

**Background:** My goal at the moment is to trace my family tree upon arrival to Australia. My brick wall is John McCarthy and Mary Quin. I have been able to track them down from around 1845 but anything previous to this (and solid) has been difficult. I have “googled” and “ancestried” family trees from other descendants of the same family and no-one has gone back further either (or they are keeping it a closely guarded secret)! I refuse to accept that they cannot be tracked down. I have emailed other researchers, providing information about how I am descended from this couple but I have received absolutely no responses (quite frustrating as I am a firm believer in sharing information). Anyway, my gut call is that it is the parent/s of this couple that are actually the first generation to arrive in Australia and highly probable that they are convicts. I am not fussed if they are not as I have already two convicts in the family. In other words, I have already discovered convict roots and perhaps another aspect of early Australian colonial life would be just as exciting. Anyway, I am looking forward to the brick-wall session to get other people’s opinions on what they think about my mystery couple. The most frustrating thing about this couple – there are so many variables and I know that I have looked at documentation about them but have been unable to 100% link it to my family tree.

Below is a profile of John McCarthy and Mary Quin based on what I have as well as avenues of research that I have taken. If you want any documentation, please let me know and I can forward on. Thank you all for your assistance with this!

<b>JOHN MCCARTHY</b>
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About 1855, Elphinstone, Colony of VIC	Daniel McCarthy (son) death certificate	Age at death 15 months
13 Jan 1857, Eagle Hawk, Colony of VIC	Daniel McCarthy (son) death certificate	Occupation: Gold miner
1856, VIC	James McCarthy (son) birth as reported on <a href="http://www.bellsite.id">www.bellsite.id</a>	
08 Jun 1858, Kilmore, Colony of VIC	Thomas McCarthy (son) death certificate	My ancestor. Father: John McCarthy; Profession: Carpenter; Age: 40; Born: Sydney, NSW
21 Aug 1860, Cooma District	Mary Quin (wife) death certificate	Appears that the family were travelling north.
1863, Dubbo, NSW	Marriage of Clarinda McCarthy (daughter) to William Faux	Parents were named as John McCarthy ( Publican ) and Mary Quinn
01 Jan 1872, Gayndah, QLD	Marriage of George Daniel (son) to Mary Ann Dewey	Believe that they were with John McCarthy
23 May 1876, Duaringa, QLD	John McCarthy death certificate	<p>Age at Death: 56  Profession: Carpenter  Name of Father and Profession: John McCarthy; carpenter  Name and maiden name of Mother: - - - - -  Where born and how long in colonies: Sydney; 56 years  Where married, what age and to whom: Sydney; 21 years; - -</p> <p>Think he went to do labour work on the railroad. His son, Thomas, was married at the Emerald rail terminus in 1880.</p>

Possible scenarios:

1. Birth in Sydney is true and father was possibly a convict (or military)

- Eliminated John McCarthy from Norfolk Island
- John McCarthy convicts previous to 1820 include:
  - **Title:** John McCarty, one of 1063 convicts transported on the Neptune, Scarborough and Surprise, December 1789.

- Details: Sentence details: Convicted at London Gaol Delivery for a term of 7 years on 12 December 1787.
  - Vessel: Neptune, Scarborough and Surprise.
  - Date of Departure: December 1789.
  - Place of Arrival: New South Wales.
- **Title:** John McCarthy, one of 190 convicts transported on the Mangles, 29 March 1820.
  - **Details:** Sentence details: Convicted at Barbados Court Martial for a term of life on 09 August 1819.  
Vessel: Mangles.  
Date of Departure: 29 March 1820.  
Place of Arrival: New South Wales.
- **Title:** John McCarthy, one of 200 convicts transported on the Sir William Bensley, 09 October 1816.
  - **Details:** Sentence details: Convicted at Middlesex Gaol Delivery for a term of life on 29 May 1816.  
Vessel: Sir William Bensley.  
Date of Departure: 09 October 1816.  
Place of Arrival: New South Wales.
- **Title:** John McCarthy, one of 278 convicts transported on the Admiral Gambier and Eolus [Aeolus], July 1808.
  - **Details:** Sentence details: Convicted at Middlesex Gaol Delivery for a term of 7 years on 08 April 1807.  
Vessel: Admiral Gambier and Eolus [Aeolus].  
Date of Departure: July 1808.  
Place of Arrival: New South Wales.
- **Title:** John McCartney, one of 200 convicts transported on the Tottenham, January 1818.
  - **Details:** Sentence details: Convicted at Lancaster Quarter Session for a term of 7 years on 22 January 1817.  
Vessel: Tottenham.  
Date of Departure: January 1818.  
Place of Arrival: [New South Wales].
- **Title:** John MacCarty
  - Marquis of Wellington
  - Convicted Date: 14 Mar 1814
  - Voyage Date: Sep 1814
  - Place of Conviction: Kent, England

2. Birth in Sydney is not true and John McCarthy arrived in mid-late 1830s

Not much research done into this scenario. If this was the scenario, **and** these are the dates of entry, **and** if John McCarthy and Mary Quin were married, then they should be on the Convict Permission to Marry Application register. They are not. This scenario has not been my focus. Having said that I also cannot find any record of a John McCarthy (or similar) with a birth date of around 1820 on the 1828 census. This is probably my next avenue to take.

Variations to McCarthy include: Carty, Carthy, McArty, McArtney, McCarty, McCarthey (as well as Mac)

Hero; heber bn 1818 arrived 1837

# MARY QUIN

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21 Aug 1860, Cooma District	Mary Quin death certificate	Mary Quin Death Certificate Details Death: 21 Aug 1860 Location: Warnbrook, in the district of Cooma Age at Death: 34 Name and Occupation of Father: - - Quinn; Butcher Name and Maiden Name of Mother: Mary Quinn formally unknown Witnesses to Burial: John McCarthy and <b>Mary Quin</b> Where Born and how long in colonies: Dublin; 30 years Place of marriage and year: Sydney; 1840

Possible scenarios:

1. Mary Quin arrived in Australia around 1830 with her mother

I would have thought it would be easy to find out about the children of female convicts but this has been difficult.

2. Mary Quin's mother arrived in Australia and had her daughter, Mary Quin, in Australia

I have had an interesting hit based on the occupation of the father being a butcher. A Margaret McCarthy (Lord Wellington, 1820) married/lived with an Edmond Quinn (Minerva, 1819). Edmond Quinn appears on the 1828 census with Margaret Quinn, son Daniel (came free, aged 9) and daughter Ellen (born colony, aged 6) – Martin Street, Sydney. His occupation is listed as butcher. This is the only reference that I have been able to find to him as a butcher. Other references mention that he is a labourer.

Another interesting hit was that of Martin Quin (Guildford 2) and Margaret Bergin (Elizabeth 2). They had a child Martin and a daughter, Mary Ann Quin who was born in 1827. I believe that both children were put in to the orphanage at some stage in the late 1820's.

Key to Mary Quin – Witness to her death was her husband, John McCarthy and Mary Quin. I believe this Mary Quin is the senior. I have been working on the assumption that the mother was present at her daughter's death. Knowing that John McCarthy was left with six children to look after, I am thinking that it is possible that Mary Quin senior remained with the family to assist with the rearing of her grand-children. Based on this, I am trying to narrow down a place of death (either NSW or QLD). Ideally, I would like to order Mary Quin senior death certificate. This could be the key to solving this part of the mystery.

Variations to the surname Quin include: Quinn, O'Quinn, Quane, Kane, Quinney, Queeney