

Ellen Murphy

- Born c 1833, Kilkenny, Ireland
- Parents Richard and Mary

Religion R.C.

- Emigrated to the colony of NSW as part of the Earl Grey Scheme from the Kilkenny Workhouse
- Arrived in Port Jackson on the Lismoyne on 29 Nov 1849

First Marriage

- in 1853, Ellen, aged 19, married Michael BREEN (aged 29, a labourer from Kilkenny) at St Mary's RC Church in Sydney
- By 1854, the couple had relocated to Kilmore, Victoria
- Their first child, Martin, born in Kilmore 17 Aug 1854
- In 1856 their second son, Richard, was born in Kilmore
- A third child, Mary Teresa, was born sometime between 1856 and 1858
- Michael Breen died on 28 Jun 1858 (date listed on Ellen's later marriage record)
- Two children, Martin and Mary, died around this time, no record exists except that they are listed as deceased on Ellen's next marriage certificate
- Richard Breen, aged 5, accidentally drowned at Beaufort, Vic 18 Apr 1862; Coroner's Inquest held

Second marriage

- In 1861 in Beaufort, Vic, a daughter, Florence Adelaide, was born to Ellen Breen and Michael GREEN
- Michael GREEN was born 1834 in Co Clare, parents Luke Green and Ann Healy, who married in 1825 in Ennistimon, Co Clare. He arrived in Sth Aust on the Joseph Rowan in June 1854 and went overland to Victoria
- 31 Aug 1862, aged 29, Ellen Murphy (Breen) and Michael Green, aged 28, married at Beaufort, Vic. He is listed as a miner and she as a housekeeper
- Children of this marriage:
 1. Anna Maria, 1863, Beaufort, Vic (m William DUNN)
 2. Elecia Ruth, 1865, Beaufort, Vic (m James O'BRIEN)
 3. Luke Ernest, 1867, Raglan, Vic (m Rosina RUTHVEN)
 4. Patrick James, 1869, Raglan, Vic (m Agnes FLEMING)
 5. Winifred Teresa, 1871, Charlton, Vic (m Archibald FLEMING)
 6. Ellen Mary Elizabeth, 1874, Charlton, Vic (m William BRYANT)

Mining and farming; death

- Throughout the 1860's and 1870's Michael Green held hotel licenses in the Beaufort area in Victoria, as well as several prospecting claims in that area, where there was extensive gold-mining taking place at that time
- By 1883, Michael and Ellen Green and family took up farming land at Dollin, near Horsham, Vic. Over the next sixteen years they leased and farmed several large blocks according to the

requirements of The Land Act 1869. At times, Michael also appears to have supplemented their income through farm contract work

- In 1898, the couple retired to Geelong, Vic, where Michael died in 1904. He is buried at the Geelong cemetery
- Ellen then returned to the Wimmera area to live with her daughter, Annie Dunne and family. She died at Wonwondah in July 1917 and is buried at Horsham, Vic
- Ellen left a modest estate on her death; life would have been a struggle for them at times and, as often happened, it was later generations who benefitted from their emigration to Australia and their hard work and sacrifice
- Several generations on, their descendants number in the hundreds and are spread throughout Australia

This research has been compiled by descendant, Eileen O'Brien, and members of her family. She is happy to share this and provided this information in February 2016.