

***The  
Walsh Family  
from  
Ballyhahill, Ireland***

***John Walsh  
m  
Mary Cunningham***



**Family Name: WALSH**

**Family Member: John**

*Born: bap. 10 December 1826*

*Where: Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick, Ireland*

*Father: Maurice*

*Mother: Honora Moore*

*Number on charts:*

*Came to Australia: 9.3.1857*

*Name of ship: Admiral Boxer*

*Date of embarkation: 3.12.1856 From Liverpool*

*Book 12, fiche 093. John travelled as passenger no.261*

*Also on the Admiral Boxer were passenger no. 394, his mother Honora, aged 47, G.S. ex Limerick, engaged by Mr. Henry, Chilwell (Geelong), 395 sister Catherine F.S. 27, 396 sister Mary, housemaid 13 and 397 sister Sarah housemaid 22. Honora came out in the group classed as widows and single women. Did Maurice die back in Ireland?*

*Married: Mary Cunningham 5<sup>th</sup> July 1863 at St Mary's Church Geelong.*

## **Children:**

*1. Honorah born 22.11.1863, died 5.2.1881, buried at Eastern Cemetery*

*2. Anastasia born 3.3.1865, died 3.3. 1866, buried Eastern Cemetery*

*3. Mary born 16.7.1866, died 3.2.1867, buried Eastern Cemetery*

*4. Maurice born 20.11.1867, died 16.5.1898*

*5. Peter John born 29.6.1869, died 25.4.1925, buried Eastern Cemetery*

*6. Daniel James born 20.4.1871 died 1930, Fawkner Cemetery*

*John Walsh came out to Australia with the profession of carpenter, his father had been a wheelwright and carpenter in Ballyhahill. In the 1870 Ballieres Directory for Geelong he is listed as a carpenter, Little Myers Street. Fiche no. 7*

**Family Name: WALSH**

**Family Member: Honora Moore or More**

*B. c. 1809, probably in Co. Limerick, Ireland*

*Parents: John More, farmer, mother: Catherine Murphy*

*Married Maurice Walsh, wheelwright, of Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick, Ireland. Came to Australia in 1857 on the Admiral Boxer with her children John, Catherine, Sarah and Mary. Her age given as 47, passenger number 394, profession servant. She travelled with the widows and single women. presumably Maurice had died in Ireland before this, and possibly also Maurice and Daniel, their sons.*

### **Children:**

1. John b. 1826 Ballyhahill, Ireland
2. Catherine b. 1829
3. Maurice b. 1832
4. Sarah b. 1834
5. Daniel b. 1839 - all information from Parish Priest, Shanagolden 1990, see separate sheet.
6. Mary b. c. 1843 and possibly others – Mary aged 13 travelled to Australia

*Honora died 5<sup>th</sup> March 1877 at Williamstown, informant Hugh Auld, Mary's husband, and is buried in Williamstown Cemetery.*

**Family Name: WALSH**

**Family Member: Mary, m.s. CUNNINGHAM**

*born c. 1838 in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, Ireland.*

*Came to Australia on the "Boanerges" ex Southampton, March 17, 1862, arriving Melbourne July 9, 1862, passenger number 228, contracted for six months to M. J. Cummins, MLA, Cowies Creek (just out of Geelong, on the Melbourne Road, near the present day Pizza Hut), starting July 14, Wages 25 pounds.*

*Mary's brother James Cunningham was already established in Geelong, living in Ryrie Street, with a wife and family. With Mary on the Boanerges were 226, Sarah Cunningham, aged 21, R.C. housemaid, 227, Bridget Cunningham, aged 28, R.C., cook and 229, Cecelia Davis, aged 36, ex London, C of E, to the nominator, James Cunningham, Ryrie Street, Geelong.*

*Mary's parents were John Cunningham, whitesmith, (this means tin, rather than iron) and Anastasia Shanahan. Mary married John Walsh, July 5, 1863, at St. Mary's Church, Geelong. Witnesses were James and Elizabeth Cunningham..*

*Mary died aged 57, October 26, 1896 at Bright Place, Geelong, and is buried at Geelong's Eastern Cemetery with John Walsh and the three girls born of the marriage, Honora, Anastasia and Mary. Peter John and Maurice Walsh are also recorded as being buried at Eastern cemetery, but the grave is not marked.*

*The understanding is that Mary was Convent educated, and did much of the reading and writing for the people of Bright Place. Clonmel is a large town in Southern Ireland, once a garrison town with an encircling wall which still stands. The garrison lived within the walls, the native Irish outside in "Irishtown". The Irish were allowed inside the walls to carry out their jobs, but a curfew applied and they had to be outside by nightfall.*

**James Cunningham** *was born c. 1831 in Clonmel, and died aged 43, November 3, 1874 at Geelong. He married Elizabeth Smith at the age of 20, so this must have been in Ireland, since his death certificate states that he was 20 years in the Colony, arriving in Australia c. 1854. He was a whitesmith, like his father.*

*James and Elizabeth's children were:*

- 1. Honora born c. 1852 (in Ireland presumably, she isn't registered in Victoria)*
- 2. John b. 1856 at Geelong, died 1863 aged 7*
- 3. Elizabeth (according to James death certificate, dead)*
- 4. Anastasia Maria, b. 1859, Geelong*
- 5. Mary b. 1861, died 1886 at Melbourne*
- 6. Bridget b. 1865 at Geelong*
- 7. James b. 1867 at Geelong*
- 8. John Thomas, b. 1869 at Geelong*

*James is buried in a grave one plot away from the Walsh family at Eastern Cemetery, Geelong. His headstone was "erected by his sister-in-law, Mary Payne".*

## **MAURICE JOHN WALSH 1867-1898**

born Geelong, November 20, 1867 christened December 1, 1867 by Rev Father O'Driscoll father John Walsh, mother Mary Cunningham.  
Occupation, Carpenter, not married. The book of poems by Thomas Moore was Maurice's, given to him by one of the priests at St. Mary's.

Maurice died aged 30, May 16, 1898, Reg. No. 7638, eldest son of John and Mary, died at his residence, Bright Place. By 1898 both John and Mary were dead, leaving Maurice as head of the house.

## **PETER JOHN WALSH 1869-1925**

born Geelong, June 29, 1869, married Mary O'Connor c. 1896 at Geelong. Occupation, Labourer.

Their children:

1. Kathleen, b.c.1900
2. Nora, b. 1902 Reg. No. 3219R
3. Mary, b. 1904 Reg. No. 25947R
4. Peter, b. 1907 Reg. No. 10883R
5. James, b. 1912 Reg. No. 20657
6. Maurice, b.c. 1916
7. John, b.c. 1918
8. Eileen, b.c. 1921
9. John (dec)

Uncle Peter put together the scrap books which we now have. He died April 25, 1925, aged 55 at Geelong Hospital and is buried in Eastern Cemetery.

## **DANIEL JAMES WALSH 1871-1930**

born April 4, 1871, at Bright Place, Geelong, christened by Father Slattery.  
Daniel Walsh, a printer with the Geelong Times, married Annie Evelyn Burke (or Bourke) address given as Myers Street, Geelong at the High Church Presbyterian Manse, Geelong, on November 19, 1901, witnesses James R. Nott and Lily Lavinia Marshall.  
Daniel Walsh died at Brunswick in 1930 aged 59. Reg. No. 4313.

## **ANNIE EVELYN BURKE**

born March 29, 1879 at Bulla, was the daughter of Patrick Burke and Christina Ross, and the grand daughter of Donald Ross of Bulla. (See Ross Family history).

Daniel and Annie's only child was Maurice Walsh, born June 1, 1903 at Geelong.

## **MAURICE WALSH 1903-1987**

married Vera Lillian Matthews, daughter of George Matthews and Bertha Ford of Ballarat, Maurice and Vera's children are Nancy, Allen, Brian and Geoff. Nancy married Alan Sporton, Allen married Janet Walsh, Brian married Jean Orams, Geoff married Beverly Burns.  
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**Family Name: WALSH**

**Family Member: Mary, married Hugh Auld**

*born c. 1843 at Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick, Ireland*

*Mary came to Australia in 1857 on the Admiral Boxer with her mother Honora Walsh, brother John, and sisters Catherine and Sarah. At this time Mary was 13, occupation given as Housemaid. She was Passenger No. 396, engaged for service with Mrs Charles ? (illegible).*

*Mary married Hugh Auld in 1864 at Melbourne, Reg No. 2798. She would have been about 21. Hugh Auld served in the Navy, (occupation given on his death certificate is Mariner), and the family home, where Honora Walsh also lived, is given as 61 Osborne Street, Williamstown. This street is now very pleasant, in the process of gentrification, single weatherboard cottages, good street trees, pleasant atmosphere. No. 61 is at the beach end of the road, a little way up are the entrance gates to the Williamstown Botanical Gardens.*

*Mary and Hugh's children were:*

- 1. Amelia, b.c. 1865*
- 2. Maurice, b. 1868 at Williamstown*
- 3. Archibald, b. 1870 at Williamstown*
- 4. Mary, b. 1873 at Williamstown*
- 5. Christina, b. 1875 at Williamstown*
- 6. Hugh John, b. 1878 at Williamstown*
- 7. William, b. 1883 at Williamstown*

*Mary Auld, d. 8.9.1930, is buried in Williamstown Cemetery.*

*For more information on burials in Williamstown Cemetery, see "Buried by the Sea", 929.5945 Will.Lem.*

**OTHER AULDS BURIED AT WILLIAMSTOWN:**

*Infant 19.4.1910*

*Agnes 4.3.1950*

*Archibald Joseph 30.1.1916*

*Christina Josephine 19.7.1940*

*HUGH 29.1.1884*

*Hugh John 13.10.1937*

*John Redmond 30.12.1975*

*Mabel Florence 13.12.1957*

*Mary Norah 15.9.1949*

*Mary Veronica 2.7.1925*

*and Honorah Walsh 6.3.1877*