

**James Stephen Lynch**

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**An Unsung Life**

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**Part Two**

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**( The Third )**

James Stephen Lynch was the seventh child of thirteen born to Owen Lynch and Catherine McMahon between 1861 and 1884.

Owen Lynch was born 1829 in Foyran, County Westmeath, Ireland, died 24<sup>th</sup> July 1891, Bulgundra, Dalgety, NSW.

Catherine McMahon was born 26<sup>th</sup> November 1840 in Melbourne, Victoria, died 24<sup>th</sup> March 1908, Bulgundra, Dalgety, NSW.

They were married 5<sup>th</sup> January 1861 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Cooma. NSW.

Their children were as follows:

1. Catherine Fox Lynch, B: 18<sup>th</sup> September 1861. Coolamatong near Berridale, NSW, died 30<sup>th</sup> October 1892, Bulgundra, Dalgety, NSW.
2. John Andrew Lynch. B: 16<sup>th</sup> October 1862. Bulgundra, Dalgety. NSW, died 30<sup>th</sup> October 1924, Parramatta, NSW.
3. Mary Lynch. B: 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1864. Coolamatong near Berridale, NSW, died 29<sup>th</sup> March 1893, Little Plain, near Berridale, NSW.
4. Bridget Mary Lynch. B: 24<sup>th</sup> August 1866. Coolamatong near Berridale, NSW, died 14<sup>th</sup> November 1941, Lane Cove, NSW.
5. Eugene Hugh Lynch. B: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1868. Coolamatong near Berridale, NSW, died 24<sup>th</sup> July 1930, Bellevue Hill, NSW.
6. Michael Owen Lynch. B: 1<sup>st</sup> April 1871. Coolamatong near Berridale, NSW, died 1<sup>st</sup> September 1945, Young, NSW.
7. James Stephen Lynch. B: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1873. Bulgundra, Dalgety, NSW, died 20<sup>th</sup> May 1948, Belmore, NSW.
8. Mary Ellen Lynch. B: 14<sup>th</sup> February 1875. Dalgety, NSW, died 13<sup>th</sup> June 1957, Young, NSW.
9. Thomas Lynch. B: 20<sup>th</sup> July 1877. Bulgundra Plain, NSW, died 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1877, Cooma, NSW.
10. Annie Lynch. B: 13<sup>th</sup> June 1878, Bulgundra, Dalgety, NSW, died 21<sup>st</sup> October 1949, Bong Bong, NSW.
11. Eliza Cecilia Lynch. B: 1<sup>st</sup> October 1880. Bulgundra, Dalgety, NSW, died 27<sup>th</sup> November 1935, Narooma, NSW.
12. Thomas Sylvester Lynch. B: 25<sup>th</sup> September 1881. Bulgundra, Dalgety, NSW, died 24<sup>th</sup> January 1943, Kaponga, Hawera, New Zealand.

13. Walter Murthie Lynch. B: 7<sup>th</sup> July 1884. Bulgundra, Dalgety, NSW, died 26<sup>th</sup> May 1972, Gosford, NSW.



Owen Lynch born 1832 died 1891



Catherine McMahon wife of Owen Lynch

Owen Lynch, as noted above was born in Ireland. He was the seventh of nine children born to a John Lynch and Catherine Fox between 1812 and circa 1831.

1. Thomas Lynch. B: 1812. Foyran, County Westmeath, Ireland. Died 9<sup>th</sup> August 1873, "Clairmont", Ggedzerick, NSW.
2. Michael Lynch. B: 1815. County Westmeath, Ireland.
3. Bridget Lynch. B: 1817. County Westmeath, Ireland.
4. Judith Lynch. B: 1819. County Westmeath, Ireland.
5. John Lynch. B: 1822. County Westmeath, Ireland.
6. Margaret Lynch. B: 1823. County Westmeath, Ireland.
7. Owen Lynch. B: 1829. Foyran, County Westmeath, Ireland. Died 24<sup>th</sup> July 1891, Bulgundra, Dalgety, NSW.
8. Catherine Lynch. B: 1830. County Westmeath, Ireland.
9. Ellen Lynch. B: ?

John and Catherine's first child, Thomas Lynch was christened 13<sup>th</sup> December 1812, Castle Pollard, County Westmeath, Ireland. By the year 1835 at the age of 22 he took an active interest in the party politics of Ireland. and became "suspected" of insurrectionary motives. A few months afterwards, by means of a girl named Mary Morris who had been bribed to give false evidence against him, he was impeached and seized upon in his father's dwelling house by a strong body of police and taken into custody. First tried for treasonable offences at Castle Pollard then sent on the same night, under strong escort to the county gaol at Mullingar where he was charged with treason and abetting insurrection, on the evidence of the girl that with 100 others he

visited at night the residence of her master with the intention of abstracting firearms there from. The crime description was "Demanding a gun, with intent to steal." He was found guilty and sentenced to be transported for life. Thomas was taken to Cork where he spent a number of months on the convict hulk "Essex", before being transported.

Thomas Lynch arrived in Sydney on 6<sup>th</sup> September 1836 on the "Waterloo" and was assigned to a Captain Blomfield, (sometimes called Bloomfield) of Denham Court, near Camden, who found the exile to be in every respect an industrious and trustworthy man. In fact the Captain was so impressed that he sent Thomas to the "Manaro" to manage his pastoral property at Coolamatong where he, Thomas, resided for many years.

Thomas was granted a ticket of leave from Queanbeyan Court in 1845.

1<sup>st</sup> January 1851 Thomas Lynch married Miss Ellen Kane, a native of Ireland, at St Gregory's Catholic Church, Queanbeyan, NSW. Ellen (daughter of Michael Kane) was born 1819, County Clare, Ireland. She died 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1898, Cootralantra near Cooma, NSW.

They settled down to a hard working life on the property still in the employ of Mr Blomfield.

Thomas and Ellen had four children over the next ten years.

1. Joseph Moore Lynch. B: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1852. Woolway, near Cooma, NSW. Died 18<sup>th</sup> October 1917, Kenmore, NSW.
2. John Lynch. B: 14<sup>th</sup> February 1854. Mary River near Cooma, NSW. Died 10<sup>th</sup> May 1906, Randwick, NSW.
3. Ellen Lynch. B: 16<sup>th</sup> July 1856. Coolamatong near Berridale, NSW. Died 4<sup>th</sup> November 1873, Convent School, Goulburn, NSW.
4. Thomas Joseph Lynch. B: 11<sup>th</sup> September 1860. Coolamatong near Berridale, NSW. Died 30<sup>th</sup> November 1921, Randwick, NSW.

Owen Lynch was 17 years younger than his eldest brother Thomas and followed his fortunes after he had been exiled to the colonies. They kept in touch as Thomas Lynch was responsible for the payment for Owen Lynch to emigrate. Owen followed him and

arrived as an assisted emigrant on the ship “Commodore Perry” that arrived in Sydney on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1856. They were reunited in Twofold Bay.

Thomas would have mentored Owen for the next few years at Coolamatong, however less than five years later, 1861, brought changes. Owen married Catherine on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 1861 and at the same time the new Crown Lands Alienation Act 1861 came into being. This legislation meant the breaking up of large runs held by and controlled by men like Mr William Bradley who since the early days owned most of the best land in the “Manaro”. The act opened up opportunities to acquire land. “Coolamatong” was subdivided and the land taken up by free settlers.

Owen Lynch was one of these, leasing several portions of land and obtaining other portions as a Grant of Land Purchases by Conditional sale without competition. This land remained in the Lynch family until 1928 when Michael Lynch sold all the original land of Owen Lynch.

The land itself was situated in the County of Wallace, Parish of Bulgundara and covered most of the area between Little Plain Creek, Bulgundra Creek and the Snowy River. It was near Buckley’s Crossing which was the name of the general area near where Dalgety is today.

Owen Lynch lived the rest of his life at Bulgandra.. From his arrival as an assisted emigrant in 1856 to the following return nearly 30 years later, Owen proved to be a very successful settler.

1885 Return of Land Holders listed the property Bulgundra:-

Property name : Bulgundra.

Town : Buckley’s Crossing.

Occupier : Owen Lynch.

Acreage : 2260.

No. of horses : 6.

No. of cattle : 4.

No. of sheep : 1500.

No. of pigs : 5.

Owen was a hard task master to his children as they grew up. His children were his workers. Just the same as the majority of early settler families and how they evolved.

According to family memories he insisted on all children working for the family good for no wage until they turned 21 years of age.

It was Owen's second son Eugene Hugh Lynch who decided to leave this family unit and set his future to his own desires just after he turned 21 in August 1889.

James Stephen Lynch was just 16 years of age at this time.. It would be some five years before he would also move on from the family property of Bulgundra.

End of part two.