

Father : Robert MacFarland
Mother: Mary Mead

Patrick McFarland

born County Tyrone Ireland 1805
died Melbourne, Victoria 9th February 1887

married
Strabane, County Tyrone, Ireland in 1834

Rebecca McCrae

born Ireland (possibly Strabane)1806
died Melbourne, Victoria 12th June 1889

children

Robert McFarland (1834- 1902)
Rebecca McFarland (1837- 1908)
John McFarland (1838- 1884)
Andrew McFarland (1841- 1898)
Thomas McFarland (1842- 1905)
Patrick McFarland (1845- 1901)
Joseph McFarland (1847- 1893)
Archibald McFarland (1849- 1925)
Jane McFarland (1852- 1897)
Charles McFarland (1855- 1938) born in Victoria

On the back of a photo of Thomas McFarland it was written “This is a descendant of the McFarland family branch who fought in the Jacobite uprising with Bonney Prince Charlie against the British who fled to Ireland after the loss at Caloden.”

In 1826 he married Rebecca McCrae who was the daughter of Archibald McCrae Esq (saddler) and Bridget Allen who lived in Church Street, Strabane, County Tyrone Ireland

In 1853 the family decided to migrate to the Colony of Victoria travelling first to England where they boarded the John Knox, which left Liverpool on 27th April 1853 and arrived at Melbourne 24th July 1853 a journey of approximately 4 months. The John Knox was a 1194 ton ship captained by P. Killea and carried 85 steerage passengers and merchandise. They travelled with their nine children, the youngest Charles was born in Melbourne.

Rebecca’s brother John McCrae (1817 – 1870) and two of her sisters (Martha & ?) were already in Australia and it is believed that there were already two of Patrick’s brothers in Australia but this is not confirmed. Another sister Mary Ann McCrae arrived later in Australia.

John McCrae (1817 – 1870) arrived in Australia in November 1841 as a bounty immigrant. He was in business with his brother in law as a saddlery and leather warehouse, trading as Rutherford & McCrae. The business was located at 162 Collins Street Melbourne and his residence was at Lonsdale Street East.

He and Gideon Rutherford then turned to building and built Tyntynder Homestead for the Beveridge brothers in 1848 and after its completion salvaged an old punt from the river and built the village's first inn from the materials. John McCrae then became the first Post Master of Swan Hill.

In 1852 he married Barbara Brown and they had 6 children, being John Arthur, James, Margaret, Barbara, Archibald Rutherford and (?) Two of the children married into the Peppin family of Wanganella Station Deniliquin.

He entered politics and was the member of MLC for the South- Western area from November 1860 until February 1870. He was the commissioner Public Works Jan 1869 – Sept 1870. He died at Nap Nap Station on 19 February 1870, which he owned with his son in law Thomas McFarland and a Mr Brown (father in law?)

Mary and Martha operated a straw hat business in Swanston Street in 1847.

Mary Ann (1819- 1873) married Gideon Rutherford (1819-1860) on 21 January 1847 who was the brother of Andrew Rutherford, father of Lizzie Rutherford who married Patrick McFarland of Barooga Station. Mary & Gideon had 7 children being Christina, Martha, Allan, Jemima, Mary Ann, Rebecca and Gideon.

Patrick's occupation was listed as a gentleman /saddler and commenced business in Melbourne with John McCrae.

In 1855 the family were living at 5 Lonsdale Street Melbourne, the electoral roll of 1856 shows Patrick's occupation as a saddler and operating from Lygon Street.

Between 1858 and 1860 they changed the spelling of the family name from MacFarland to McFarland which at the time was a common thing to do.

In 1860 the address given for Rebecca's father on her marriage notice to Alex Lewers was George Street, East Melbourne. The family then moved to 183 Hotham Street, East Melbourne where they remained until the property was sold by Robert in 1891.

The business name changed to P & R McFarland and in 1864 they had a government contract to supply leather and this firm was later changed to McFarland & Sons. The business was expanded to Dunedin, New Zealand in 1861 under the guidance of Andrew. In 1877 the firm was operating from 415-419 Bourke Street Melbourne.

Patrick died at the age of 83 in 1887 of senile debility.

Rebecca died two years later on the 12th June 1889 at 183 Hotham Street, Melbourne at the age of 79.

They are both buried at the Booroondara Cemetery in Kew.

Sources: Information from Book written by Ian McFarland.
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