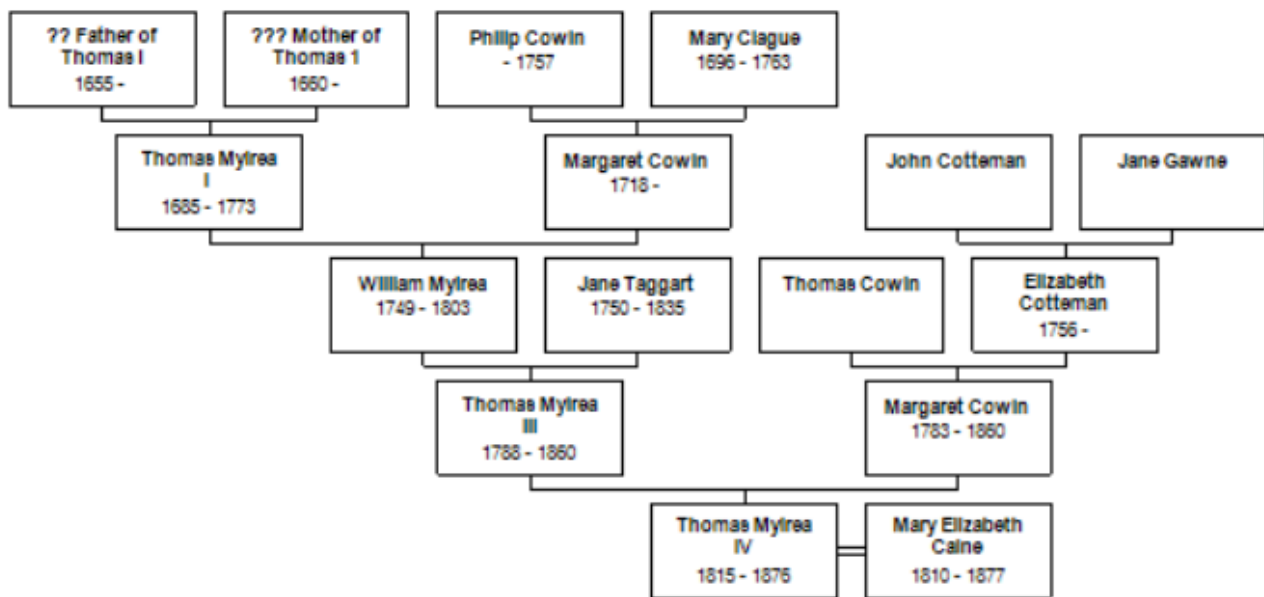


MYLREA of Glen Wyllin

Thomas Mylrea, the miller at Glen Wyllin, was a member of the Douglas Mylrea clan. He was born in Braddan, on the Isle of Man, as were his father, his grandfather and his great grandfather. Before that, the ancestry line is unclear. There were many Mylreas in Douglas in the 1600s who might have been his family such as Thomas Mylrea the tenant of a Douglas cottage from about 1600 to 1660, after whom John and Hen Mylrea and later Thomas Mylrea were recorded – possible fathers? grandfathers¹? Unfortunately, no records exist to show a generational chain².



By the 1800s, there were two distinct Mylrea clans on the Isle of Man. A third discernable Mylrea clan on the Island had, by the 1800s, disappeared. Whether they died out or left the island is unknown. They lived in Malew, in the treen of Fildraw; they were rural, and their surname was spelled McYlleriah or some variation thereof. It was probably the local vicar,

¹ See Attachment 1: LA Mylrea Entries for Douglas

² Baptism records for Braddan begin in 1625; entries can be found for McLary, Molleroy, Mallowee, M'alaray, Mollerie, Mallereay, Mollereigh,

Robert Parr, who noted most of their comings and goings in the parish registers and had his own way of spelling the surname.

One of the two clearly identifiable Mylrea clans had their foundations in the parish of Ballaugh in the north, while the other was in Douglas in the south. The former was rural, the latter urban. These two clans were genetically different enough to confirm that one was not an offshoot of the other, although they were all Mylreas. The Ballaugh Mylreas were land holders, first recorded in the 1495 Manorial Roll. The main stem of that clan (ie. oldest son of oldest son etc) became the Deemster line towards the end of the 17th century. The Douglas clan, on the other hand, did not make their appearance in the parish records until the 1600s, which doesn't necessarily mean they weren't inhabitants of the island before then – rather, it means they did not pay rent on land or cottage prior to that time. If they were living there, then they were probably mariners who came and went, never holding land but working for others who did, maybe having a home somewhere else (Ireland, Scotland, England?) but gradually becoming permanently based in Douglas or surrounding areas.

The irony of Thomas Mylrea migrating from Douglas to Michael and living his adult life there is that Michael was probably the cradle of the Mylrea clan on the Isle of Man³. There were as many as 10 Mylreas paying rent on lands in the parish in 1495, and apart from an isolated Mylrea in Ballaugh, and two in German, these were the only Mylreas of the Island⁴. However, they had died out or left the parish by the late 1600s. By the time Thomas arrived there in the 1840s, over 200 years had elapsed and the only one other Mylrea to be found in the parish was John, a recent arrival from Ballaugh. The footprint of the families of both Thomas and the unrelated John in Michael was light and short lived.

The Douglas Clan

Thomas (1815) and his younger brothers Philip (1817) and William (1827) all had apprenticeships that led to new professions, not seen before in the family. This progression ensured that they did not grow up to work in the factories, fields or on the docks as their forefathers had done:

- ~ father Thomas (1788-1860) was a farm labourer, and a preacher
- ~ grandfather William (1749- ??1803) might have been a porter
- ~ great grandfather (Thomas c1685-1773) was a weaver⁵

These three young men left Douglas as young adults – Thomas to the parish of Michael to be a miller, Philip to Malew as a school teacher, and William to Andreas as the blacksmith. Their Douglas roots were behind them as they made their way in the Manx world. Their children spread their wings and ventured even further afield. If one were to select a phrase that described the character of this group, it would perhaps be “mobile”, unlike the Ballaugh

³ <https://www.mylrea.com.au/stories/Mylrea%20in%20Michael.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.mylrea.com.au/stories/Mylrea%20in%20Michael.pdf>

⁵ Baptism record for son William 1749

Mylreas who mostly remained in that parish and in neighbouring Andreas for generation after generation.

The Miller

Thomas was recorded as a miller at Union Mills in 1841⁶, by which time he was a married man and young father, aged 26. Union Mills is a village on the outskirts of Douglas and named (not surprisingly) because of the wool and corn mills that flourished there, the first mills being recorded in the earliest Manorial Roll⁷.

Thomas married Mary Elizabeth Caine in Braddan in 1839. In about 1844, he took his wife and (by now) three young daughters to Michael. There, another four children were born. Sadly of the seven, two of the girls died before they reached the age of 10 years.

Thomas enjoyed a degree of prosperity as a miller in Michael. He worked in, and later purchased, Harry's mill in Glen Wyllin, one of two corn mills in the parish. Glen Wyllin sits along the west coast of the island, in what is said to be one of the most beautiful of the Manx Glens.



The wheel of the Glen Wyllin mill.

Wyllin means "mill" in the Manx language.

The second mill in the parish slowly slid into the sea in more recent times

This photo was taken in 2006⁸

The purchase of the one third share in Harry's mill in 1858 at a cost of £100 was surely enabled by the death of Mary Elizabeth's parents, who left her their home, a dwelling at 3 Senna Road in

⁶ P.M.Lewthwaite *Fail and Fleece United. The History of Union Mills Village* 1986

⁷ Lewthwaite, Priscilla (April 1985). "[Union Mills in the 19th Century](#)". *Isle of Man Family History Society Journal*. **VII** (2). Douglas, Isle of Man: Isle of Man Family History Society.

⁸ <https://culturevannin.im/watchlisten/imagearchive/glen-wyllin-mill/>

Douglas⁹. Thomas sold Senna Road for £97/10/- in early 1859¹⁰. In fact, the Cains were sufficiently wealthy to leave a Douglas dwelling to each of their four daughters. Thus Thomas Mylrea had married an heiress, a situation with parallels to the unrelated John Mylrea who was a land holder in Michael¹¹ when Thomas was resident at the mill.

Towards the end of his life, Thomas mortgaged the mill twice in a period of three years¹². It is not clear why he needed to borrow the funds, because he did not expand his tenancy holding and one is left wondering if he needed to update/repair the milling equipment. The mortgages had to be settled after Thomas's death by his oldest son, John Thomas.

Thomas the miller died in Michael in 1876, aged 61. Mary Elizabeth died the following year and, like her husband, was buried in Michael¹³. By the time their parents had died, four of their five children – not John Thomas - had left the island. Mary Elizabeth and William went to the UK, Jane and Philip Caine migrated to the USA.

44 MYLREA, Thomas 1833 Aug / /

As well as being a miller, Thomas was also a preacher like his father.

..... (I have to find this material again)

The Children

⇒ **Jane**, the oldest child of Thomas and Mary Elizabeth, married William Callister, a blacksmith, in 1865 and left immediately for the United States on the good ship, *Etna*. They settled in Queens (New York), and had six children: Jane, William, John, Ruth, Estelle, and Herbert. They wasted no time in becoming citizens of the United States, naturalised in 1868. They were living on Long Island by the time Jane's mother (Mary Elizabeth) died in 1877, for Jane's mother made specific mention of this in her will. William Callister's obituary is at Attachment 2.

- **Jane Adelaide Elizabeth**, their eldest child, was widowed very quickly. She married William Robert Flockhard in 1890, and he was dead within 6 months. She did not remarry, but remained with her parents, then with various family members until her death in 1952 at the age of 85.
- **William L(Leopold?)** also had the misfortune to have his first wife die early in their marriage. He remarried and collectively, had five children.
- **John Thomas and Herbert James**, like their siblings, remained in New York, married and had families.

⁹ Memorial to the Wills of John and Jane Cain April 1858 #41

¹⁰ Mylrea to Kewley <https://www.mylrea.com.au/DEEDS/Thomas-sale-1859.html>

¹¹ Mylrea of Cronk Urleigh <https://www.mylrea.com.au/stories/Mylrea%20of%20Cronk%20Urleigh.pdf>

¹² Mylrea to Gell (1873); Mylrea to Quayle (1876)

¹³ Wills of Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Mylrea. <http://www.mylrea.com.au/wills%20collection/thomas-1876.html>;
<http://www.mylrea.com.au/wills%20collection/mary-elizabeth-cain-1877.html>

- There's a question mark over **Estella Mona** inasmuch as she was living in a hospital environment for the last 30 years of her life at least. In the 1830 US census, she was a resident at the Long Island Home (mental). It seems likely from the census records, that she lived with her parents until they had both died, then was placed in an institution of care.
 - **Ruth Ann** died in infancy.
- ⇒ **Mary Elizabeth** married John Caine, a mariner, also in 1865. Early in the marriage, they lived with her parents, Thomas and Mary Elizabeth, in Michael. However, like so many others, they left the island to settle in the UK in about 1873. They had five children, three born on the Isle of Man and then two in the UK: John Thomas Mylrea, Ernest William, Francis Philip, Mary Elizabeth, Robert Charles Christian.

John Caine worked his way up the promotional ladder from 2nd Mate (1859) to 1st Mate (1863) to Master (1870). John Caine died at sea on 27th October 1900, aged 63¹⁴.

- **John Thomas Mylrea**, born 1866 in Michael, must have been named after his uncle. John was a cotton buyer, and resident in Oklahoma City. He arrived in the US in 1886, aboard *The Queen*, and just 20 years of age. He was a frequent traveller to the UK, and remained a British citizen, declaring himself Manx on passenger lists. He had never married and died in Oklahoma in 1930.
- **Ernest William** was born in 1869 in Michael and lived his life in Cheshire. At the end of his life, he was a marine insurance broker, having worked as a shipping clerk at the start of his career which began before the age of 20. He married Jessie MacPherson, and they had one daughter, Norah Lillian. Ernest died in 1942.
- **Frances Philip** was the third child born to Mary Elizabeth and John Caine in Michael. He became a cotton broker, and it is easy to imagine that he and his brother John Thomas Mylrea Caine did business together across the Atlantic. Frances Philip married Margaret MacGregor and they had two children, Frank Mylrea (1904) and Margaret Macgregor (1908)
- **Mary Elizabeth** was the first child born in the UK to Mary Elizabeth and John Cain, and their only daughter. She married a Canadian, Thomas Walter H Crye, in about 1909. The couple, with their 10 year old daughter Bessie, are listed sailing from the USA to Liverpool in 1919 and previously in 1912 mother and daughter travelled to Vancouver. Crye's parents were Manx who migrated to the

¹⁴ Memorial Inscriptions KK Michael Old & New Yards. IOMFHS

US. Ironically Crye's unmarried sister Alice died in 1921 and she also made Mary Elizabeth her legatee.

- **Robert Charles Christian** married in 1907 and had one child. His home was ostensibly Liverpool but he died in Albuquerque, four years after he married and two years after his son Edward Ernest Cain was born. According to the record of his death, he had been in the United States for two years, and in Albuquerque for one. He was buried in Oklahoma City over 500 miles away from New Mexico but the home of his brother, John Thomas Mylrea Caine and his cousin, Thomas Mylrea, both of whom lived and were buried in Oklahoma City when their time came.

⇒ **John Thomas** was their third surviving child and oldest son, born in 1845. He was the only one of their five surviving children to remain on the Island. He became a corn dealer, influenced no doubt by his father's profession as a corn miller. He married Jane Stowell in 1880 in Braddan and soon after they married, this young couple was living in the same house as cousin Agnes Eleanor Mylrea, daughter of John Thomas's uncle, Philip Mylrea, the school teacher. Agnes had married Flaxney Stowell, also in 1880, and John Thomas's wife, Jane, was Flaxney's sister. The Stowells were a well-known and highly respected Castletown family at the time and would later provide protection and support to the family of John Thomas after his premature death.



Mylrea of Glen Wyllin

John Thomas was also the managing (part) owner of two sailing vessels – *Prince Edward* and *Saint Mary*. He bought into the *Saint Mary* in 1887¹⁵. Both ships were under the umbrella of the Manx Steam Trading Company of which he was the secretary. The *Prince Edward* was sold abroad in 1902, well after the *Saint Mary* had foundered and sunk in the Irish Sea after a collision at night on the 30th November 1892.

He died at home in Arbory Street in July 1893. He must have been ill for some time because he sold his corn dealership business in Bank Street (previously Water Street) to John Costain several months before his death, as the newspaper article below details. The location was close to the Castletown harbour so perfect for a business which required the transportation of its goods. Thomas, the son of John Thomas, was only 11 years old so not in a position to assume ownership of the business, nor presumably was Jane prepared to take responsibility.

Isle of Man Times, Tuesday, April 18, 1893; Section: Front page

MR JOHN J. COSTAIN
CORN AND SEED MERCHANT,
CASTLETOWN,

WHILE thanking his numerous Customers for past favours, begs to inform them and the public generally that he has PURCHASED THE BUSINESS lately the property of Mr J. T. MYLREA, in Bank-street, Castletown, and that he has removed from his Premises in Arbory-street, to those lately occupied by Mr Mylrea, where he will carry on the the business as heretofore in all its branches, and, while soliciting a continuance of the patronage and support with which his customers have hitherto favoured him, he begs to solicit the patronage of Mr Mylrea's numerous customers at the old-established Warehouse in Bank-street.

J. J. C. also begs to inform his Customers that he has PURCHASED THE STOCK-IN-TRADE and WORKING MATERIAL in the Bank-street Warehouse, and that, consequently, he has on hand, for Sale at less than half cost prices, several sets of Scales and Weights, Corn and Flour Bins, Sack Trucks, Cake Crushers, Turnip Cutters, &c., &c., almost as good as new. Also, a quantity of Indian Meal and Corn, Linseed and Cotton Cakes, &c., at less than cost price. He has also for sale a fine ROADSTER HORSE, rising 6½ years, 15½ hands, very fast; a BLACK COB rising 5 years, 14½ hands, suitable for a dog cart or light float work: together

¹⁵ <http://www.crewlist.org.uk>

suitable for a dog cart or light road work, together
with FLOAT and HARNESS, which are in good
condition; and about SIXTEEN TONS well saved
RYEGRASS HAY and STRAW in Stack. [1195*

John Thomas's widow Jane died in 1900, leaving their only child, now 17 years of age. After her death, young Thomas lived with the Stowells. In the 1901 census, he resided with his uncle Edward Stowell and was recorded as a joiner. Edward Stowell was a builder by trade, and a man of influence in the Castletown community. He preached at the Primitive (Non conformist) Methodist church and sat on the school board. His father Quayle Stowell and brother Richard were also local preachers. Richard Stowell left £200 to Jane Mylrea in his 1898 will and also deemed Thomas an heir in the event that his brother Edward did not marry (which he did a month after his brother's death). So young Thomas was given shelter in an economically comfortable and caring environment.

Nevertheless, one would not say that Thomas's early life was smooth sailing. It would be more accurate to say that it was blighted by loss. Not only did his father die when he was just 11 years of age, but also his mother passed away when he was 17. His uncle and protector, Edward Stowell, died in 1903. Thomas himself had barely turned 21 when, in 1904, he married Margaret Elizabeth (Bessie) Bell in Liverpool. She tragically died in early January, two weeks after the wedding.

WEDDING.

A pretty Manx wedding was solemnized at Jubilee Drive Primitive Methodist Church, Liverpool, on Thursday, December 1st, by Rev A. Wightman. The contracting parties were Mr Thomas Mylrea, only son of the late Mr J. T. Mylrea, corn merchant, of Castletown, Isle of Man, and Miss Bessie Bell, daughter of Mr Jas. Bell, Town Clerk of Ramsey. The bride looked charming in cream cashmere trimmed with chiffon ruching. She wore a large cream hat. The bridesmaids—Miss Katie Bell (sister of the bride) and Miss Helen Corrin (cousin of the bride)—were dressed in dove coloured voile, and wore black picture hats. The bridegroom was supported by his cousin, Mr C. Cain; and the bride was given away by her uncle, Mr T. Quayle. Later in the day the happy couple left Lime-street Station, en route for Colwyn Bay, where the honeymoon is being spent. —The presents were both numerous and costly.

Ramsey Courier, Friday, January 13, 1905; Page: 5

Sad Death of the Town Clerk's Daughter

Deepest sympathy will be felt for Mr James Bell and his family on the severe bereavement which they have sustained by the death of Mrs Mylrea, daughter of Mr Bell, which took place, suddenly, on Friday, January 6th, at 7, Granton Road, Liverpool. What makes the event intensely sad, is the fact that the deceased was only married to Mr Mylrea a few weeks ago. The funeral took place at Castletown on Tuesday, amidst expressions of sincere sorrow.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MYLREA.

On Tuesday the remains of Mrs Mylrea, who died at Granton-road, Liverpool, on Saturday, were laid to rest. The cortege left the residence of Mrs E. Stowell (aunt to deceased) at one o'clock p.m., and a large number of sympathising friends attended. Before leaving the house, the Rev F. J. Morgan gave out the hymn "O God, our help in ages past," which was feelingly sung, as also were several other hymns as the mourners wended their way to the Primitive Methodist Chapel, where a very impressive service was held. At the close, Mr W. H. Cubbon played the "Dead March" in "Saul." The interment took place at Malew, and at the conclusion of the service the hymn "Safe in the arms of Jesus" was sung. The Rev F. J. Morgan officiated at both the services. The chief mourners were Mr T. Mylrea (husband), Mr James Bell, Town Clerk of Ramsey (father), and the deceased's mother and sisters. A large number of wreaths were sent from friends in Liverpool and Castletown. Sympathy is felt for Mr Mylrea in that trouble has overtaken him so early in life. Mrs Mylrea and her husband were natives of Castletown, where they both resided up to about a year ago, and they were both highly respected. They took an interest in the Primitive Methodist Society, of which they were both members. Mr Mylrea is a grandson of Mr Quayle Stowell, our aged and respected townsman.

Bessie was brought back to Castletown and buried with the family of Thomas's uncle and guardian, Edward Stowell.

In / loving / memory of / MARGARET ELIZABETH / (BESSIE),
beloved wife of / THOMAS MYLREA / who died Jany. 6th
1905 / aged 22 years. / Into thine hand I commit my
spirit.

Thomas's parents, on the other hand, were both buried with Jane's parents in the Glebe cemetery at Castletown.

2 Stones common kerb. 1. In loving memory / of /
JANE / the beloved wife of QUAYLE STOWELL / of
Castletown / who died on April 17th 1908 / Aged
91 years / "For I know that my Redeemer liveth". /

Also of the above-named / QUAYLE STOWELL / who
died April 25th 1911 / Aged 93 years. / Holding
forth the word of life / that I may rejoice in
the day / of Christ. 2. In loving memory of /
RICHARD STOWELL / second son of / QUAYLE AND JANE
STOWELL / of Castletown / who fell asleep in
Jesus / September 10th 1898 / Aged 48 years /
Rock of Ages cleft for me / let me hide myself
in thee / Also of / CATHERINE / widow of the
above / RICHARD STOWELL / and wife of JOHN
CRELLIN / Ravenscliffe, Douglas / who died 17th
November 1914 / Aged 57 years. 3. In loving
memory of / JOHN THOMAS MYLREA / Born at Kirk
Michael / November 18th 1845 / Died at Castletown /
July 27th 1893 / "With Christ which is far better". /
Also of / JANE MYLREA / wife of the above / Born
July 18th 1852 / Died Aug. 21st 1900 / "Neither
shall there be any more pain / for the former
things are passed away".

Only a couple of months after Bessie's death, Thomas left Liverpool, headed for New York on the *RMS Campania*. The manifest is difficult to decipher, but what is clear is that his ultimate destination was Chicago, and in particular his uncle Philip Caine Mylrea who lived at 2712 Emerald Avenue.

In 1908, Thomas sold his share of the corn mill that had been purchased by his grandfather in 1858, left to his father John Thomas in 1876, and thence to his mother Jane in 1893. When Jane died in 1900, she left the property to Thomas. With the sale of Harry's mill, there could be no doubt - Thomas was never going to return to his ancestral home, the Isle of Man.

..... one third of the corn mill dwelling house and out offices, easements, and appurtenances unto the same belonging, together with the whole of that house opposite

*the said mill wheel and adjoining the estate of Ballacregga and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, all said estate is situate in Glenwillyn in the parish of Michael*¹⁶

He made a new life for himself in America, still working as a carpenter and soon to be a long-term resident of Oklahoma. He married Bertha Margaret Thomas in Chicago in 1907 and by the time their two daughters were born - Helen Margaret (1909) and Elsie Bertha (1913)¹⁷ - the family was resident in Oklahoma City.



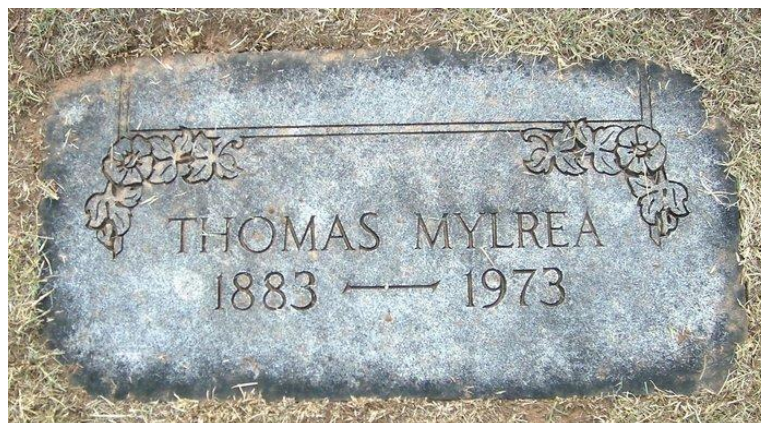
Helen



Bessie

Both daughters married, and each had one child.

Thomas was naturalised in 1917, lived and died in Oklahoma City where he was buried at the age of 90. With his death, the Mylrea name was gone from this branch of the family of Thomas Mylrea, the miller of Glen Wyllin.



¹⁶ Mylrea to Sayle & Kelly, 1908

¹⁷ Photos taken from ancestry.com

- ⇒ William married Elizabeth Horsley in 1877 in Barrow, in the Forshaw St Primitive Methodist Chapel.

They were living in Ulverston (Lancashire) by 1891 where William was a baker and confectioner. There were no children and Robert Quayle, who must have been Elizabeth's nephew, lived with them as William's apprentice. William died in 1898 at the age of 48. William's death meant that the Mylrea name in another branch of the miller's family was not passed on.

- ⇒ Philip Caine left the Isle of Man soon after both of his parents had died, and went to his older brother, William, in Ulverston. His name, Philip, is one that tends to identify a Mylrea from Douglas. The name derives from Philip Cowin, born about 1680 in Lonan, the father of the second wife of the first identifiable Thomas Mylrea (see tree at the beginning). Traditionally, the first son was named after the father or paternal grandfather, and the second after the maternal grandfather. And so it was because Thomas's first son with his first wife was named Thomas and so the first son with his second wife was named Philip¹⁸. In the miller's own family, as the oldest, he was named Thomas after his grandfather, and the next son was named Philip. This is the Philip who became the school teacher in Malew.

Although he had been a joiner (carpenter) in his teens, Philip Caine was listed as a baker whilst living with his uncle William. In 1884, he married Elizabeth Dickenson in Ulverston, and they soon had two sons, Thomas Douglas (born in Liverpool, 1887) and Algernon James (born in Castletown, 1889). The family returned briefly to the island (to Castletown) after the birth of Thomas Douglas, where Philip still worked as a baker. His older brother, John Thomas Mylrea, was also living in Castletown at the time which might explain why Philip took his family there.

In 1891, Philip Caine and Elizabeth with their two young sons migrated to the United States¹⁹. They made their home in Chicago, and the family became US citizens in 1898. Philip did not continue his baker profession and returned instead to an earlier talent - carpentry - as the Chicago City Directories show in 1892, 1900, 1910²⁰. His son Algernon was listed with the family in 1910. This same listing for Philip appeared in the Directories over the next 20 years, (1894, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904)²¹ although he must also have done a stint as a watchman in 1898. In the census collections during the same period, Philip Caine claimed that he worked in what today would be termed "security" - 1900 (watchman), 1910 (police, but perhaps a watchman still). Maybe he had a night job and a day job to support his family in their brave new world?

¹⁸ The first identifiable Thomas Mylrea had a second son names Robert, after their maternal grandfather Robert Lewn

¹⁹ A Philip Mylrea sailed from New York to Liverpool on the *Servia* in 1892. He was listed as a gentleman, and with no sign of a wife, it is not possible to determine whether this was Philip Caine Mylrea or Philip Crebbin Mylrea, his cousin.

²⁰ <http://chicagoancestors.org/#tab-tools>; Algernon J. was also listed as a book keeper but at a different address

²¹ Family Search site

Philip's choice of Chicago for his new home was a curious one. His cousin, Philip Crebbin Mylrea son of Philip Mylrea the school teacher, had migrated to the United States just a year before and it is quite possible that Philip Caine ventured forth on his cousin's encouragement. However, Philip Crebbin lived in the Pennsylvania area, a considerable distance from Chicago, Illinois. And Philip Caine's sister, Jane Callister, had been living in New York for over twenty years but that too was a long way from Chicago.



After two decades in the United States, this Mylrea family went to Canada. Soon after the 1910 US Census, Philip and Elizabeth migrated there; their sons would have been in their early twenties and quite possibly already resident there (for work or study perhaps). The window for this second migration was 1911-1912 because a wedding notice for Thomas Douglas in 1913 stated that he was from Toronto, Canada. Philip Caine Mylrea died in Toronto in 1918 and Elizabeth died there in 1930.

- **Thomas Douglas** married American-born and college-educated Cornelia Virginia Harkness in 1914. Four of their five children were born in Canada in the period 1916-1921 then the family migrated to the USA in 1922 where their fifth child was born. He was a professor of engineering at the University of Delaware. From the Civil and Environmental Engineering Honor Society at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign:

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Thomas Douglas Mylrea was born in Liverpool, England on January 17, 1886 to Philip and Elizabeth Mylrea. He attended R.T. Crane High School in Chicago, before going to the University of Illinois and graduated in 1909 with a bachelor's degree of Civil Engineering. At the University he was a part of the Civil Engineering club and participated in the YMCA.

From July-December of 1909, after graduation, he worked for the Illinois State Highway Commission. After leaving that job, he worked for the American Bridge Company of New York. Mylrea spent two years there as the timekeeper and one year as a draftsman before finding another job as the chief draftsman with the Dominion Bridge Company. In 1913, he married Cornelia Harkness. Some time thereafter, he became an assistant professor at his Alma Mater, the University of Illinois, where he was one of the original members and one of the first chapter honor members of the alpha chapter of Chi Epsilon. In 1927, while working as an assistant professor, a book he wrote titled "Reinforced Concrete In Flexure" was published. An original copy of the book is available at the Grainger Engineering Library.

Following his assistant professorship at the University of Illinois, Mylrea went on to teach and research at the University of Delaware. At the University of Delaware he helped the US prepare for World War 2 by working with the Army in research on the use of rockets. He was eventually named the head of the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Delaware, where he worked until his death on January 19, 1949.

- **Ruth Jeanette**, born 1914 in Toronto, married John Denison in 1939 and had two children
- **Dorothy Noel**, born 1915 in Toronto, died in 1928, only 13 years of age. No documentation has been located that tells whether it was illness or accident that robbed her of her life
- **Philip James**, born 1918 in Toronto, was the second Mylrea son. He was, in the 1940 census recorded as a surveyor. He married Jeanette Seymour and became the patriarch to a large and still thriving family in the United States
- **Virginia Elizabeth**., born 1920 in Toronto, was a nurse. She was married twice, first to Carroll Ray Small then later to James Russell Snow. She had one son
- **Marion Eleanor**, born 1922 in Champaigne, Illinois, married Lamar Callaway Andrews in 1946. They had four children, the first of whom (a boy) died soon after birth, then three daughters came into the family. Marian is buried with her parents, and sister Dorothy while Lamar was interred in the Long Island National Cemetery, a veteran's resting place



Grave of Thomas Douglas, his wife and two of his daughters. Homewood Cemetery, Pittsburg.



Grave of his grandson Robert Douglas Andrews, who died at birth. Long Island National Cemetery, Farmington.

Algernon James, was the second son of Philip Caine Mylrea. He was born in Castletown on the Isle of Man. Algernon (or Jim as he was routinely referred to) worked in the insurance industry in Canada until he retired to Florida where he died in 1997. With his brother, Thomas Douglas, he coauthored a report into a fire in Canada in 1917. The publication is entitled Report on the Quaker Oats Company Fire.²² He married Cora Ellen Myers in 1922; they were divorced in 1932; and he remarried, this time to Fleda Janette Victoria Deynes with whom he had two sons – James Malcolm 1938 and Douglas Bruce 1939.

²² <https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.88122/2>



Canada

Canada was the destination for two Mylrea families in earlier times, many descendants of whom live there today. The former has its origins in London while the second group came from an old Manx family:

- ~ 1892 Edward Mylrea; and was soon followed by his brother Charles arrived in 1902 with wife Isabella Rae and settled in Manitoba
- ~ 1904 Edward Mylrea and his wife Jessie Eastwell, together with their 11 children took up a land grant in Saskatchewan

ATTACHMENT 1 Mylrea LA entries in Douglas

1. THOMAS

YEAR	#	Rent	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant
1605-1606		6d	Thomas Mc ylrea 1d	John Moore 4d		Richard Howarth 1d	
1607-1619		6d	Thomas Mc ylrea 1d	Thomas Dawson 4d		Ric Howarth 1d	
1620-1628	76	6d	Thomas	Thomas Dawson 2d	George Stanley 2d	Arthur Caesar 1d	
1629-1630	77	6d	Thomas	Charles Quayle 2d	George Stanley 2d	Ewan Christian 1/2d	Jane Carbury/ Stanley/Sainbury Shurbery 1/2d
1631-1634	79	6d	Thomas	Carrol? Quayle 2d	George Stanley 2d	Ewan Christian 1/2d	Jane Carbury 1/2d
1635-1645	78	6d	Thomas	Carroll?? Or Charles Quayle 2d	George Stanley 2d	Ewan Christian 1/2d	Ewan Christian 1/2d (LV 1634)
1646-1661	76	6d	Thomas	Charles Quayle 2d	Jane Stanley, wife & executor John Stanley 2d (LV1645)	Ewan Christian 1d	
1662-69		6d	Geo Tyson ²³ (LV1661)	Charles Quayle 2d	Jane Stanley d wife & executor John Stanley 2d	Ewan Christian 1d	

2. JOHN & HEN

LA	# (1), (5)	TENANT 1	TENANT 2	RENT
1651	60	Nick Conore 9d	Jo Carrolly 1 1/2d with wife, Robert Quyne 1 1/2d	12d
1651LV		Nick Conora 6d	Hen Mc yloy (3d) Bill of Sale	12d
1652-54		Nich Conore 6d	Hen Mc yloy (3d), Jo Corrolley with wife (1 1/2d) Robt Quine (1 1/2d)	12d
1655		Nich Conore 6d	Hen Mc yloy (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1 1/2d) Robt Quine (1 1/2d)	12d
1656		Nich Conore 6d	Hen Mc yloy (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1 1/2d) Robt Quine (1 1/2d)	12d
1657		Nich Conore 6d	Hen Mc yloy (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1 1/2d) Robt Quine (1 1/2d)	12d
1657LV		Nick Conora 6d	John Mc yloy (5d) Bill of Sale	12d

²³ LV records that Thomas Mcylrea was dead and that his daughters sold the holding to Stoale, who sold it to Tyson. While the LA has him in the cottage in the period 1642-1661, that is a big window in which Thomas might have died

1658	60	John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylorii (3d), Jo Corrolley with wife (1½d) Robt Quine (1½d)	12d
1659		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mcylroii (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) Robt Quine (1½d)	12d
1660		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mcylroye (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) Robt Quine (1½d)	12d
1661		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc yloye (3d), Jo Corrolley with wife (1½d) Robt Quine (1½d)	12d
1662		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc yloye (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) David Christian (1½d) (LV1661 in possession)	12d
1663-64		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) David Christian (1½d)	12d
1665		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) David Christian (1½d)	12d
1666		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) David Christian (1½d)	12d
1667		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc yloye (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) (executor?) Phil Christian wife and executor for David Christian (1½d) (LV 1666 – Jo to David to Phil executors)	12d
1668		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc yloye (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) Phil Christian wife and executors for David Christian (1½d)	12d
1669	59	John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc yloye (3d), Jo Corroley with wife with wife (1½d) Phil Christian wife and executor for David Christian (1½d)	12d
1670		John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mcylroy (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) Phil Christian wife and executor for David Christian (1½d)	12d
1671	59	John Mcylvorrey 6d	Hen Mcylvorey (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½d) Phil Christian wife and executor for David Christian (1½d)	12d
1672	57	John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½ d) Phil Christian wife and executor David Christian (1½d)	12d
1673		John Mcv lvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), Jo Corroley with wife (1½ d) with exor Philp Christian (3/4d) wife and exor David Christian (3/4d)	12d
1674	62	John Mc vlvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), Jo Corrolly with wife (1½ d) Kath Moore 3/4d widow and exec David Christian 3/4d (LV 1673) Bill of Sale – Philip Christian to Kath Moore, <u>Robert Quaile</u> also mentioned	12d
1675		John Mc ylvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), Jo Corrolly with wife (1½d) Kath Moore (3/4d) widow and exec David Christian (3/4d)	12d
1676- 1690		John Mc ylvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), Jo Corrolly (/Cowley) with wife (1½d) Kath Moore (3/4d) Kath Moore (3/4d) (LV 1676) Bill of Sale <u>Robert Quayle</u> to Calcott who passed the tenancy on to Kath Moore	12d
1691- 1693	63	ThomasMc ylvorrey 6d (No LV 1685-1695)	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), John Cowley with wife (1½d) Kath Moore (3/4d), Kath Moore (3/4d)	12d

1694		Thomas Mc ylvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), John Cowley with wife (1½d) Cath Moore (3/4d), Cath Moore (3/4d)	12d
1695		Thomas Mc ylvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), John Cowley with wife (1½d) Kath Moore (3/4d), Kath Moore (3/4d)	12d
1696		Thomas Mc ylvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), John Cowley with wife (1½d) Kath Moore (3/4d), Kath Moore (3/4d)	12d
1697-1700		Thomas Mc ylvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), John Cowley with wife (1½d) Kat Moore (3/4d), Kat Moore (3/4d)	12d
1702	60	Thomas Mc ylvorrey 6d	Hen Mc ylvorrey (3d), John Cowley with wife (1½d) Kath Moore (3/4d) Kath Moore (3/4d)	12d

Nigel Crow's 2003 analysis of cottage #76 tenants after 1705

REF	TENANT	ENTITLEMENT	Previous tenants
02/01	Robert Kaye, tailor	Bought from the executors of Mr. Richard Stevenson of Balladoole, Arbory, c1686 Balladoole, Arbory, about 1686	Robert KEY held a 2d tenancy on #76 from 1686 to 1702. The prior tenant was Jane Stanley, although LV records that it was purchased from Ric Stevenson
02/02	Patrick Clark	Bought from Robert Quayle & Gilbert Looney, 1691/2	Charles QUAYLE held a 2d tenancy on #76 from 1629 until 1702. Recorded in LV 1629 without the benefit of an explanation.
02/03	James Kermode	Not known. Acquired before 1687. Previously held by George Tyson, 1663	George TYSON held a 1d tenancy on #76 from 1661 to 1702. He acquired it from Thomas Stoale who had purchased it from Mylrea's daughter.
02/04	John Gelling	Inherited from his father George Gelling (d. 1701) who bought from Gilbert Brew, 1691	
02/05	Arthur Bridson of Kirk Malew, joiner	Acquired before 1691 from the estate of Charles Bridson (d.1682) who inherited from Arthur Brew, soldier (d. 1678)	Charles BRIDSON held a 1d tenancy on #76 from 1678 until 1691 after which Kath BRIDSON's name appeared in the LA entries (without the benefit of an LV entry). She was there until 1702. Charles inherited tenancy from Arthur BREW
02/06	Mary Oates alias Clark, widow	Inherited from husband Thomas Oates (d. 1692) who had acquired; (a) by purchase from Thomas Stowell, c1688 (b) details unknown, but part of the garden	

		was said in a later document to have been 'bought of Savages rent'	
02/07	James Savage & Elinor Savage alias Hendricks his wife	Elinor acquired her right by purchase with first husband Christopher Fitzsimmons c1688. James bought his share from Christopher's estate, 1702	
02/08	Margaret Lowcay alias Garrett, widow	Inherited from husband Rev. Henry Lowcay (d. 1700) who acquired (manner unknown) before 1662	
02/09	John Cannell, tailor	Inherited (a) as executor of father William Cannell (d. 1644) (b) from mother Jony Cannell alias Finch (d. 1670)	

ATTACHMENT 2 OBITUARY for WILLIAM CALLISTER

Taken from Manx Quarterly #29

WILLIAM CALLISTER

Died August 11th 1922.

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, New York, in its issue of August 22nd, records the death on the 11th of that month of Mr. William Callister, one of the oldest residents of Queen's Village, in his 92nd year. Mr Callister was born in Jurby, Isle of Man, in 1831, and was the son of Thomas Callister and Jane Mylechraine of that place.

Prior to 1849 he resided at the Ivy Bridge, Michael, Isle of Man. In that year he emigrated to America and joined his brother, Thomas Callister, who founded the wagon and motor-car business now carried on by J. T. & W. L. Callister, sons of William, Jamaica Avenue and Jericho Turnpike, Queens. He visited the Island in 1864 and in 1865 was married there to Jane Mylrea, who survives him.

Mr Callister retired from active business in 1896 and had acquired considerable wealth. He was a resident of Queens for about 71 years. Surviving him, besides his wife, are two daughters and three sons.

Mill, Intack, quarterland; 1867 – purchased #63 Joice to Thomas Mylrea 2 nd August 1867 (Deed) 14 th August 1858 (Deeds) LA 60
LV 1840-1845 X
LV 1846-1852 X several entries not there for Michael
LV 1853-1860 ✓ 1858 LV Thomas purchase from John Caine – 2 rents (not #63)
LA 1869 – Thomas has two rents from John Caine LA 1881 – Thomas has 3 rents (has #63) O1870, O1890, O1860;/g/h

Source Documents

1858	Memorial to Will	John & Jane Cain
1858	Purchase	Thomas Mylrea from John Caine
1859	Sale	Thomas Mylrea to William Kewley
1860	Will	Thomas Mylrea snr
1873	Mortgage	Thomas Mylrea to Evan Gell
1876	Mortgage	Thomas Mylrea to Jane Quayle
1876	Will	Thomas Mylrea
1877	Will	Mary Elizabeth Mylrea als Caine
1889	Purchase	John Thomas Mylrea from James Clague
1891	Sale	John Thomas Mylrea to James Clague
1891	Purchase	John Thomas Mylrea from
1893	Will	John Thomas Mylrea
1900	Will	Jane Mylrea also Stowell
1908	Sale	Thomas Mylrea to Sayle & Kelly