

The Chilean Lovelucks¹

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Previous articles in Lovelock Lines have illustrated the fact that Lovelocks can be found in many parts of the world, including Australia, New Zealand and the USA. The Glamorgan Lovelucks have also done their share of travelling around the world, and there are now branches of the family in Australia, the USA and Canada, not to mention my own little outpost in France! However, perhaps the most surprising Loveluck colony is one which took root in Chile in the latter half of the 19th century.

There were substantial migrations of Welsh farmers to South America in the 19th century, in particular to Patagonia, Argentina, but migration to Chile was far less common. Welsh nationalists were behind the emigration movement to Patagonia, which began in 1865, and they were motivated by a wish to escape the persecution by the English and to preserve their language, culture and religion. As far as we're aware, such considerations played no role in the emigration of William Loveluck to Chile.



Figure 1 William Loveluck (bap 1845)

William Loveluck was baptised 26 Jan 1845 at St Tydwg's church, Tythegston, Glamorgan, the third of seven children of John Loveluck (1815 - 1885) and Catherine Thomas (1818 - 1896). John was a farmer at Redhill Farm, Tythegston, very close to where John Loveluck (1740 - 1803), progenitor of the Glamorgan Loveluck Line, had settled two generations earlier. In the 1861 census William, age 16, was living at Neath, Glamorgan, with Thomas Andrews, ironmonger, & his wife Elizabeth (née Loveluck), his uncle and aunt, and his occupation is recorded as "ironmonger's apprentice". At this point we lose track of William for some time, but we know that he ended up in Santiago, Chile, where he married Agnes Cribbes McPherson. There is a rather cryptic note by Janet Hearle: *Emigrated from Swansea in a boat carrying metals & returning to Santiago. Had businesses in Santiago, Valparaiso*, but with no date for his emigration. He cannot be found on either the 1881 or 1871 censuses, so he probably emigrated sometime before 1871. William's date of death is not known,

¹ This article is based partly on notes by Janet Hearle (née Loveluck) and on information provided by Chilean Loveluck descendants: Andrés Loveluck, Juan J Loveluck, Juan C Loveluck and Eliana Loveluck

but in 1903 he was still in business in Santiago, as confirmed by an entry in Kelly's directory for Chile (many thanks to Yann Lovelock for pointing this out):

Kelly's Directory of Merchants, Manufacturers and Shippers of the World 1903 4078 pp
British/American names
Chili pp 2192-2202

SANTIAGO DE CHILE
...
Lamp Dealers
Loveluck William



Figure 2 Agnes Cribbes McPherson

Agnes Cribbes McPherson was born in Edinburgh about 1853, daughter of Alexander McPherson. She emigrated to Chile with her parents around 1873. A note from Juan J Loveluck, scribbled on the back of a photo of him in company with Pablo Neruda and others, reads as follows: "My grandmother Agnes used to talk to me about her trip from Liverpool to

the Chilean port, in the Cotopaxi (a Latin American volcano)". There is information concerning the ship Cotopaxi on the Red Duster merchant shipping Web site, <http://www.red-duster.co.uk/PSNC10.htm>, which indicates that she began service on the Birkenhead to Valparaiso route on 18th June 1873, so we conclude that Agnes McPherson emigrated to Chile sometime after 1873, almost certainly sailing from Liverpool/Birkenhead. It is believed that Agnes died around 1948 in Quillota, in the Valparaiso region, and that she spent the last years of her life in a house where Rosa O'Higgins had lived. The latter was a half-sister of Bernardo O'Higgins a Chilean revolutionary, son of an Irish father and a Chilean aristocrat - another fascinating story, but that's someone else's family history!

William and Agnes had eight children, all born in Chile, as follows (note that we have followed the Spanish/Chilean practice of including the father's name followed by the mother's name in the family names of the children):



Figure 3 Agnes (right) and Rosa (left) Loveluck McPherson

Agnes Loveluck McPherson, was born 1888 in Chile. When she was 22 years old she joined an Augustinian Nunnery where she eventually became Abbess. Her religious name was Maria de los Angeles. She died 8 June 1922, aged 34, after 12 years

of religious life, and is buried at the same Nunnery in Santiago.

Figure 4 Juan Loveluck McPherson

Juan Loveluck McPherson, originally named John he later changed his name to Juan. He was born about 1906 and died Aug 1940, aged 34. He is buried in the Catholic cemetery at Santiago. Juan was an accountant for the Chilean state railway company. He married **Elcira Nuñez** and they had four children: **Inés Loveluck Nuñez**, **Maria Eugenia Loveluck Nuñez**, **Gladys Loveluck Nuñez** and **Juan Loveluck Nuñez** . A number of descendants are still living in Santiago - see the descendant tree below.



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Figure 5 Jessie Loveluck McPherson

Jessie Loveluck McPherson, lived in Cartagena where she was employed by the state bank. She was unmarried, died 19 May 1976 and is buried at the Maipo parish cemetery, Santiago.

Figure 6 Guillermo Loveluck McPherson

Guillermo Loveluck McPherson, was born 13 Sep 1888, he died 28 Feb 1954 and is buried in the Valparaiso nº2 cemetery. He worked as an accountant for the state postal company. He married **Carmela Fariña** and they had one son, **Luis Guillermo Loveluck Fariña**, born 1914. The latter was an architect, and lived in several countries including Brazil and Colombia. However, after the death of his wife, when he was over 60 years old, he became a Trappist monk and specialised in the repair of religious objects. He died quite recently, on 5 Sep 2004, at the Monastery of Santa María de Miraflores,



Rancagua, Chile. Luis Guillermo was married to **Amalia Fernandez-Velarde Carrasco** and they had a daughter, María Amalia, who was, until her recent retirement, a scientist at the Catholic University, Santiago, where she worked in the area of medical science - see, for example, this list of some of her publications

[http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=PubMed&cmd=Search&itool=PubMed_Abstract&term="Loveluck+A"\[Author\]](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=PubMed&cmd=Search&itool=PubMed_Abstract&term=).



Figure 7 Mary Loveluck McPherson

Mary Loveluck McPherson, lived between Cartagena and Santiago, and died 26 Jul 1974, unmarried. She devoted much of her life to her brother, the priest Santiago Loveluck McPherson.

Figure 8 Thomas Charles Loveluck McPherson

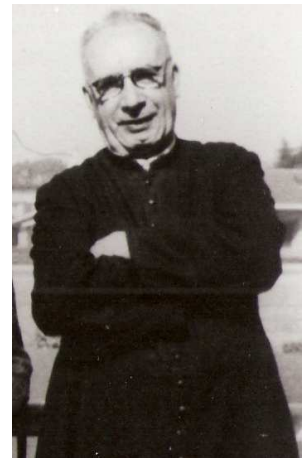
Thomas Charles Loveluck McPherson, was born about 1892, died 6 Jul 1972 and is buried at the Santiago city general cemetery. He worked for the El Mercurio newspaper in Santiago and married **Marta Molina**; they had two children, **Raúl Carlos Loveluck Molina** (died 2003) and **Yolanda Loveluck Molina**.



Rosa Loveluck McPherson, lived in Cartagena, mother of **Juan Loveluck McPherson**, she died 6 Sep 1976 and is buried in the Maipo parish cemetery. Juan Loveluck was a professor of Latin American literature, who left Chile in 1964 to teach at Ohio State University, and later moved to the University of South Carolina. He is the author of several books and many articles on Latin American literature, and in particular the book "Novelistas Hispanoamericanos De Hoy/Contemporary Latin American Novelists" published in 1984. Juan has four children, all now living in the USA, including Juan Carlos Loveluck, Manager of Planning and Development for the Massachusetts Port Authority, Jimena Loveluck, President of HARC, the HIV/AIDS Resource Center http://comnet.org/harc/about_staff.html in Michigan, and Eliana Loveluck, who works for the National Alliance for Hispanic Health <http://www.newcollaborativeschools.com/eric/maed/oerec.cfm?&id=238>.

Figure 9 Santiago Loveluck McPherson

Santiago Loveluck McPherson, was a well-known priest for 32 years in Cartagena. He raised funds to build a church, and in recognition there is now a street named after him in Cartagena. Santiago Loveluck was also an accomplished organ player; in a note (in Spanish) about a remarkable organ in the Medianera parish church, Cartagena <http://www.clr.cl/Spanish-Art-Huybens-620.htm>, one learns that Santiago Loveluck not only played this organ but also replaced some of the organ pipes. He died 23 Nov 1977 and is buried in the Maipo parish cemetery at Santiago.



William's great grandfather John (1740-1803), progenitor of the Glamorgan Loveluck Line, probably came from Wiltshire where he and his family were almost certainly "agricultural labourers". The migration from Wiltshire to Glamorgan must have taken courage and determination at a time when most people lived and died in the same village. Several generations of descendants of John and his wife Ann lived in a fairly small corner of Glamorgan between Neath and Bridgend, a distance of about 15 miles, where they already lived in much improved circumstances, as they included farmers, a draper, a publican and a customs officer. However, it was still quite a step for the son of a farmer in a small Welsh village to become a successful merchant in Chile, with descendants who led rich and varied lives in South America and the USA. We will probably never know why William decided to leave the Welsh valleys, but it seems that he inherited the energy and determination of his great grandfather, and passed it on to his descendants.



Figure 10 Three generations of Chilean Lovelucks: Andrés, Amalia and Juan

Outline Descendant Tree – Chilean Lovelucks

- 1-William Loveluck bap. 26 Jan 1845, Tythegston, Glamorgan, Wales
+Agnes Cribbes McPherson b. Edinburgh b 1853 Edinburgh,
d 1948 Quillota, Chile
- 2-Agnes Loveluck McPherson b 1888, d. 8 Jun 1922

2-Juan Loveluck McPherson b 1906, d. 15 Aug 1940

+Elcira Nuñez

3-Inés Loveluck Nuñez

3-María Eugenia Loveluck Nuñez

+Pedro Labbe

4-Cladia Labbe Loveluck

4-Pedro Labbe Loveluck

3-Gladys Loveluck Nuñez

3-Juan Loveluck Nuñez

+María López

4-Alexandra Loveluck López

+Robinson Reyes

5-Margarita Reyes Loveluck

5-Cladia Reyes Loveluck

5-Francisca Reyes Loveluck

5-Fernanda Reyes Loveluck

4-Sergio Loveluck López

+Susana Trocoso

5-Rodrigo Loveluck Troncoso

5-Margot Loveluck Troncoso

5-Ayrton Loveluck Troncoso

5-Sergio Loveluck Troncoso

4-Juan Carlos Loveluck López

+Olga Valverde

5-Paola Andrea Loveluck Valverde

5-Juan Carlos Loveluck Valverde

5-Carolina Loveluck Valverde

4-Patricia Loveluck López

4-Humberto Maximiliano Loveluck López

+Marsella Eliana Olivos Gonzalez

5-Andrés Alejandro Loveluck Olivos

2-Jessie Loveluck McPherson d. 19 May 1976

2-Guillermo Loveluck McPherson b. 13 Sep 1888, d. 28 Feb 1954

+Carmela Fariña

3-Luis Guillermo Loveluck Fariña b. 1914, d. 5 Sep 2004, Monasterio
Sta Maria de Miraflores, Rancagua, Chile

+Amalia Fernandez-Velarde Carrasco

4-Maria Amalia Loveluck Fernandez-Velarde

+Javier Duarte

5- María Verónica Duarte Loveluck

5-Maricarmen Duarte Loveluck
5-Monserrat Duarte Loveluck
+Francisco Ossul
6-Martin Ossul Duarte
+Osvaldo Hughes
2-Mary Loveluck McPherson d. 26 Jul 1974
2-Thomas Charles Loveluck McPherson b 1892, d 6 Jul 1972
+Marta Molina
3-Raúl Carlos Loveluck Molina
3-Yolanda Loveluck Molina
+Julio Araya
4-Carlos Francisco Araya Loveluck
4-Claudia Araya Loveluck
4-Verónica Araya Loveluck
4-Julio Araya Loveluck
2-Rosa Loveluck McPherson d 6 Sep 1976
+Unknown
3-Juan J. Loveluck
+Eliana Moya Raggio
4-Marisa Loveluck
+Edward Patricelli
4-Eliana Loveluck
+Peter R. Kornbluh
5-Gabriel Kornbluh
4-Juan Carlos Loveluck
+Michelle Palmer
5-Katherine Loveluck
5-Andrew John Loveluck
4-Jimena Loveluck
+Timothy Veaser
5-Miranda Veaser
5-Owen Veaser
+Susanne Von Schendorff
2-Santiago Loveluck McPherson d. 23 Nov 1977