Family History Update

1. New Information on Margaret Lynagh: mother of Ann Lynagh

An amazing find from late last year (2019) based on research from distant 'cousins' Jenny Bradford (daughter of Neville Hodges) and Gary Long (descendant of Selina Hodges). The information was provided courtesy of Margaret Traynor (daughter of Syd Collins) & Bernard Hodges (grandson of Ernest Hodges) and I (Matt) have filled in the gaps and put in some additional photos.

2. Family History photos & material from Ireland & England (Hodges, Lynagh & Ryan)

Last year I had the good fortune to be in Ireland and had time to check out some places of family history relevance. Included are some photos, (sequentially out of order), and some accounts of what life was like in the Navan Poorhouse, Co. Meath, from the Master's weekly report and some Ryan relevant photos around Borris, Co. Carlow.

1. Margaret Lynagh

Who is Margaret?

 If Albert & Sylvia (Fairy) RYAN are your:
 then Margaret LYNAGH is your:

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 grandparents,
 great-great-great-great-great grandmother

(Irene, Margaret is your great-great-grandmother; *Aysha, Margaret is your great x 6 grandmother!)

Background:

Ann Lynagh emigrated from the Navan Poorhouse (Ireland) in 1849. On arrival in Sydney she stayed for a couple of weeks at Hyde Park Barracks with other Irish Orphan Immigrants awaiting employment around NSW. She was shipped to Bathurst and worked briefly for J. Staines, (There are a couple of possibilities as to whom this may be. This could be, though not certainly, the farmer James Staines from *The Lagoon* just south of Bathurst). The remains of his farmhouse are still visible. Thence Ann moved to Brucedale (near Peel) in the employ of the Suttor family. (The Suttor family still run Brucedale, recognised as Australia's oldest agricultural business. She met & married John Hodges. (Hodges Butchery is Australia's oldest family owned butcher shop still operating). By 1860 & living in Wattle Flat, 11 years later John had enough cash to generously sponsor (i.e. pay for) the passage of Ann's mother and surviving siblings (Sarah and James). Another sibling, Catherine, declined to go as she was already married in Ireland. Ann died in Bathurst (and is buried in the Bathurst cemetery in a marked grave). It remains uncertain how long Margaret and her children spent in the Poorhouse after Ann left. The fate of her mother, Margaret in Australia has now come to light.

Margaret has several surnames which made tracing her difficult. She married William LYNAGH in 1816. (It appears when he deceased she was unable to keep herself and the children and found herself, with children, in the Navan Poorhouse during the worst of the Potato Famine. Her maiden name was Margaret FINEGAN (or FINIGAN). She married Joseph WALKER in Bathurst as Margaret LYONS, the name her children James and

Sarah used when they married. Why is unknown. It may have been to put some distance between their Irish heritage in a very sectarian period of history Australia's past.

At the time of her death in 1890 Margaret was living in Sydney with daughter Sarah (VALENTINE) identified as a shopkeeper at 84 Campbell Street, Sydney (now Surry Hills). She is buried in Rookwood Cemetery in a now unmarked grave, but its location is identifiable. (It is in a neighboring section of the cemetery where Sarah RYAN is buried, the sister of Beatrice RYAN, who died as a young child after being incarcerated on Cockatoo Island). The undertaker was Charles KINSELA (the shop still standing in Taylor Square, though now a nightclub and not an undertaking business). Margaret's body would have travelled to Rookwood from the Mortuary Station, still standing near Central Station, on Regent Street, Chippendale.

At the time of Margaret's death (1890) the Campbell Street area was ramshackle, unhygeinic and rundown. There was a rate plague around 1900 and the timber houses and businesses of the whole area was quarantined and eventually demolished. The brick building that stands at 84 Campbell St today is part of a series of semi-houses that replaced the demolished timber structures in 1905. The land area of the house is tiny. Photos of similar homes in the area dating to the 1900s before demolition exist but not of number 84.

Death Certificate: Margaret Lynagh

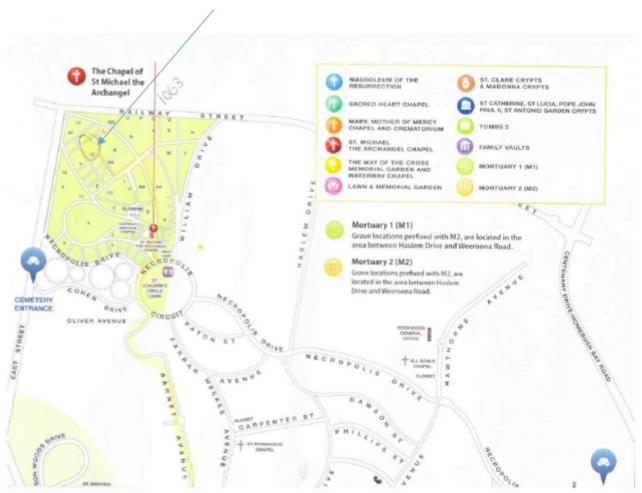
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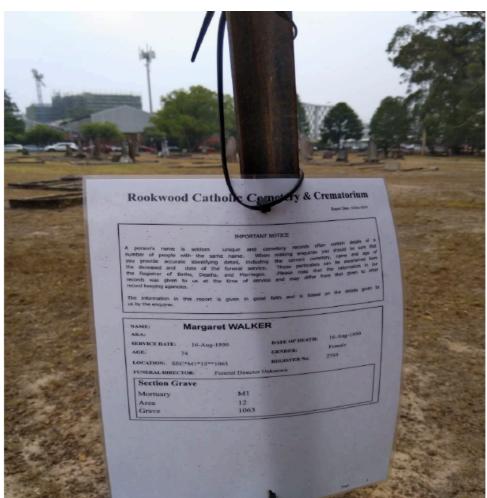
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Grave Location Rookwood: Margaret Lynagh









2. Family History photos & material from Ireland & England (related to Lynagh, Hodges & Ryan)

Snippets from the Navan Poorhouse Master's weekly report from the time Margaret Lynagh, Ann and her siblings were in the Poorhouse (or Workhouse). Margaret & her family would have personally known many of the people mentioned here. The Master recorded weekly deaths, passed on by the Medical Officer, and severe punishments metered out for the smallest of infractions.

The writing is a bit hard to read but its worth persevering to get a fair idea of what conditions were like. The Navan Poorhouse had a capacity of 500 but there were several overflow Poorhouses in close proximity.

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Mary Traynor and Anne Fitzpatrick quarreled with each other; they were deprived of milk at supper; approved.

Mary Flood and Bridget Sheridan scaled the Boundary Wall and absconded from the Workhouse and abused the porter – Ordered to be discharged from the Workhouse.

The medical officer reported that Bridget Sheridan aged 4 months died of croup; and John Keegan aged 12 months, died of Inflammation of the Lungs.

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Charles Carr struck Peter Carolan – was deprived of milk at supper – approved.

Charles Dunn, Peter Carolan, James Carberry, George Brien, John Beacher, Pat McEvoy and Pat Healy quarreled – deprived of milk at supper – approved.

J. Price conveyed bread from Mrs Gaitland(?) to her husband without leave – was deprived of milk at supper and breakfast – approved. Therese McEvoy refused to obey the superintendent at work – was deprived of milk at supper – approved. Mary Hinds broke a pane of glass and was deprived of milk at supper – approved.

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The Medical Officer reported that Edward Lynch, aged 50 years, died of consumption, and Nathan (?) McDonagh, aged 19, died of Disease of the Spine.

The Medical Officer ordered bread diet for Mary Smith, Judith Finegan and Christopher Mohan (?).

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Judith Farrelly aged 70, Owen Smith 102, James York 72, died of natural decay.

Jane Reilly, aged 38, died of Consumption, Dominick Winn, aged 19, died from the effects of Starvation.

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Above: The Medical officer has ordered that fires be kept, day and night, in all the Infirmary Wards.

A. Fitzpatrick carried off her sick child from the Infirmary and refused to leave it back when desired by the Matron; deprived of supper two nights.

J. Beecher, C. Carr, P. Brien, E. Murray, Wm. Donnelly were lurking in the Men's Yard instead of being at Mass – deprived of milk at supper – Approved.

The Medical Oficer reported that Mary Casey, aged 9 months; died of Bronchitis; Owen Geogham, aged 40, died of Dysentery.

The Resports of the Master and other Officers were read, and Orders made thereon, as follows:

Above: Bartholomew Leonard damaged his trousers; deprived of milk at supper – Approved.

Bridget Reilly disobeyed the Schoolmistress by leaving the Dining hall during dinner before Grace was said; deprived of milk at supper; Approved.

Bridget Rooney assaulted Anne Smith, to be confined 8 hours, and deprived of Dinner three days successively.

The Medical Officer, having laid a list of medicines required before the Guardians, the same were ordered.

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Michael Carpenter burned a saucepan on the stove fire – got 6 blows of a rod on the hand – Approved.

Rose McAuley and Alice Carty abused each other – no punishment.

The Medical Officer reported that Richard Farrelly aged 10 died of Spine disease, and Christopher Keappock aged 70 died of Dysentery.

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Edward Kelly created noise in the Dormitory at night and also in the Dining Hall at breakfast – 2 hours confinement – Approved.

M. Carpenter, J, Smith and J, Cassidy 'created noise' in the Dormitory at night – deprived of milk at breakfast – Approved.

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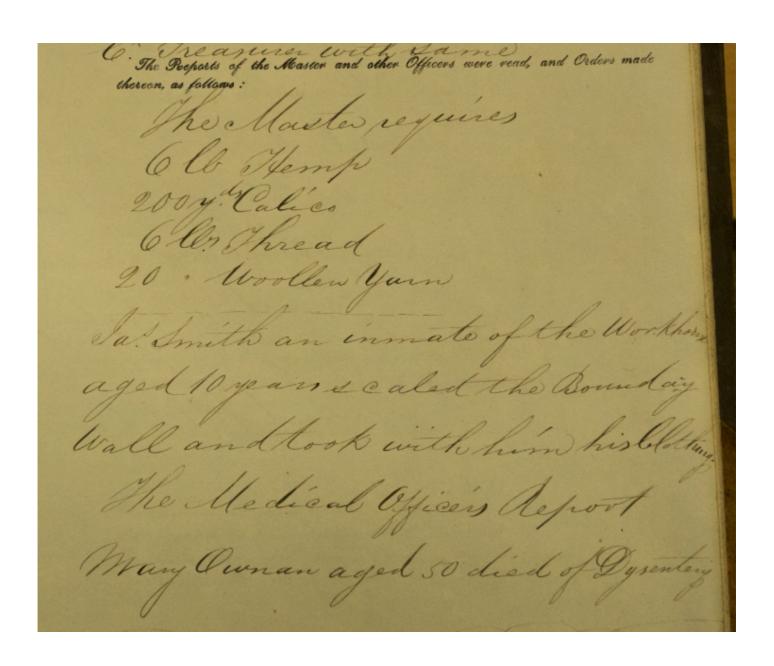
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One of the saddest entries I came across in perusing the Master's book:

The master reported that 6 barrels lime and 5lb thread were required. Silvester Guines, a pauper, obtained a pass by directions of the Guardians and has not since returned to the Workhouse: he has left 3 children in the workhouse.



Above: Another very sad tale. A single sentence reads:

James (?) Smith an inmate of the Workhouse, aged 10 years, scaled the boundary wall and took with him his clothing.



Above: Postcard from c. 1900 held at the Navan Library showing the main street of Kells a short distance from Navan.

Right: Close up of the shop, a Newsagent & Stationer as identified on the back of the postcard run by J. Lynagh... with possibly a Mrs J. Lynagh standing in the doorway. The senior librarian at Navan reckons that Lynagh was never a common name in the area. The relationship, if any, between the shopkeeper and Margaret & Ann Lynagh is unknown.





Above: The blue shop is the old Lynagh newsagency from the early 20th century. The name was still visible on the lintel until about 20 years ago according to a long-time resident and neighbour who grew up in the bar next door, once owned by Kiernan, her father and grandfather (below).





Above & Below: House shops and pub on the High Street of Borris, County Carlow (Ireland), where Michael Ryan was born c. 1821







Above: Goresbridge town in the background and Gore's Bridge, centre, crossing the Barrow River. Our Ryan ancestors would have crossed this many times. Goresbridge is a village only a few kilometers from Borris village. This bridge, the "new" one, dates to 1756. The bridge was the site of the *Battle of Goresbridge* during the Irish Rebellion on June 23, 1798.

Below: View from the male dormitory of one of the few workhouses preserved as a museum in Donaghmore. The refectory is left and the female dormitory is in the background. Husbands, wives and children were separated in the dormitories.





Above: One wing of the Navan Poorhouse where Margaret Lynagh, Ann and her siblings lived for an unknown number of years. Used now as the Navan Hospital. The entry/books have been lost. Only the Master's Weekly Reocrd Books survive.

Below: Graveyard adjacent to the hospital used throughout the Workhouse years. There are no records of who or how many people are buried here in unmarked graves except for the deaths recorded in the Master's weekly report. Additional satellite Poorhouses probably buried their dead also. The number of burials could well be in the thousands.







Above: The Medical Officer's residence and Dispensary at the Navan Poorhouse. The building sits today between the Navan Hospital, once the Poorhouse, and the adjacent Ambulance Station.



The ruins of Slane church abbey and the cemetery which is still used today. Burials here go back several hundred years if not more. There are written records of at least two ancient Lynagh burials here. I searched for some time and couldn't find them. The graves are possibly unmarked or unreadable.









Above: The original Navan Workouse/Poorhouse building with additions integrating it into the current Navan Public Hospital. Navan, Co. Meath.

Below: The picturesque hamlet of Downend, between Nailsworth & Horsley UK, where Richard Hodges (1780 - 1851), father of John et al, died.









Below: The town of Nailsworth UK where John Hodges was born. This is the oldest Butcher Shop in the town and probably the most photographed building ("Cleaver House"). Here, John may well have learned the butchery trade.

Bernard Hodges with grandsons, wife Kathy & 2nd cousin, Matthew Ryan in Butcher Hills Lane outside Cleaver house





Hodges family running the oldest Butchery in Australia, back where it all began



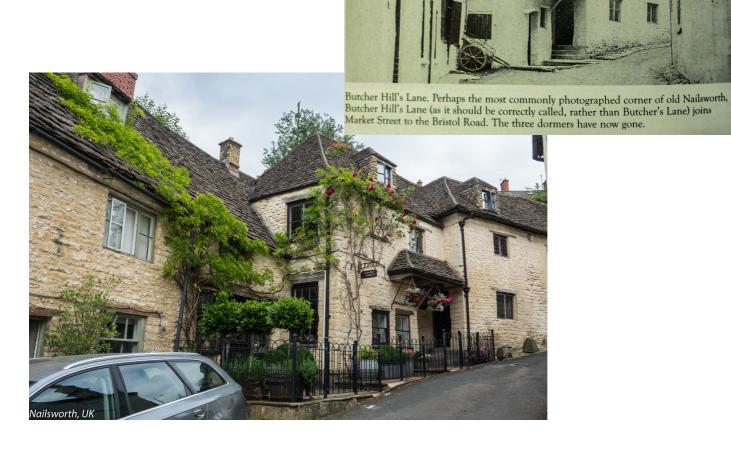
Above: The medieval market town of town of Minchinhampton where Esther Jones was born in 1792. Esther married Richard Hodges (m. 1821) in the Minchinhampton church (*below*). The church was much smaller in 1821 having undergone some renovation. The marked graves date from the 1700s.



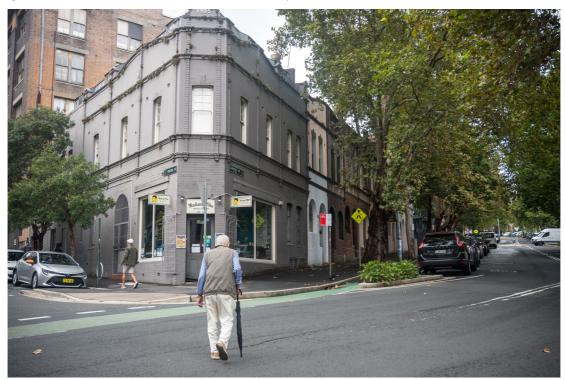
Below: The village of Horsley, not far from Nailsworth, Rockness Hill and Dowend; all places where the Hodges family lived.

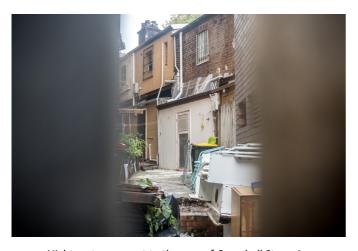


Below: Two photos of the old Butcher Shop in Nailsworth, a bit more than a hundred years apart.



Below: The area around *84 Campbell Street, Surry Hills* where Margaret Lynagh, Ann's mother died. The photo does not show the original wooden building. They were demolished after the whole area went into quarantine around the turn of the 20th century. Margaret died in 1890. The older photographs are of neighbouring properties taken just before demolishing began. The area was rat infested and the timber structures were replaced by the brick buildings visible today. No 84, painted white, was part of a large terrace constructed in 1905. It occupies a tiny land area and would have in Margaret's day. Margaret's daughter, Sarah (Valentine), Ann's sister ran a shop on the site.





Night cart easement to the rear of Campbell St semis

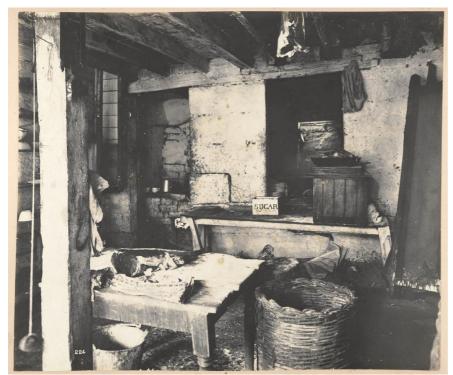




Below: The area around *84 Campbell Street, Surry Hills* at the turn of the 20th century before demolition. The area was popular amongst the Chinese; some can be seen in school uniforms in one photo. (Source: NSW State Library)







From top-left: Campbell Street school children in uniform showing Chinese presence in area; rat catchers; kitchen of house at 102 Campbell St; stables at rear of Campbell St house; timber houses in Campbell Street



