

# The Judd Family

The earliest Judd in our family is Kevin Judd senior. On his marriage certificate Kevin gives his father as "Unknown" and his mother as Elizabeth Dillon. This is really our only clue to his parentage. The marriage certificate also reveals that Kevin was born in Wicklow Ireland. Wicklow is a town to the south of Dublin in the county of Wicklow that takes in some parts of the outskirts of the city of Dublin.

Recently I was contacted by Christine Dunstan, nee Judd, and a grandchild of Albert Judd, one of Kevin's sons. She has been researching the family and had found a reference to a Kevin Judd in the Victorian Children's Register. Kevin is mentioned in the register twice as being committed to the care of the state.

Details of Kevin 's Early life came to light with this discovery of his admittance to a state institution in 1865 and again in 1869.

The records show that he was initially admitted on June 8<sup>th</sup> 1865 as a neglected child, his father is listed as dead, his mother, Elizabeth Marshall of 15 Swanston St. Melbourne. He was to be admitted for seven years but on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1866 he was discharged presumably to the care of his mother again. Sadly on May 13<sup>th</sup> 1869 he is readmitted. This time his record shows more. It shows he was born on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1859 in Wicklow, Ireland. His condition was good, clothes good his health was good. He could now read and write although it seems to say "indifferently". Once again though he is referred to as neglected and the record states his mother was unable to support him. He was committed for five years but on February 16th 1871 he was discharged again, but this time the record shows he was adopted by Mrs Mary Phillips of 11 Down Street East Collingwood. On both records he is listed as a Roman Catholic.

321

No. *3694* Name *Kevin Judd* Sex *Male*

PREVIOUSLY IN THE INSTITUTION— *Yes see Page No 969 folio 270 Book 1.*

Particulars.	State of Health on Admission.	Where Stationed.	Date.	Half Yearly Report.						
				Time.	Penal.	Underwork.	Underday Work.	School Attendance.	General Conduct.	Number of
Date of Birth ... ..	<i>Good</i>									
Native Place ... ..										
Religion ... ..										
Read or Write ... ..	<i>Condition: Good &amp; clothes good.</i>									
Date of Commitment ... ..										
Committing Bench ... ..										
Date of Admission ... ..	<i>If Vaccinated or had Small Pox— Vaccinated</i>									
Term ... ..	Particular Marks—									
Cause of Commitment ... ..										
Parents Living ... ..										
PREVIOUS HISTORY										
<i>Father dead. Mother Elizabeth Marshall unable to support.</i>										
IF LICENSED OUT.					IF TRANSFERRED.					
To whom,										
Trade,										
Date,										
Term,										
GENERAL REMARKS.										
DISCHARGE			STATE OF HEALTH ON DISCHARGE.			STATE OF EDUCATION ON DISCHARGE.			EXPIRATION OF TERM.	
<i>By Order of M.B. 13<sup>th</sup> May 1871 and adopted by Mrs Mary Phillips of 11 Down Street East Collingwood</i>			<i>Good.</i>						<i>13<sup>th</sup> May 1871</i>	

*Kevin's birth details* →

*Kevin's adoption* →

## The Judd Family

### Elizabeth Dillon, Kevin's Mother

This information led to discovering more about Kevin's mother. On his marriage certificate (he was married to Caroline Gay in 1883) she is listed as Elizabeth Dillon. In January 1865 an Elizabeth Dillon married James Marshall, a clerk, at St Francis's Catholic Church, Melbourne. On the marriage certificate she is 33 years old and born in Wicklow, the daughter of James Dillon and Elizabeth Byrne. This together with the records of his admission to care indicates that this is Kevin Judd's mother.

In about May of 1865 Elizabeth and James Marshall had a son, William. Within weeks our Kevin is admitted to the care of the state. In early December the baby William dies of dysentery and is buried in a public grave in The Melbourne General Cemetery. Burial in the public section means he was buried by the state as his parents could not afford to have him interred. Six months later Kevin is discharged from the institution, by this time he was living in Sunbury. After losing her new child it seems Elizabeth now feels she can look after her son Kevin again.

Elizabeth Dillon/Marshall has another baby, a daughter, in 1869. We know that this is the time Kevin is readmitted to the care of the state. This child survives but Kevin remains in care until 1872 when he is discharged from the institution, not to the care of his mother but to be adopted by Mrs Mary Phillips of East Collingwood. Kevin remained living in this area as his future wife, Caroline Gay, was also a resident of East Collingwood; she lived within a street or so of Mrs Mary Phillips' address in Down Street. The houses were in the same block and may have even backed onto each other.

Elizabeth Marshall's daughter, Alice Edington Marshall, went on to marry a successful Melbourne photographer, Robert William Harvie. A collection of his work is at the Melbourne Museum and includes photos of his wife Alice and their children. He photographed his family quite a lot, unfortunately if he photographed his mother-in-law the photos have not been identified in the museum collection. Elizabeth Marshall was to die, a widowed pensioner in 1907, her death certificate lists only her daughter Alice as her offspring, there is no mention of Kevin or her other son William. It is not unusual that such details are missing from a death certificate as what is entered on the certificate is reliant on the knowledge of the informant. To date I have been unable to find out anything about her husband James, when he died or where they lived. A James Marshall did live in East Collingwood for a time in the 1860s but a connection to our family has been unable to be made.

### Elizabeth and Kevin's Arrival in Melbourne

We can now be confident that we have gone back a generation in Wicklow, Ireland on Kevin's mother's side. To this point all attempts to find Kevin's birth records have come to nothing. Many of the Irish, birth, marriage, and death records were lost in the 1916 uprising so we may never find the records.

In shipping records we find that an Elizabeth Judde arrived in Melbourne on the ship Netherby in September 1861 with a Wm Judde, an infant.

No shipping records with an Elizabeth Dillon with a son have been found so there is a strong feeling that this is our ancestor with his mother. This brings up a few questions. Did Elizabeth ever marry a Judd(e)? Why was the son recorded as William? No record of a Dillon Judd marriage has been found and on her marriage certificate, when she married James Marshall in January 1865, she lists herself as a spinster. If the shipping record is the correct one perhaps she was unmarried but gave herself the name Judde to avoid being identified as a single mother.

## The Judd Family

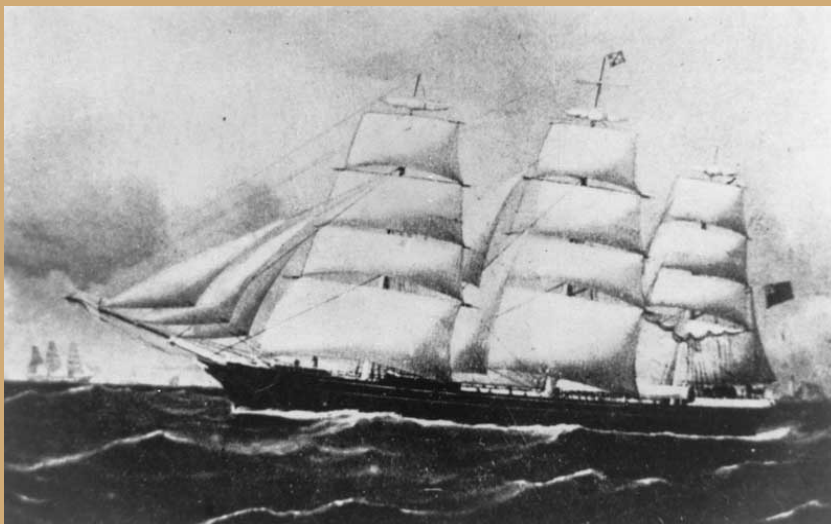
The family story is that in Ireland as Kevin and his mother were waiting in a lighter (small boat) to be taken to their ship a well dressed man came up and threw some gold coins in to the mother's lap. This story was in our family and apparently in the family of one of our grandfather's brothers, Harold. The Netherby actually sailed from London but often these ships called at other ports in England and Ireland after leaving London.

### Kevin in Melbourne

When looking in the Melbourne directories I found Kevin Judd listed for the first time in 1886 and 1887 living at 19 Napoleon St. Collingwood. In 1893 he is listed at Smith St. Northcote, but for five years previously (1888 - 1892) a William Judd was at the same address. I think this may have been just a mistake as Kevin was registered twice as Kevin Judd when he was put in care. However he may have started life as William Judd, if the shipping record is our Judd mother and son. The fact is that no marriage of a Judd and a Dillon can be found, or no baptism of a Kevin Judd in Wicklow. This could be explained if he was born illegitimate. Perhaps Elizabeth called herself Judd(e) for the voyage but reverted to her maiden name once in Melbourne. She may have renamed Kevin too.

One of the tourist attractions in county Wicklow is Glendalough, a monastic settlement believed to be founded by St Kevin. Is this how the name Kevin became part of our family? Research has shown that Judd is not a common name in Wicklow, there are a few in the records but "Kevin" does not appear as a family name. An Irish researcher from Wicklow has told me that the name Kevin was not common in Ireland at that time.

The 'Netherby', the ship we think Elizabeth and Kevin came to Australia on, had its own story. It made four voyages to Australia for the Black Ball Line between 1861 and 1866. It was wrecked on the west coast of King Island, on route to Port Phillip on 14 July 1866, fortunately with no loss of life amongst the 413 passengers and 38 crew. On its 1861 voyage, its first to Australia, it carried only fourteen passengers only two were women and only one child. For that trip it must have been carrying mainly cargo.



### Kevin and Caroline

Kevin Judd married Caroline Gay at St Mark's Church of England, Fitzroy on April 3rd 1883. Caroline was from a Collingwood family. Kevin was described as a dealer and lived in Collingwood too. Caroline's father, Thomas Gay, was a wine bottler and general dealer in East Collingwood with premises in Wellington Street.

Kevin and Caroline lived Wellington St. Collingwood in July 1884 when their daughter Matilda was christened and then in December 1884 when their second daughter Alice was christened they lived

## The Judd Family

in nearby Napoleon St. Sadly both daughters were to die early. Matilda aged only five months and Alice at fourteen months. By 1888 when their next child, Kevin Joseph, was born they lived at Smith St. Northcote where they remained. Two more boys were born, Albert Thomas in 1890 and Harold William in 1892. They lived at 57 Smith St. and Kevin's business of dealer and woodyard was run from there. Eventually it was known as Smith St. Thornbury.

Harold Judd's only child was Kathleen. He and she visited Neilborough and appear in photographs taken there in the 1930s. Kathleen's family has other stories of Elizabeth Dillon. They believe she was a matron at the Melbourne Hospital. The title matron was given to a person in charge of one section and so not necessarily in charge of the whole hospital as we think of the term today. The family also recalled that Elizabeth wore many petticoats and aprons with lots of pockets in which she stored lots of articles including balls of string. Kathleen's daughter Barbara Cheney believed that Elizabeth married later in life to a Boer War veteran she nursed in hospital. The Boer War was fought from 1899 to 1901 so Elizabeth would have been in her mid to late



Wedding photo of Kevin Judd and Caroline Gay



Kevin Judd senior.

sixties.

The discovery of Kevin's adoption means that these stories may be about Mary Phillips not Elizabeth Marshall nee Dillon. We do not know whether Kevin kept in touch with his mother.

Caroline Judd died in 1905 when her sons were 13, 15, 17; she was fifty years old. The three boys continued to live at 57 Smith Street with their father.

Kevin's three sons all eventually became carpenters. Amongst Nana's photos there are two of Kevin's son Kevin, Nana's husband to be. One photograph has 1908 written on the back of it which would make Kevin twenty, he looks younger than that. The other is a better one of him and shows him as a fit and confident youth and quite handsome too.

## The Judd Family

One of the photographs has been hand coloured. He is shown with his workmates on a building site.

Somehow Kevin Joseph Judd met Dorothy May Downie, our Nana, whose mother lived at Neilborough. She may have been working in Melbourne, her older sister Liz lived in South Melbourne; she may have lived with her.



Kevin Judd, pink shirt, with workmates 1908

Kevin's work may have taken him to Neilborough, the photographs of him as a very young builder could be taken in a rural setting. However they met they became engaged and then married in the Methodist church at Neilborough in 1914. Dorothy was eighteen when she married. Would she have been old enough to leave home and work in Melbourne.

However they met, they became engaged and then married at Neilborough in 1914. There is lots of room for speculation on how they met. We will probably have to live with that.

There are two other photos that have the three brothers Judd in them. They are both taken at the same time at 57 Smith Street. The sign above the gate in one has the words Wood, Coal & Coke. The boys look as if they are dressed for some occasion. I am sure it is before Kevin and Nana's wedding in 1914.

They look particularly



from left, Harold, Kevin and Albert Judd

## The Judd Family

happy and dressed in their best suits. The photos almost yell “the last photos of the three bachelor Judd boys.” The photos are in poor condition but you can overlook that for the mood they capture.

Nana's story is taken up elsewhere. The tragedy is that in 1919 our grandfather died of what was known as the Spanish Flu or Black Flu. It was pandemic that swept the world after World War I. The family of Kevin aged 3<sup>1/2</sup> and twins Caroline and Arthur aged 1 were living in Pender Street in Preston. In 1924 Nana married Jim Crapper from Neilborough; they stayed in Preston until around 1928/29 when they moved to the Shamrock Hotel at Neilborough.

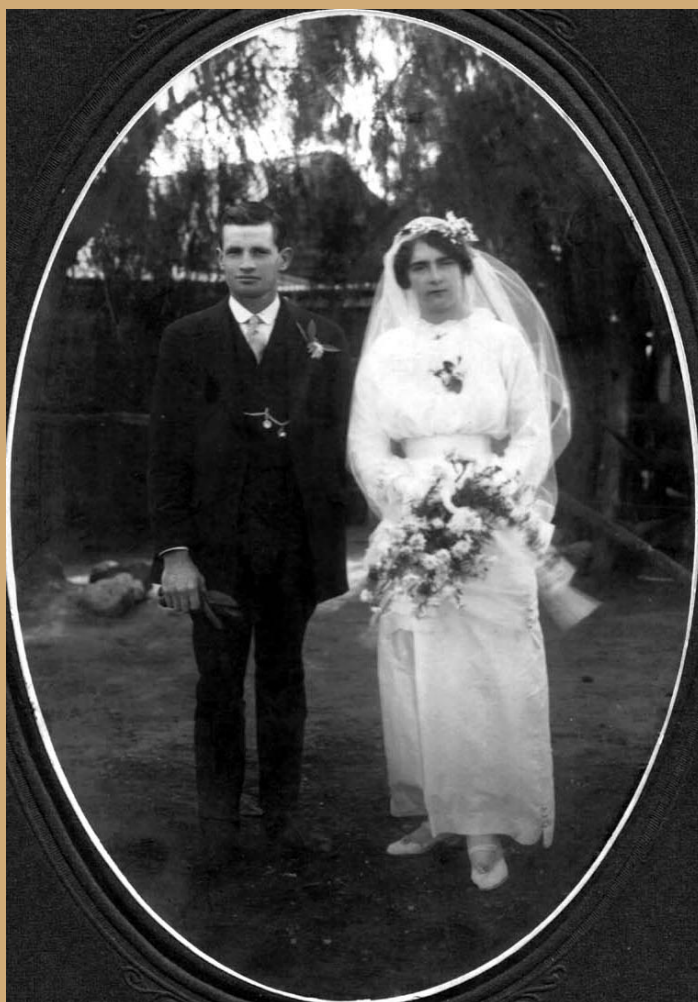


The Judd brothers at 57 Smith Street

Kevin senior was remained at 57/59 Smith Street Northcote until about 1928, he lived with his son Albert, also in Northcote, for a short time but by 1930 he was a resident of the Bendigo Benevolent Home. Mum remembered visiting him with Nana. He died there on 20<sup>th</sup> March 1930 and was buried with his wife Caroline and daughter Alice in the Melbourne General cemetery. The grave in Baptist section D grave 183 has a brick edging but there is no memorial on the grave.

In his will it shows that he owned the property at 59 Smith St. with a five roomed house on it, value \$660. This went to his son Albert. He also owned a vacant block of land at Darebin Street Northcote, value \$198. This was left to his son Harold. His only personal estate valued at \$5 was a watch, a ring, and a number of broaches and trinkets left to him by his wife. I think Nana felt she had some claim to the jewellery but it did not eventuate.

Time will tell if we get any further back on the Judd side.



Kevin and Dorothy Judd, married 5 Aug. 1914

## The Judd Family

### The Wedding photo

Robyn Downie has the original of this photo and brought it to our family reunion in 2015. Before the reunion most of the family did not know of the photo's existence. This page is added to our Nana's story.

### Wedding day, 5 Aug. 1914.

I have tried to identify the people, but some are still not identified conclusively.



Back row – 1.Liz Webster Irvine sister of the bride, 2.Jean Irvine, 3.John McQualter (Best man), 4.Elizabeth Webster mother of the bride, 5.Kevin Judd, 6.Dorothy (aunty Doll) Downie, 7.William Sheppard (father of Bill Downie), 8.Agnes Webster Macdonald ? aunt of the bride

Middle row – 9. Darcy Irvine, 10.Young girl maybe Isobel McDonald Doll's cousin, 11.page boy abt 3yrs (page boy?), 12.not sure possibly Doll's sister Ruby, they were very close?, 13.Catherine Mary Trewren (bridesmaid, 14.flowergirl abt 5, 15.girl Janet McDonald sister of Isobel?.

Front row – 16.Bill Downie, 17.Les Downie, Doll's brothers

All are from Doll's family except best man and bridesmaid. None of Kevin's brothers appear to be there. The photo raises many questions, some may never be answered. The stiffness of the people in the photo may be because they had to be still while the photo was taken.