

I was born at Shearke in the Parish of Moyalty but attended Newcastle chapel which was nearest us walking by a pass over Shearke hill. Farms were really small about 15 acres would be about average, and walking was the main way of getting about, there were roads, with lanes leading into ~~the~~ houses, but there were short cuts called passes. Where you could walk through other peoples farms to save distances, quite legitimately. We travelled to Mass by pass, and also to school, using stepping stones to cross a small river. But in very wet weather, we would use roads or lanes, which would be much longer. I started school at Cormeen for only a short while. Then to Killester where even my younger Phil attended school for a few months before we left for Australia. My elder brothers Michael, Pat, & John, made their 1st Holy Communion and also received Confirmation at Moyalty before they came to Australia. I made my 1st Holy Communion at Highgate W.A. ~~see~~ in September 1911 and I had Confirmation at Three Springs two years later.

O ur Dear Mother, God rest her soul
was the only member of our family
with any drive, conditions were terrible
the heat, the millions of flies, the dust,
very poor drinking water, and very little of it,
we must thank our dear mother for
~~for~~ ^{our} survival, strong words - but the
truth - I would say looking back ~~not~~ now.
~~First~~ ^{First} we would put some crop in at Three Springs
then shift to the Top Block. Mother would
come with us, live ⁱⁿ a tent a couple of bags
of straw for a mattress, cook on an outside
fire place, under the roughest of rough
conditions. Mother did not enjoy the best
of health, she used to go to Geraldton to Hospital
for treatment. In 1913 she went for a trip East
as far as Queensland where she had some relatives.
How dear little Mary survived the trip I do ~~not~~ ^{not} know. When she came ^{back} she again went to
Geraldton Hospital later to Perth where she died
may she good ^{Lord} rest soul. After mother ^{died} our home
gradually disintegrated we had a housekeeper
for 6 months. Dad & Phil & Jim lived in the house
Michael ~~was~~ ^{was} in Ireland to study for the Priesthood
Pat & John lived on the Top Block.
We had no crops at all in 1914, a very severe drought

were better
1915, 1916, 1917, I helped cropping and harvesting
and went to New Norcia in latter half of 1917
In 1917 the Byrnes came to live in our house
where they lived for about 2 yrs. I used to live at
Top Block with Senator's family. In 1920 I came to
Perth I worked on the railways, attended night school
had my name down for an engineering course
but my age was against me. So I went back
to Top Block and decided my future was in farming.
So ~~with~~ ^{with} my uncle help ~~our~~ ^{our} future was at Hyden. 10
blocks were surveyed for our family but Peter
was the only ^{one} interested so we passed the others
over to friends, The railway was slow in coming
so we used to do some work on our blocks during the
winter when there was some water out choice.
Then in summer work around Kondinin to get
some funds, to buy some food for winter on the
block, we did this for 3 yrs, and then with the
firm assurance of the railway, the Qy Bank
advanced us loans to do some clearing, so our
farm started to take shape. I built a humpy
Iron roof to catch water, washed supper
Duffsewn together, enclosed the sides quite comfortable
really. To enlarge on my working in Kondinin
during ~~1925~~ ^{24/25} harvest I did contract bag sewing
1 penny per bag, at Harry Biglins, A. J. Youngs,

and Bob Nichols. I stayed with Biglins and borrowed a saddle back off Harry. The farms were close together, I would always do 200 bags per day to make wages. After harvest. Rod McPherson came in from Hyden where he had spent the summer ringbarking on my block. And he & I took on some fencing till the winter rains ^{came} and we had water on our blocks. We fenced round Bundering until July. Out on our blocks, and did some chopping down. I employed one man. Bob Robertson and we cut down some 60 acres.

The summer of ~~1929/30~~ ^{25/26} I came ⁱⁿ and worked for Bill Henderson for harvest and stayed for seeding. I had a 2,000 ^{gallon tank} made and carted ^{it} on the old lizzy one Saturday night, and we had plenty of water for our ^{then} needs.

The summer of ~~1930/31~~ ^{26/27} I came in did wheat lumpie at Hotting siding, 2 miles north of Kondinin, I had Dalgety's stack, Jim West agent. The other lumpers at the siding were Charlie Alladice & J. Sutton.

In March I went to Perth and bought a new chev truck. Peter came back with me, we had cases of power kerosene and got helplessly bogged near Corrigin, spent all night there.

We burned off the 60 ac I had cut down. Peter was taking over Senator's blocks on which there were 280 acres cleared. We bought a Fordson tractor, which Peter drove out from Kondinin, we tried a 14 row combine, but there was too much trash so we bought a ten disc sunderseder that did a pretty good job. The 60 acres on my block and 250 acres at Peter's yielded about 20 bush which ^{we} carted to Kondinin. Then next two seasons were not so good about 9 bush, we also carted wheat to Kondinin, that was 3 yrs we carted to Kondinin. In 1929 a small weir was built at Hyden rock. In 1928 I was elected to Kondinin Road Board, Stan Cottle had resigned.

1930. George Medcalf took my place on Road Board.

The railway was started from Lake Grace. We cropped 1,500 acres, all the land we had cleared. My block, Peter's and bottom block. The season was ^{good} and yield good as 20 bush per acre. We bought a vane tractor. - also bought 500 sheep from Elders and drove them from Kondinin in two days.

J. Haughton won high jumps at Karlgarin. Railway was proceeding from Lake Grace.

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As the senior member of the Lynch family
I must thank you all
for honoring us with this friendly party.
and we wish to thank you one and all
for the friendships you are bestowing on us.
To ~~I would wish~~ ^{give} you ~~to~~ some idea of our
upbringings - our foundations - are in Ireland
on a small 30-40 acre farm Skearke
Co Meath, we were the 4th generation of
Lynch's born in that house. My father's
family, ~~were~~ ^{was} 5 boys and two girls. Three
boys went to America two to Australia, while
the two girls married and settled down
there ~~in 1909~~ ^{in 1909} ~~arrived~~ ^{arrived} in Australia 25th March
1909. Peter and Mary were born out here.

The Dean died 13 Sept 1968 (73 yrs)

Pat died 14 Jan 1973 (76 yrs)

John died P.O.W in the army, in
the second world war

The two reasons for coming to Australia are
our uncle P. J. Lynch was firmly established
here, he was in Parliament he invited us,
and our dear mother wanted to do
the best for ~~the~~ ^{her} family. So after a lot of
her

planning^{oo} - one cold frosty morning we
caught the train at Kells, thence to Dublin
thence the ferry to England, where we
embarked for Australia arriving at Fremantle
on the 25 of March 1909. We met graciously
by our uncle and installed in a house in
north Perth. Our dear little Bridget got a cold
on arrival ~~she~~^{mother} had the old-fashioned idea
of a ~~dislike~~ dislike for hospitals, especially in
a strange country, and the dear little love got
pneumonia and died. ~~My father~~ R. S. she
was a lovely little darling X

We stayed in north Perth some 6 months
while my uncle and dad went looking
for land. They settled for Three Springs
and selected a small block near the
township then selected a larger one ^{at} some
3,000 acres, about 7 miles to the north, towards
Arrows, ^{which} we called the top Block. A ~~large~~
house of wood & iron was built near
Three Springs, in late 1910 and we moved
up to it as soon as it was built, lucky we
had caught some rain water in the tanks.
So we started to establish a home, our

Father McGrath.

Thank you very sincerely
for celebrating this beautiful
Mass of Thanksgiving
for Phil Jim & me

2 Unwin Crescent,
Salters Point
Wanning, 6152.

Dear Father John,

I am deeply appreciative
of your coming to my 85th Birthday
Party and Family Re-Union, just
being there was great, but the way
you expressed the happy relationship
between our two families made us
feel very proud to have known
you so well.

We thank Almighty God
for the beautiful bonds that binds
our two families, and shall pray
constantly for your progressive
advancement in your Sacred
Vocation

Love from us both.
Yours sincerely,
Tom & ...