

McEvoy – Lloyd Family

By: John Edmonds

It is one of the most dramatic and beautiful plots in Union Cemetery and its two hands joined in an endless shake indicates an endless shake for the family members who are buried in this plot. There are very few families that come from different locations and meet in Redwood City and spend their lives in the Woodside/Redwood City area in entirely different occupations that unite through marriage and become such friends.

Patrick Henry McEvoy was born in Sidney, Australia on May 9th, 1848 and migrated with his parents to California in the fall of 1849. After a six month sail aboard the ship “Monterey” they landed in San Francisco. One year later they moved to the Carey Jones ranch, later known as the Horace Hawes ranch, now part of Greater Redwood City. From this place Patrick McEvoy attended the first school in Redwood City, a private one located on the northwest corner of what is now Dingee Park and finally graduated from the old school building on the Island. He finished his education at Saint Mary’s college in San Francisco. As announced in the Redwood City Democrat, August 11,

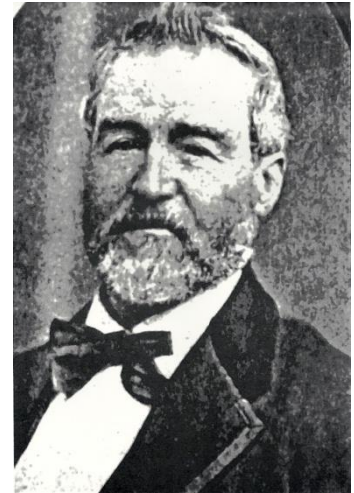


Patrick McEvoy

1910.

Patrick McEvoy somehow met Elizabeth (Lizzie) Lloyd in 1877 and one November 29, of that year he married her at the home of her father and mother in the town of Searsville. The service was conducted by Reverend H. K. Jewett and the supper was “A supper of grand triumph of gastronomy” as per the article in the Times-Gazette December 8, 1877.

Lizzie Lloyd was the eldest child of William and Jane Lloyd having been born at Searsville in 1856. William was born 25 April 1823 in Montgomery Shire, England. In early life in England he was apprenticed to the blacksmith trade, an occupation he would use for the rest of his life. He arrived on the east coast of the United States before the gold rush and used his trade in that area but headed for California and the gold as soon as the news reached his area. He arrived in San Francisco in early 1852 and worked for a short period of time before heading to Placer County and was successful in his trade as well as his hunt for gold. His stay in Placer County however was brief because he came to San Mateo County in 1854 and settled in the town of Searsville. He engaged in farming as well as blacksmithing and remained for six years before removing from Searsville to Redwood City. In 1854 William married Miss Jane Roberts. The couple had three daughters and one son.



William Lloyd

When the William Lloyd family pulled up stakes at Searsville in 1886 and came to Redwood City William purchased property from a Mrs. Smith, known as “the old Billy Smith place” Opposite the northwest corner of the court house block. It was here that he resided the rest of his life. William Lloyd died on February 14, 1895. He was buried in plot 28K in Union Cemetery. He was not the first to go to rest in this plot, Jane Lloyd, his wife, predated him June 11, 1891.

Patrick and Elizabeth Lloyd McEvoy lived in Redwood City as Patrick served the County as a member of the Board of Supervisors. He started his political career in 1892 winning a close election; he ran a second time in 1896 and again won by a narrow margin. Patrick lost the election in 1900 but in 1904 he ran and won the largest margin of votes in San Mateo County history.

Patrick and Elizabeth moved from Redwood City to Menlo Park in 1920 and were residing there when they began considering a move to Oakland. The couple went to Oakland August 1923; on 21 August they were crossing Broadway and

Twelfth Streets when they were run over by a motor vehicle and killed. They were buried with their parents and children in plot 28K in Union Cemetery.

Buried in plot 28K along with Patrick and Elizabeth McEvoy and William and Jane Lloyd are William J. McDonald, Lorraine V. McEvoy, William Henry McEvoy, Mary J. Townsend and Mildred J. Townsend.