

# Mary Anne Kelly

(1830–1910)

## Poet & Nationalist File & Náisiúnaí



Born in Headford, Mary Anne Kelly spent her childhood in her maternal grandfather's home at Lisdonagh House, where a governess encouraged her to write poetry. In December 1844, she became the first female to be published in the *Nation* newspaper. From 1845 onwards, her work appeared under the pseudonym 'Eva'.

Kelly married Dr Kevin Izod O'Doherty, a Young Irelander, in August 1855. They immigrated to Australia in 1860, first settling in Sydney before moving to Brisbane in 1865. Her first collection, *Poems by Eva of the Nation*, was published in San Francisco in 1877. Widowed in July 1905, she died in Brisbane, and was buried in Toowong Cemetery with her husband and son.

In Áth Cinn a rugadh Mary Anne Kelly, agus chaith sí a hóige i dteach a seanathar ar thaobh a máthar i dTeach Lios Donncha, áit ar spreag gobharnóir chun na filíocht í. Ba í an chéad bhean ar foilsíodh saothar léi sa nuachtán *The Nation* i mí na Nollag 1844. Ó 1845 ar aghaidh, d'fhoilsítí saothar léi faoin ainm pinn 'Eva'.

Phós Mary Anne an Dr Kevin Izod O'Doherty, duine de lucht Éire Óg, i mí Lúnasa 1855. Chuaigh siad ar imirce chun na hAstráile sa bhliain 1860. In Sydney a bhí siad i dtosach agus bhog siad go Brisbane i 1865. Foilsíodh an chéad chnuasach léi, *Poems by Eva of the Nation*, in San Francisco sa bhliain 1877. Fuair a fear céile bás i mí Iúil 1905 agus fuair Mary Anne féin bás in Brisbane. Adhlacadh i Reilig Toowong lena fear céile agus lena mac.

Mary Anne O'Doherty (nee Kelly)

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Ivy House, Headford, Co. Galway, birthplace of Mary Anne Kelly

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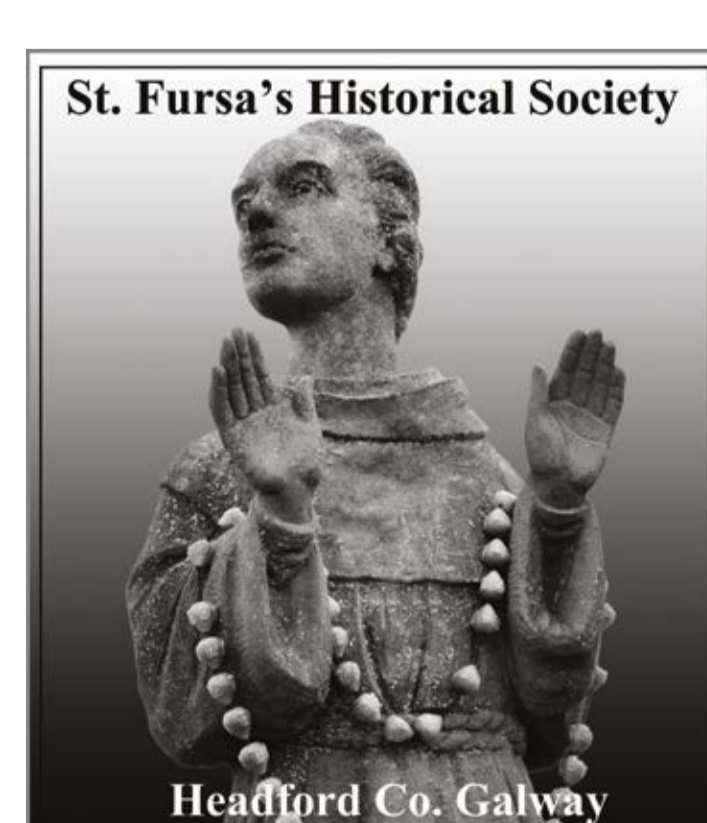
Mary Anne O'Doherty with her son

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Lisdonagh House, Headford, Co. Galway

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