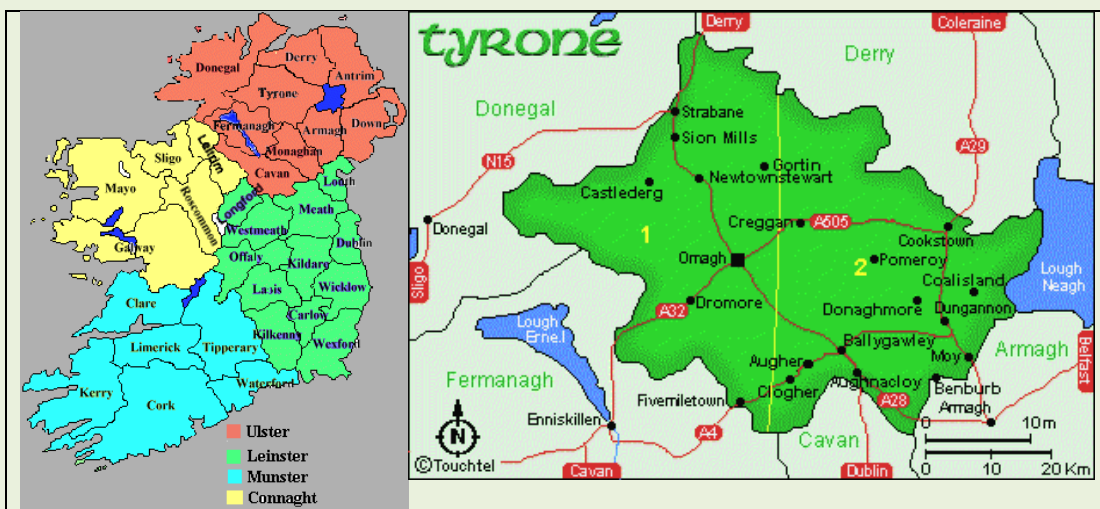


# FENIX MCLEAN & SARAH EMILY GILMOUR

Fenix McLEAN and Sarah Emily GILMOUR are my paternal 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Grandparents. Their son, John McLEAN is my 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Grandfather.

**McLEAN:** *This notable surname, with spellings of MacLean, Maclean, MacLaine, McLean, McCleane, McLane, and others, is widely recorded in Scotland and Ireland. It is a developed form of the Old Gaelic name "Mac gille Eoin", which translates as "the son of the devotee of (St) John", from "Mac", meaning son of, and "gille", literally translating as servant or follower", but used here in the transferred sense of devotee, and the saint's name "Eoin or Ian", the classic Gaelic form of John.*



Fenix McLEAN	Sarah Emily GILMOUR
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**Fenix McLEAN** arrived in Australia on 19<sup>th</sup> August 1832 aboard the ship "Mountaineer" with his wife, Sarah Emily (nee GILMOUR).

At this stage, I have no idea of **Fenix McLEANS** pedigree, but he was born c1808 in Coalisland, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

His occupation was a cabinet maker & builder. I assume that his family had come from Scotland at some time previously Fenix McLEAN married Sarah Emily "Sally" GILMOUR on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1832 in the Parish Church of New Mills, Parish of Donaghendry, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, by the Rev. William ASHE. ([Certificate transcription](#))

Fenix attended more to building work than cabinet work, no doubt owing to the need for homes, and it is reputed he erected a number of buildings in the Liverpool Street area, Sydney (opposite to where Hyde Park now faces).

**Sarah Emily (Sally) GILMOUR** was born in c1808 in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland to Thomas GILMOUR & Mary NEWELL. Sarah has a brother, John Newell GILMOUR, who also came out to Australia and resided in the Bathurst NSW area. Sarah had two sister, Eliza, and Eleanor.

**Eliza GILMOUR** had a daughter named Annie Jones (as stated in Sarah's will). Apparently Eliza moved to Boston, USA.

**Eleanor GILMOUR** married **Hugh CHAMBERS** in Northern Ireland and they both were also aboard the ship "Mountaineer" with Sarah & Fenix.

Fenix & Sarah McLEAN resided at 12 Wexford Street, Sheriffs Garden (now Strawberry Hills area) in Sydney NSW Australia.



**Fenix McLEAN died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1846, aged 38yrs old. Apparently he had pneumonia.**

**Fenix is buried at St Judes Cemetery, Randwick. (Death noted in Sydney Morning Herald 4th July 1846)**



**Sarah Emily McLEAN (nee GILMOUR) died 29<sup>th</sup> March 1889, aged 81yrs. Sarah was buried also at St Judes Cemetery, Randwick with Fenix. (NSW Death Certificate 1889/000549)**

### **New South Wales Probate Information for Sarah Emily McLEAN:**

**Sarah made her Will on 16 Oct 1883.**

**On her death her estate, goods, chattels, credits & effects were under the value of 1350 pounds.**

#### **Estate Inventory:**

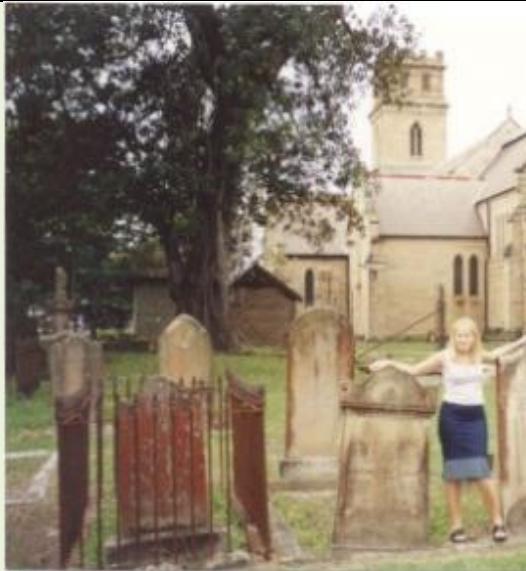
*-Property situated in Wexford Street, Sydney. Land. 56 feet frontage of which 32 feet have a depth of 94 feet the other 24 feet being only 23 feet deep and on it are erected two old sheds (Value 504pounds)*

*-Land off Wexford Street about 23 feet frontage to a lane off Wexford Street by a depth of feet and on it is an old brick house of four apartments. (Value 150 pounds)*

*-Property situated in Australia St, Newtown. Land 33 feet frontage by a depth 7.82 1/2 feet on it is a cottage no. 23 of brick on stone slate roof having verandah four rooms and detached kitchen of iron. (Value 350)*

*-Policy on life of deceased in the Mutual Life (Value 205)*

*-Money to credit of deceased in Savings Bank Sydney 105 pounds; Amount of money in house 20 pounds; Furniture 10 pounds.*



*-Total Assets 1344 pounds.*

**In the Will, Sarah states:**

*To the Ragged School, Sydney 10 pounds; To the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind Institution 10 pounds; To the Sydney Female Refuge 10 pounds; To the Sydney Infirmary 10 pounds; To St Paul's Church of England Redfern 10 pounds; To Annie Jones of Boston daughter of my sister Eliza 50 pounds; To Sarah Emily HANLEY of Queenscliff in the colony of Victoria, wife of John Henry Hanley 50 pounds; To Mary Matilda THOMPSON daughter of my sister Eleanor 50 pounds; To my grandchild the said Emily Harriette McLean 200 pounds; and as to all the residue of my said real and personal estate and the proceeds thereof upon trust to pay the same unto my grandson the said William Alfred McLean absolutely.*

**I have 3 children listed for Fenix & Sarah McLEAN:**

- **John** (born 1832). John McLEAN is their only child that had children who survived. He is my 2nd Great Grandfather. John married Harriett Emma TREWREN in 1856 and resided in Bathurst NSW. They had 3 children: William Alfred (1859-1941), Emily Harriett (1857-1934), and John Alexander Fenix (1858-1859) who died in infancy.
- **Eleanor** (born 1836). Eleanor McLEAN died in infancy in 1836.
- and **Mary Charlotte** (born 1845). Mary Charlotte McLEAN had a daughter, Sarah, who died in infancy, and had no other children. Mary married Elliot JOHNSTON in 1864, but Mary died in 1867 (most likely during childbirth - but not confirmed). Elliot JOHNSTON was apparently a manager with "The Sydney Mail" newspaper. Elliot remarried Emma GUNDRY in 1870, after Mary's death.

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<b>Notes written by Alexander Fenix McLean in the 1950's</b>	<b>My McLEAN family relatives</b>
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