## **EGAN, Michael Francis**

Michael Francis Egan was born about 1832, son of Patrick & Mary.1

Michael Francis Egan was married to Isabella Jane. They had a large number of children between 1851 and 1870, mostly born in the districts of Shoalhaven and Kiama.2

The insolvent estate of Michael Francis Egan, of Merriwa, storekeeper, late of Grafton, was placed under sequestration 23rd November 1881.3

By 1890 Michael was living at “Erin Vale”, Beecroft.

On August 21, 1890, at St. Patrick’s R. C. Church, Berry, Joseph Francis [born 1865], youngest son of Michael Francis Egan, of Erin Vale, Beecroft, late of Merriwa, was married to Maggie, youngest daughter of William Kinneally, of Berry.4

Michael F. Egan was elected Hon. Treasurer of the Beecroft Progress Association at the annual General meeting in January 1892.5

He was most likely the Hon. Treasurer in 1891, the foundation year of the Association.

In August 1892, at the monthly meeting of the Beecroft Progress Association, a vote of thanks was given to the late treasurer, M. F. Egan, who was leaving the district, for his services in the past, and Mr. Abram was elected to fill the position.

The departure of Mr. Egan would leave the Association without a justice of the peace, so steps were taken to have the President, Mr. W. G. Coward, appointed as one.6

In October 1894, at the Bathurst Licensing Court, the license of Michael F. Egan, Tattersall’s Hotel, Sunny Corner, was renewed.7

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In 1897 Michael F. Egan and Jane Egan, both of Reefton, submitted applications for improvement purchases to the Barmedran Land Board.9

[Barmedran is near Temora and Young]

On 25th January 1902, at his residence, 67 Carrington-road, Waverley, Michael Francis Egan, late of Sunny Corner, Beecroft and Reefton, died, aged 70 years.10

In 1906 his wife, Isabella J. Egan, aged 75 years, died in the district of Waverley.11

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