta

3. Patrick John. BYRNE  
b. 20 Dec 1882 Newtown d. 18 Jan 1883 Redfern

4. William T. BYRNE  
b. 24 Mar 1884 Central Cumberland d. 11 Jan 1885 Parramatta

5. John BYRNE  
d. 31 Jan 1889 Ryde

8 Ann J. BYRNE  
b. 27 Jul 1842 Campbelltown d. 22 Mar 1875 Pitt street convent, Sydney.  
Ann became a Good Samaritan nun taking her first vows on 26 Sep 1868

9. James Benedict BYRNE  
b. 2 Jul 1844 Campbelltown d. 11 Mar 1918 Petersham (late of Taralga)  
m. 19 Mar 1896 Sydney  
**Mary Ann Bailey**  
b. 27 May 1872 Taralga d. 30 Mar 1918 Goulburn

1. Rose Dorothy BYRNE  
b. 7 Aug 1896 Taralga d. 15 May 1958 North Sydney  
m. 8 Apr 1918 Crookwell NSW Edward Joseph CROKE b. 17 May 1895 Taralga  
d. 27 May 1961 Murrumburrah NSW
1. Noel Edward CROKE d. 6 Nov 1978  
2. Constance Dorothy CROKE  
   m. 1951 Sydney NSW Keith Peter (Bill) FARLOW d. 27 July 1984

2. Mary Constance BYRNE  
   b. 27 Mar 1898 Taralga d. 25 Jan 1900 Taralga

3. Jane Agnes BYRNE  
   b. 1900 Taralga d. July 1961 Double Bay NSW  
   m. 23 Feb 1924 Paddington NSW Dr. Archibald James CUNNINGHAM  
   b. 2 May 1898 Bega NSW d. 15 Feb 1941 Benghazi, Libya  
   1. Alison May CUNNINGHAM d. 15 Feb 2000 Wagga Wagga  
   m. 1955 Paddington NSW John Richard BLAKE d. 5 June 1997

4. James Joseph BYRNE  
   b. 13 Aug 1902 Taralga d. 28 Feb 1937 Randwick NSW  
   m1. 2 Mar 1926 Sydney NSW Kathleen Bridget O’NEILL d. 15 Oct 1926 Goulburn  
      1. James Francis BYRNE  
         b. 18 Mar 1926 d. 6 Jun 1976 Woonona NSW  
         m. 10 Feb 1945 Goulburn NSW Ethel Merle ALCHIN b. 17 Jan 1923 d. 19 Jan 1963 Taralga  
      m2. 23 May 1930 Cooma NSW Myrtle Doreen THOMPSON  
         b. 12 Jan 1912 Jindabyne d. 27 Sep 1990 (Merle Doreen TACON) Jindabyne

5. Annie Millicent BYRNE  
   b. 15 Sep 1904 Taralga d. 25 Mar 1932 Jindabyne  
   m. 7 Jan 1925 Sydney, Cyril John WILLIAMSON b. 9 Jul 1899 Jindabyne d. 23 1937 Cooma

6. John BYRNE  
   b. 24 Apr 1907 Taralga d. 10 Feb 1946 Goulburn

7. Charles S. BYRNE  
   b. 21 Jan 1910 Taralga d. 16 Jun 1910 Taralga

10. Winifred BYRNE  
    b. 22 Oct 1846 Campbelltown d. 8 Nov 1847 Campbelltown

11. Rose Mary Angela BYRNE  
    b. 31 Aug 1849 Campbelltown d. 13 Jun 1916 Townsville  
    m. 16 Aug 1875 Sydney  
    **Alexander Joseph MacDonald TERRY**  
    b. 25 May 1849 Campbelltown d. 2 Apr 1931 Townsville

1. Margaret Annie Jane TERRY b. 13 Sep 1876 d. 23 Mar 1958  
   m. 20 Feb 1909 Albert Henry (Harry) ABBOTT b. 24 Sep 1875 d. 29 Nov 1951  
      1. Henry Terry ABBOTT b. 23 Sep 1911 d. 8 Apr 1987  
         m. 16 Oct 1937 Beatrice Mary (Bea) NOONAN 9 Nov 1913 d. 16 Feb 1989
      2. Rose Terry ABBOTT b. 6 Dec 1917  
         m. 11 Jan 1941 Dom CARRIGAN d. 29 Jun 1990

2. Thomas Stewart Byrne TERRY b. 29 Dec 1877 d. 21 Oct 1960
ml. 27 Jul 1910 Clair Catherine BARTON b. 10 Oct 1978 d. 1 Sep 1914
1. Stewart Barton TERRY b. 1 Aug 1911 d. 17 Dec 1972
   m. 26 Apr 1947 Miriam Nell (Mimi) RENNELL d. 2003
   m. 7 Oct 1939 Mona Frances HEAP b. 9 Jan 1910 d. 2008

m2. 11 Apr 1918 Leona Frances MACKAY b. 17 Dec 1892 d. 4 Jan 1970
3. Thomas Staines Bernard TERRY b. 22 Jan 1919
   m. 2 Jul 1949 Patricia Shirley MASON b. 16 Feb 1925
4. Leslie Francis Byrne (Frank) TERRY b. 5 May 1920
   m. 28 Feb 1957 Mary (Molly) Therese DUNNE b. 6 Jul 1933
5. John Limbri Rupert TERRY b. 31 Oct 1921 d. 11 Nov 1987
   m. 8 May 1956 Monica Mary O’BRIEN b. 4 Jul 1924
6. Edward Vere TERRY b. 2 Nov 1922 d. 2 Oct 1935
7. Graham Ross TERRY b. 9 Apr 1924 d. 6 Aug 1989
   ml. — Apr 1956 Kathleen DELAHUNTY d. 12 Jun 1965
   m2. 29 Dec 1966 Joan (Mary) CRAWLEY b. 1 Mar 1930
8. Thomasine Leona TERRY b. 16 Sep 1925
   m. 11 Nov 1955 Douglas Byrne TERRY b. 15 May 1923

3. Alexander James Staines Byrne TERRY b. 30 Aug 1879 d. 1 Jun 1964
m. 18 Apr 1914 Ruth Mable PAINE b. 2 Mar 1892 d. 26 Jul 1989
1. Allan Alexander TERRY b. 24 May 1915 d. 22 Jul 1972
   m. 23 Nov 1947 Diana Margaret LEVEREDGE b. 29 Jul 1920 d. 7 Jan 2005
2. Arthur Joffre MacDonald TERRY b. 7 Nov 1916 d. Sep 2000
   m. 31 Jul 1950 Doone REID
3. Rose Byrne TERRY b. 28 Sep 1918 d. 17 Jun 2010
   m. 1 May 1948 Len HANDLIN b. 1 May 1916 d. 12 Mar 1990
4. Harold Byrne (Cob) TERRY b. 5 Apr 1920 d. 7 Jun 2008
   m. 3 Sep 1949 Mary BROSnan b. 2 Feb 1942 d. 25 Jun 2007
5. Douglas Byrne TERRY b. 15 May 1923 d. 30 Mar 2012
   m. 11 Nov 1955 Thomasine Leona TERRY b. 16 Sep 1925
6. Joan Agnes Byrne TERRY b. 26 Feb 1925 d. 1982
   m. 5 Jan 1955 Harold Joseph O’BRIEN b. 28 Sep 1920 d. 29 Apr 2003

4. Julia Louisa Rose TERRY b. 3 Feb 1881 d. 14 Dec 1948
m. 8 Jun 1929 Matt SALISBURY b. c1865 d. 7 Mar 1948
5. Leslie Vincent TERRY b. 27 May 1882 d. 16 Mar 1946
m. 17 Jul 1911 May MARRON b. 19 Jan 1884 d. 19 Jul 1965
6. Clare Frances de Florence TERRY b. 21 Sep 1883 d. 9 Sep 1976
m. 24 May 1911 Francis David Rupert (Frank) GRANT b. 15 Apr 1882 d. 25 May 1970
1. Karma Louisa Byrne GRANT b. 8 Feb 1919
   m. 16 Apr 1953 Robert Halliday MACGREGOR

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2. Allan Joseph MacDonald GRANT b. 10 Aug 1920  
m1. 10 May 1946 Lorna SMOOTHY  
m2. 23 Feb 1962 Billie Cilento nee SOLOMAN  
3. Francis David Ronald GRANT b. 25 Aug 1921  
m. 16 Jan 1942 Meta PHAFF  
4. Claire Bernardine Soutar GRANT b. 26 Apr 1923 d. 4 Oct 2003  
m. 20 Feb 1945 John Charles BEHM b. 28 Mar 1919 d. 18 Sep 1995  
m. 2 Apr 1952 Colleen ROWLEY  
6. Jeane Mildred GRANT b. 24 Oct 1928  
m. 4 Jul 1946 Charles Edmund NUTT b. 15 Sep 1923 d. 20 Feb 2011  

7. Emmaline Veronica de Sales TERRY b. 24 Jan 1885 d. 6 Sep 1966  
m. 15 Nov 1915 Francis Terence Arthur KEOGH b. 23 Feb 1873 d. 25 Feb 1947  
1. Marie Angela KEOGH b. 11 Aug 1916 d. 17 Feb 2000  
m. 24 Jan 1967 Bernard Henry McDONALD b. 25 Aug 1921 d. 29 Jun 2010  
2. Veronica Byrne KEOGH b. 18 Sep 1918 d. Jun 2013  
m. 21 Jun 1952 Gerard VANDENHOUT  
3. Francis (Frank) Terry Fabian KEOGH b. 17 Feb 1920  
m. 2 Dec 1950 Mabel (Joan) ZILLFLEISCH  
4. Alison Berry KEOGH b. 3 Jul 1921  
m1. 18 Dec 1943 William ANGUS b. 9 Oct 1917 d. 7 Jul 1983  
m2. 18 May 1985 Geoff CORNISH b. 20 Jun 1921  
5. Maureen KEOGH b. 22 Apr 1927  
m. 31 Jan 1948 Noel HUMPHRYS b. 15 Dec 1919 d. 8 Aug 1987