

## Some Branches on the family Tree: The Founding Houses

(and their historic links to South Presentation Convent)



### South Presentation Convent, Cork

Originally the Ursuline convent built by Nano, the site of her early schools and the place where she is buried.

All Presentation Houses can trace their origins back to this house.

### Lucan – Founding House of Lismore

South Presentation Convent – Kilkenny 1800 – Carlow 1811 – Clondalkin 1857 – Lucan 1867 – Lismore 1886

Three professed Sisters led by Mother Stanislaus D’Arcy and eight postulants opened their first school, St Mary’s, in 1887



### Georges Hill, Dublin

House founded by Teresa Mulally, friend of Nano, in a disused glass factory. Catherine McCauley did her novitiate here. The original convent has been converted to low-cost social housing.

The heritage room is worth a visit. It holds a number of Nano’s letters to Teresa signed ‘Dear Madam, Your most aff(ectionate) friend and humble Servant, Nano Nagle’

### Kildare – Founding House of Wagga Wagga (Gardenvale, Perth, Queensland)

South Presentation – Kilkenny 1800 – Carlow - 1811 – Kildare 1830 – Wagga 1874 - Hay 1882 – Gardenvale 1883 - Southern Cross 1900 – Longreach 1900

Four Sisters led by Mother John Byrne opened the convent and school at Mt Erin. She and Mother Paul Fay made the foundation at Gardenvale in 1883. Some of the oak trees they planted in Kildare still stand today. The nearby Well of St Brigid is worth a visit.





### Fermoy – Founding House of Tasmania

South Presentation – Fermoy 1838 – Tasmania 1866

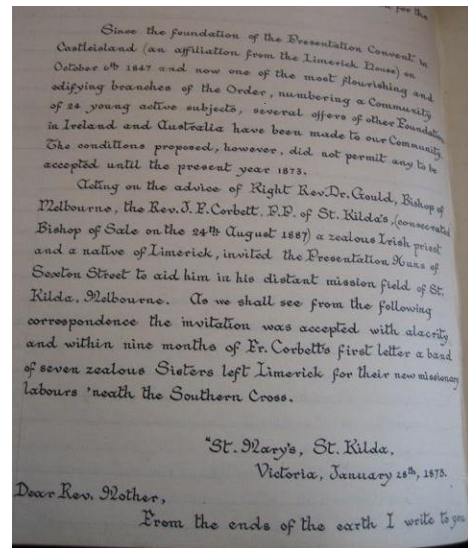
Four professed Sisters led by Mother Xavier Murphy and five postulants left Cobh in July and arrived in Hobart on 31 October 1866. The house in Hobart was not complete so they began a school at Richmond until they could open St Mary's College on 1 January 1868

### Limerick – Founding House of Windsor, Victoria

South Presentation – Limerick 1837 – Windsor 1873

In 1873 Fr James Corbett at St Kilda (later Windsor) wrote 'from the ends of the earth' to the Sisters in Limerick asking for sisters to come to Victoria. Five Sisters led by Mother Paul Mulquin and two postulants left Limerick in October 1873 and established their first school at Windsor.

Mother Paul Byrne came from Wagga Wagga to Gardenvale in 1883 and established Star of the Sea



### Sneem/Castleisland – WA Founding place

South Presentation – Limerick 1837 – Castleisland 1846 – Sneem 1881 – Geraldton 1891

Wagga Wagga – Hay 1883. Five Sisters led by Mother Angela Tracey went from Hay to Southern Cross 1900 – to Collie 1902 then to Perth 1904

In 1966 each of the Australian Congregations sent sisters led by Sister Veronica Fitzgerald to Ningil in Papua New Guinea thus adding another branch to the family tree with its roots in South Presentation.

There are still schools associated with some of these Houses where the spirit of Nano is well and truly alive. They are worth a visit