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**Other people’s Views**

**A family Tree**

Dear Sir, -- I am writing this in the hope that you may be able to help me trace my family tree. I am very interested to my family history and am working on a familytree; the roots I find are firmly planted to Co. Clare, Ireland, and with your help I hope to correspond with some member of my family, even though we may by now be many cousins apart.

My name is Leonard Francis Hurley and my great grandfather, Patrick Hurley, came out to Australia here in the year 1858 and married Eliza McMahon, a lass from the same area of Ireland. They landed in Geelong, Victoria, married, and later moved to Balbarat. They had eight children of which six died in infancy, the remaining two being Maria and Frank. Frank was my Grandfather.

Arriving out here previous to my great grandfather, Patrick from the same town in Co Clare, in the year 1838, was John Hurley, son of James Hurley and Mary Hurley. John’s wife, Catherine, daughter of Robert and Bridget Garing [Guerin, Kerin] accompanied him. I feel these Hurleys are closely related but so far have not been able to tie up where each fits in. Maybe there are Hurleys in Co. Clare who can help etc etc

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