

Ellen Kenny per *Tippoo Saib* to Sydney 27 July 1850 from Elphin, County Roscommon

Ellen Kenny was born in 1833 in Elphin, Roscommon, Ireland, daughter of John Kenny and Catherine Durr. Ellen immigrated to New South Wales aboard the *Tippoo Saib* which arrived in Sydney on 27 July 1850. Ellen is described in the immigration records as being 17 years of age, a nursemaid, Roman Catholic in good health, illiterate, and with no relatives in the colony. Her parents were described as 'both dead'. Her sister Anne, who was a year younger, accompanied Ellen.

Ellen married George Hughes at St Mary's Sydney on 25 April 1853.

George was born in Worcester, England about 1825 to James and Susan. A boatman, he was convicted of stealing 9 bells from an unoccupied house in Worcester and convicted at the Worcester Quarter Sessions on 8 April 1844 and sentenced to transportation for 7 years. He had previous convictions for pick-pocketing. George was transported to Van Diemen's Land aboard the *Lord Auckland* arriving in Hobart on 15 November 1844.

George Hughes is described in the Convict Indents as aged 23, 5 foot 5 inches, of ruddy complexion with dark brown hair and dark brown eyes. The surgeon recorded his health as very good. George's Certificate of Freedom was issued on 30 May 1851. Shipping records suggest that he left for Melbourne as a mate aboard the *Portland* on 2 November 1851.

Ten children were born to George and Ellen:

- James (1854-1915)
- Susan (1855-1900 m. Elias Evans m William Whittingham)
- John (1857-1913)
- William (1859-1932)
- Catherine Ellen (1861-1939 m George Elliott)
- George (1864-1927)
- Thomas (1869-1931)
- Henry J (1871-1946)
- Elizabeth (1866-1876)
- Mary (1873-1874).

George and Ellen were resident in Sydney for the birth of James and Susan (when George was listed as a carter) but by 1857, when John was born, they were living at Honeysuckle Point in Newcastle and George was described as a labourer. They moved to the Newcastle suburb of Carrington about 1871.

Ellen died on 3 January 1898 and is buried in the Roman Catholic Section, Sandgate Cemetery.

The *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners Advocate* 4 January 1898 p.6 reported the death under the heading 'An Old Resident Dies':

One of Carrington's oldest residents passed away yesterday in the person of Mrs Ellen Hughes, wife of Mr George Hughes at the age of 68 years. The deceased had had

indifferent health for the past 2 years. With her husband she came to reside on the island 26 years ago. She leaves a grown up family of six sons and two daughters.

George died on 4 February 1908 and is buried in the Church of England Section, Sandgate Cemetery. At the time of his death he was living at Bourke Street Carrington.

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