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BACKHAUS Very Reverend Dean George Henry (227)

DEATH OF THE VERY REV. DR. BACKHAUS.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 8 September 1882** p 2 Article

DEATH OF THE VERY REV. DR. BACKHAUS.

Of all those identified with the early history of Bendigo, no one was better known or held in higher respect than the Very Rev. Dean Backhaus, whose decease yesterday afternoon, at the residence of Mr. John Crowley, in Rowan-street, it is our painful duty to record this morning.

With the particulars of the recent severe illness which has carried him off, our readers are already familiar. He had for a considerable time past been subject to dangerous fits, and was on one occasion attacked suddenly whilst officiating in St. Kilian's Church, and fell senseless at the foot of the altar.



The change from Sandhurst to Brighton, where he has been living for a little over twelve months, does not appear to have had the effect of benefiting his health. In fact he found the climate too cold for him, and frequently expressed a desire to return to Sandhurst. Having about ten days ago been seized with another fit which threatened his life, and having so far recovered as to permit of his removal to this city where the best days of his life have been spent, he came up only to linger a few days, and to die.

There is not a soul of whatever creed or class to whom he was known, and his circle of friends and acquaintances was numerous indeed, who will not sincerely lament the end of this worthy ecclesiastic and pioneer of religion and civilization in this originally wild and desert locality. We join with them in their deep regrets, hardly knowing, indeed, how to pay a sufficiently befitting tribute to his memory.

That he was ever foremost in good works – that he was full of kindness and charity, tending the sick poor with a woman's tenderness and a physician's skill – and that he was a most estimable, energetic, and useful citizen – are facts well known to those who are acquainted with the particulars of his career, from those early days when he first commenced his labors as a Christian clergyman on this goldfield up to the time of his departure. Subjoined will be found full particulars of his career:-

Henry Backhaus was born in February, 1811, at Paderborn, one of the principal towns in Westphalia, Prussia, situated 41 miles south of Minden, on the railway from Berlin to the Rhine. He was, therefore, in his 72nd year at the time of his decease. He was of comparatively humble extraction, his father being a boot merchant, but the whole of the family seem to have been of prudent and resolute character, for they all seem to have, in their time, advanced themselves in the world. He was the eldest of a fairly numerous family, consisting of five sons and four daughters.

He was educated in his native town, and, while yet a youth, he was, with a younger brother, designed for the priesthood, his parents being very pious Roman Catholics. After pursuing his studies at Paderborn, where he was remarkable for his diligence and industry, he went to Rome, where he studied at the Propaganda, and at the latter end of 1835 he was, at the age of 24, ordained as a priest. He then proceeded to Ireland, and shortly afterwards received an appointment as chaplain to a regiment of British soldiers proceeding to India. He remained there for some years, afterwards returning to Ireland, and taking out to India a number of nuns from the Loretto Convent at Rathfarnham.

In 1844 he came to Australia, and landed at Sydney in that year. For four years he remained there. Early in 1848 he left Sydney for Adelaide where he shortly afterwards met his sister's son, Mr. Theodore Mundelein, who had just landed. At the end of 1851, doubtless attracted by the rush of diggers to this colony, he came to Victoria, and after staying a short time in Melbourne left for the diggings. The Forest Creek rush was then at its height, and Father Backhaus, as he was then called, arrived there early in 1852.

At this time, he had to encounter great hardships and dangers in pursuing his profession, and nothing but his resolute spirit and endurance could have carried him so well through it. When he arrived at Forest Creek he had to put up with miserable accommodation in a tent, but he was considered very fortunate in so far receiving the favor of the Goldfields Commissioner, as to be permitted to sleep in his tent when he was absent, that exalted individual being provided with a stretcher.

Shortly after his arrival there, however, the soldiers, who were then employed in the defence of the camp, set to work and built him a bark hut. While at this part of the Rev. Doctor's career it may not be inappropriate to publish the following memo, written by Dr. Backhaus in a family bible belonging to Mr. John O'Hagan, of the Sandhurst Hotel, shortly previous to his departure for Melbourne last year: -

"Memo – On the festival of St. Mark, being Sunday, 25th April, in the year 1852, I, the under-signed, having been appointed by the Very Rev. Bonaventure Geoghegan, Vicar-General of Melbourne, afterwards Bishop of Adelaide, the first priest to take charge of the Catholic population on the Victorian goldfields, celebrated the first Mass in the gold commissioners' camp at Forest Creek diggings (now Castlemaine). Sandhurst, 3rd May, 1881. HENRY BACKHAUS, Catholic clergyman."

Father Backhaus did not, however remain long at Forest Creek, for on the week following, the rush to Bendigo having in the meantime broken out, he started on horse-back for this place, then in its earliest stage of development. He followed a bush track, coming by the Sheep-wash Creek. Near that place he lost his road, but eventually getting on the right track again he arrived at Golden Gully, on a night early in March, 1852, the evening being moonlight, bright and clear. He rode up to a tent and asked for a storekeeper named Devine, to whom he had been directed.

Horsemen being strange on the diggings, the occupants of the tent were inclined to look upon the newcomer with distrust; but eventually one of the party, an Irishman, on hearing who the visitor was volunteered to show him to Devine's tent.

Here, also, he was received with some hesitation. The deceased clergyman, who was very fond of a quiet joke, often remarked when he subsequently asked Devine why he was afraid, he replied, "Oh, I thought you were a preacher," referring to travelling lay preachers.

Father Backhaus remained some time with Devine, sleeping on some flour bags, and has often said since that, having a new set of blankets he felt quite comfortable. He was the first clergyman of any denomination who set foot in the Bendigo district, and the first service was held in Golden-square, opposite the present shop of Mr. Campbell, saddler. Then as the diggers spread themselves over the district he removed to a more central spot, and erected his tent below the present church, on what has since been known as "Consecrated Flat."

He was not long here before he began to look out for a reserve for church purposes, and it being then thought that McCrae-street would be the leading thoroughfare he applied for the present site, which was granted by the Government.

Here he pitched his tent, and alongside it was erected another tent used for a church. This was only a small place, and there was room for very few besides the officiating clergyman. On Sundays, at mass, the greater part of the congregation remained out-side, kneeling in the open air, and when the time for the sermon came the preacher would take up his position on a stump outside the tent, and there address those assembled, who were mostly diggers. Those were the "good old times," but attending divine worship is, in a worldly sense, far more pleasant now than then. The collections were also characteristic of the times, for the diggers seldom indeed gave silver, but generally when the plate came round threw in nuggets of gold of various sizes.

On the 4th June, 1852, the first christening took place in the church, and shortly afterwards a marriage was celebrated, which partook somewhat of the romantic. The daughter of a British Admiral had taken a taste for wandering, and, reaching the goldfields, picked up with an idle good-for-nothing tailor, for whom, however, she conceived a strong passion, which resulted in marriage. The girl was highly educated, and a good linguist, while the husband was a disreputable, lazy character, eventually dropping down to be an hotel waiter, and the marriage was, without doubt, a most ill-assorted one.

Soon it was resolved to improve the church accommodation, and a new edifice was erected, consisting of slab sides, with a canvas roof. This building was larger than the tent, but the covering was very defective, for on a wet day umbrellas had to be used. The priest still lived in his little tent, undergoing great hardships owing to the miserable accommodation. His one chair was hewn out of a stump, and is still in existence, being in the possession of his nephew. In this manner Father Backhaus carried on for some years, until he thought it time to build a substantial house of worship, and in 1857 the present St. Kilian's Pro-Cathedral was erected. The church was named after the patron saint of Paderborn, Father Backhaus' native town.

As the population increased, and the church became better established, more priests were sent up, thus rendering the work of the founder of the Roman Catholic Church in the Bendigo district somewhat easier.

Father Backhaus remained at the head of the church here till 1868, when he resolved to make a tour round the world. He first went to South America, then to the United States, London, Germany, and finally Jerusalem, visiting many places of interest in the Holy Land. On this tour he was accompanied by his sister, Louisa, since dead. While he was away the district was in charge of the Fathers O'Dwyer, two cousins, who afterwards gave place to the late Dean Hayes.

In 1866 Father Backhaus returned to Australia, and landed at Adelaide, where he was about to settle down. However, Dean Hayes being about to leave Sandhurst, Archbishop Goold, sent for Father Backhaus, whom he held in great esteem, to resume the charge of his old parish. This call was gladly complied with, and Father Backhaus at once returned, the train in which he was coming up passing that which took Dean Hayes to Melbourne.

In 1872, or six years afterwards, he was appointed dean, and Father Backhaus was thereafter known as Dr. Backhaus. He was in full charge of the district until 1875, when the northern portion of the colony was formed into the Sandhurst diocese, and Bishop Crane appointed to the see. Dr. Backhaus was at this time appointed Vicar-General, an office which he held until the end of 1880, when, having made up his mind to retire from active duty, he resigned it, Dr. Reville being appointed in his stead.

The announcement that Dr. Backhaus was about to give up his active duties, and leave Sandhurst to take up his abode elsewhere, was received with general regret in all sections of the community, and it being impossible to shake his decision it was determined that he should not leave without receiving some expression of the esteem in which he was held.

On the 15th September, 1882, he was entertained at a farewell breakfast by the leading citizens of all denominations at the Shamrock Hotel. In the course of a very eloquent speech at the time, Mr. R. Andrews, our well-known fellow-citizen, and a very old Bendigonian, remarked that "Dr. Backhaus was the clergyman diligent, faithful and zealous, the consoler in sickness and sorrow, the generous helper in adversity, the wise adviser, the large-hearted philanthropist, the scholar, and the gentleman." (Applause.) These were not his own words.

They were words which no doubt many of them remembered 18 years ago, when the Very Reverend Dean was leaving for Europe, to have been uttered by the then chairman – one who had since departed from them. Those words were uttered by the late hon. James Forrester Sullivan, 'then a king of men amongst them, and whose memory was still dearly cherished.' (Loud applause.)

In addition to all the leading public men, there were also present at the farewell breakfast, the Revs. W. R. Croxton, of All Saints', and Canon MacCullagh, of St. Paul's, while an apology was read from the Rev. Dr. Nish, of St. Andrew's, who was unavoidably absent from Sandhurst.

The Rev. W. R. Croxton, in the course of his speech, said he felt a deep personal regret at losing one who had so endeared himself to those he had dwelt amongst. The Rev. Canon MacCullagh remarked that "They should treasure in their memories one whom they should consider the beau ideal of an old Bendigonian – Father Backhaus – courteous as a gentleman, kind as a friend, and good as a citizen. . . . In the future they would all miss one familiar face, and Sandhurst would lose one it could ill afford to spare."

Dr. Backhaus, in the course of his remarks in reply, said that Bendigo had been the kernel of his life exertions. In it he had spent the energy of his life. He thought he was right in considering 30 years the energy of life. He had come to Bendigo and roughed it, and though in no worse manner than others had, it had told upon him. He thought that 30 years of such life deserved a few years repose – (loud applause). He thanked Mr Andrews, the Rev. Mr. Croxton, the Rev. Canon MacCullagh, and he thanked them all for kindness.

He liked Bendigo and he liked its people, and he also liked to see one class kindly to another. Though they might have differed religiously and politically sometimes, he felt gratified at being at peace with all. With the right and kindly feelings which had always existed amongst old Bendigonians, they had succeeded in keeping down bickerings, had smoothed down mental difficulties, and succeeded in living such useful lives that of their existence on Bendigo imperishable memorials would remain."

Shortly after this, Dr. Backhaus left for Melbourne, taking up his residence in Brighton, but he was afterwards urged by the congregation of St. Kilian's to accept an illuminated address, which request he complied with. The address was accordingly presented on the 3rd November, 1881, at St. Kilian's Hall. In making the presentation the chairman (Mr. J. J. Howard) had remarked that he was proud to believe that it was unnecessary for the Reverend Dean to receive anything valuable, but there was no one more entitled to receive the thanks and good wishes of a generous people. In presenting this symbol of esteem he hoped the Reverend Dean had not closed his career amongst the people he loved so well. (Applause.)

The poet Moore had said:—

Let fate do its worst there are relics of joy,

Bright dreams of the past, which it cannot destroy.

And the Dean had left behind him in Sandhurst the recollections of many kind and generous acts. At the conclusion of his speech in response, the Dean said that they would find that by living in this great community as affectionate citizens, they would ensure a great deal of domestic happiness, and an absence of the little bickerings which made life unpleasant and irksome. Though their fellow citizens might be of different creeds, for all that they would sketch out the hand of fellowship to them if they went on with the peaceful feeling of true Catholicism, and were not ashamed of their principles.

He had travelled a great deal, and he had found that those differing from him in creed had always respected his principles. Let them profess their faith honestly and straightforwardly and without giving offence, and all would be right. What they had of worldly affairs were as nothing in the account book of Heaven. He hardly knew how to bid them farewell. He felt pleased that they would keep green their remembrance of him. They could easily guess that his life of thirty years amongst them had left the desire in his heart that although parted the ties of affection should never be broken. (Loud applause.) He would have them in his prayers as long as he lived.

The congregation of Dr. Backhaus, although having to resign themselves to a temporary absence, determined that, if possible, it should be merely temporary, and Mr. P. Hayes was deputed to ask the venerable doctor's consent to a project to have his remains, when it should please the Almighty to call him from the scene of his labors, interred in the grounds of the church which had founded.

In reply, Dean Backhaus said that he knew he had not many years to live – his life was in the hand of the Most High. He could not say when dead where he would wish to be buried; but, in answer to the wish of his kind and affectionate people, he would consent to his bones being laid to rest in St. Kilian's. A deputation afterwards waited on Bishop Crane to obtain his consent, which was granted.

After leaving Sandhurst, Dr. Backhaus purchased a residence and 24 acres of land at Brighton for £5,000. This had been the property of Sir Charles MacMahon, and had been known as La Trobe House, but Dr. Backhaus changed the name to St. Katherine, in respect to the memory of his mother. This property Dr. Backhaus always intended to leave as a home for aged clergymen. The property is near the residence of Archbishop Goold, with whom he was on very intimate terms. Here he resided quietly, occasionally officiating in one of the Melbourne churches.

On last Tuesday week, while playing the harmonium, he was suddenly seized with a fainting fit. He had been often seized with similar fits, and an early recovery was anticipated, but the illness resulting soon proved serious, Dr. O'Hara was called in, and he seeing that Dr. Backhaus' condition was critical, Mr. Crowley, his confidential agent, and Mr. Mundelein, his nephew, were sent for. Mr. Ellison, of Brown and Ellison, was also sent for to draw up his will, which had been previously drafted by Miss Halfpenny, the Dean's housekeeper and a very old friend.

During this illness the Dean seems to have had a strong feeling that he would never recover, and his last thoughts appear to have been bent upon Sandhurst. At last the desire to visit the scene of his former labors, either to live or die, grew so strong that he fully determined upon the step. He informed Mr. Mundelein, his nephew, of his determination, but the latter protested vigorously, and said that he would be accused of manslaughter if he were to allow the doctor to be removed in such a state. Dr. Backhaus, however, replied that he had made up his mind to come even if he should die on the road.

Dr. O'Hara did not object, and accordingly the patient was carefully wrapped and brought to Sandhurst on Monday.

He was taken to the residence of Mr. John Crowley, in Rowan-street, where he was attended by Dr. MacGillivray. For a time he seemed to recover, but on Wednesday he suffered a relapse, and gradually sank and died yesterday afternoon at two o'clock. The cause of death was an affection of the heart, accompanied by paroxysms, in one of which he passed away.

His hand was clasped in that of Dean Geoghegan, of Kyneton, who sat on the bedside, and Miss Halfpenny and Mr. Mundelein were also present. On Thursday last, the deceased clergyman participated in the last sacrament of Extreme Unction, and yesterday morning he partook of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, from the hands of Father Allen, who had always been his confessor. These two clergymen were great friends of his, and on Monday, when Dean Geoghegan met him at Kyneton as he was passing through, he asked him to bring Father Allen up with him, so as they could have a good chat, as they could never have another.

This notice would not be at all complete were mention omitted of his connection with matters outside his duties to the church. At the first public meeting of which any record has been kept, and out of which sprang the Bendigo Hospital, Dr. Backhaus was present and took a leading part. That was on the 8th October, 1853, and funds having been collected the hospital was erected on the hill, between Barnard and McKenzie streets, singular to say, less than a stone's throw from the house where-in yesterday he breathed his last.

Until the end of his life he continued to take the warmest interest in the institution he had assisted to found, and when Hospital Sunday was first suggested in Sandhurst by Mr. J. H. Abbott, Dr. Backhaus entered heartily into it, and, if we remember rightly, personally contributed very much to the funds raised that year.

Municipal and public matters generally engaged his attention from time to time, especially in the early days, but during the last decade, except in the cause of benevolence, his deep sonorous voice was seldom or never heard on the public platform.

Dr. Backhaus, as everyone knows, died very wealthy, but no estimate can yet be given of the value of his landed and other property, although it is variously guessed as from £75,000 to £150,000. Strange to say, his will was only completed on Wednesday. Its contents have not been divulged, but it is generally understood that he has left the bulk of his property in trust for the benefit of the St. Kilian's Church, the interest only to be paid over. The Brighton property has been left to form a home for aged clergymen. Bequests to his relatives, and others of a charitable nature are also believed to be included.

The executors are Messrs. John Crowley, Arthur Magee (Bridge-street), and Dean Tierney (Beechworth). With regard to the funeral arrangements, some delay has been caused by the absence of Dr. Reville, Vicar-General, in Sydney. Telegrams were forwarded to him yesterday, but no reply has yet been received. Dr. Reville is expected to return to take part in the obsequies. If possible, the funeral will take place on Saturday, but it is likely to be postponed until Monday.

The time and place of burial will not be fixed until Dr. Reville is heard from. The most probable burial place is in the church grounds, but it is possible that either a block of thirty acres of land at White Hills, obtained by Dr. Backhaus for a Catholic cemetery may be selected; or he may be buried at Back Creek, and a mortuary chapel erected over the remains.

The body was, last evening, laid out in full canonicals, and this morning it will be removed to St. Kilian's, and laid in state in the church. At eight o'clock a requiem mass will be celebrated. On the morning of the funeral, the obsequies for the dead will be carried out with all the solemnity peculiar to the church.

Today all the Catholic schools in the district will be closed as a mark of respect.

Yesterday cablegrams were forwarded home through the BENDIGO ADVERTISER, so that tomorrow, probably the news will be published in all the British and continental papers, and will thus come under the notice of Dr. Crane, bishop of Sandhurst, and others interested.

Link below to the entry in the Australian Dictionary of Biography.

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BAILES Alfred Shrapnell (277)

1849 – 1928.

Mayor of Bendigo 1883 - 1884.

PERSONAL.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Monday 16 January 1928** p 16 Article

The death is announced at Hampton of

Mr. Alfred Shrapnell Bailes, who was one of the three representatives of Sandhurst in the Legislative Assembly returned at the general election of 1886. Mr. Bailes, who was a compositor, entered politics when feeling was running very high between the two parties, Conservatives and Liberals. Mr. Bailes caused a great political sensation at the time by defeating Mr. Angus Mackay, who had represented Sandhurst for several years, and as a Minister had rendered great service to the State.



Mr. Bailes was a good sportsman and was well liked by the miners, who re-elected him a number of times until he was defeated by a Liberal candidate of more radical tendencies about the beginning of the present century.

Mr. Bailes was president of the Bendigo Football Club in the days when the Back Creek Cricket-ground produced international cricketers as well as interstate footballers.

Mr. Bailes, who in recent years worked in the Government Printing-office, was aged 78 years, and leaves a widow and family of two sons.

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BAIN Archibald (289)

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The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Thursday 8 October 1896** p 2 Article

Death of Mr. Archibald Bain. It was with extreme regret that his friends yesterday heard of the death of one of the oldest and most esteemed residents of the district, Mr. Archibald Bain. It took place at his residence, Langston street, Ironbark, at twenty minutes to two o'clock. The cause was bronchitis and asthma. He suffered from asthma for years past, but till three months ago, when he had a severe attack of bronchitis, he was in fairly good health. Since then, although receiving the best medical treatment, he gradually sank.



He was 63 years of age. He was a native of Falkirk (Scotland) and came to Victoria 42 years ago. Soon after reaching Melbourne he came on to Bendigo, and for several years worked on the diggings with fair results. Leaving off mining he purchased a farm at Marong, where he resided for 12 years.

Fifteen years ago, he removed to Bendigo, where he resided until the time of his death. Since his residence here he followed mining speculation with varied results. He was well known at the Beehive, where his reputation was that of a sterling honorable man. He leaves a widow and two grown-up sons and two daughters. The funeral will take place on Friday to the Marong Cemetery.

BAKEWELL John (83)

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. JOHN BAKEWELL. AN OLD PIONEER.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 15 March 1895 p 3 Article

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. JOHN BAKEWELL. AN OLD PIONEER.

General surprise and regret was expressed yesterday morning when the news was circulated about the city that another old and highly respected resident, in the person of Mr. W. Bakewell had during the previous night died suddenly at his late place of residence, Maple-street, Golden-square.



On the previous day, the deceased gentleman was in town apparently in his usual good health and spirits, and in conversation with Mr. W. D. C. Denovan and others, spent a pleasant hour or so at the Beehive, so that the announcement of his demise will come with all the greater shock to his numerous friends and acquaintances. Inquiries show that on Wednesday he complained to his married daughter, Mrs. Sullivan, with whom he was living, that he did not feel quite right, but had made up his mind to walk into town. Mrs. Sullivan suggested that he should stay at home and take things quietly, but he persisted in coming into Bendigo, remarking that the walk might do him good. He came into town and returned home in the evening and partook of a cup of tea with a number of young people, members of Mrs. Sullivan's class at St. Mark's Sunday school, whom she was entertaining.

Shortly afterwards he retired to bed, but Mrs. Sullivan never for a moment thought that anything serious was wrong with him. Yesterday morning his grandson, Master Sullivan, knocked at his bedroom door to call him to breakfast. As there was no response, Mrs. Sullivan, recollecting that he had expressed himself as being rather unwell on the previous day, went to his room to see if she would bring his breakfast in to him. To her surprise and horror she found him dead.

Dr. Hinchcliff was immediately sent for, and on his arrival, he expressed the opinion that the deceased had passed away quietly in his sleep during the night. The sad occurrence was reported to Senior-constable Cantwell, the officer in charge of the Golden-square police station, but as Dr. Hinchcliff expressed his willingness to give a certificate that death was the result of natural causes, it was not deemed necessary to hold an inquiry.

The deceased gentleman, who was 77 years of age, was a native of Staffordshire, England, where his parents were engaged in farming pursuits. He came to the colony in the ship *Isabel Hercules* in "the early fifties," and was for a time engaged in the shipping business, he having several lighters in Hobson's Bay. Subsequently he retired from that line of trade and came on to Bendigo, and for some time resided at Irishtown.

He was appointed to a position in the Sandhurst Public Water Works Company, whose scheme was afterwards taken over by the municipality, and later on was merged into the Coliban Water Scheme, under the control of the Government Water Supply department. Throughout these changes Mr. Bakewell continued his connection with the works until about 10 years ago, when he was pensioned off.

Four or five years later his wife died, and was interred in the Bendigo Cemetery. He was an enthusiast in floriculture, and frequently his services were sought after as judge at the shows in the city and surrounding district. The funeral takes place this afternoon, leaving his late residence, at Golden-square, for the Bendigo Cemetery at 4 o'clock.

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BALSILLIE Andrew Purves (213)

DEATH OF MR. A BALSILLIE. AN OLD AND VALUED CITIZEN.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Monday 9 December 1912 p 5 Article Illustrated

DEATH OF MR. A BALSILLIE.

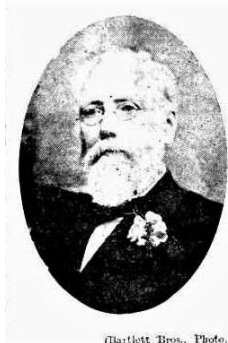
AN OLD AND VALUED CITIZEN.

The death occurred somewhat suddenly yesterday of Mr. A. Balsillie, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Bendigo. The deceased gentleman was 81 years of age, and though lately he became very feeble, he was able to get about the city daily.



Yesterday afternoon nothing unusual was observed in his conduct or appearance, and at about 4 o'clock he went into the yard to feed the fowls. Shortly afterwards a neighbour noticed that he had fallen to the ground, and the attention of the members of his household was called to his condition.

He was taken into the house, and a message was sent to Dr. Park, the family doctor, who had been attending Mr. Balsillie for some time past, but on the doctor's arrival he found that nothing could be done for the sufferer, who passed quietly away at 4.30 p.m.



(Bartlett Bros. Photo.)

The deceased gentleman was a native of Stenton, Scotland, and was born on 17th October, 1831. He came to Bendigo in December, 1861, and joined his brother, Mr. William Balsillie, who had arrived here some time previously, in a drapery business in Pall Mall, a few doors from the present Lyric Theatre. The enterprise proved very successful, and the brothers subsequently removed to premises opposite the post office.

On the death of his brother, which occurred a few years later, Mr. Balsillie entered into partnership with the late Mr. J. R. Goodisson, in portion of the premises in the Mall now occupied by Myer's. When Mr. Goodisson joined the late Mr. T. Henderson, the late Mr. M. J. Fogarty succeeded as a partner with Mr. Balsillie. On Mr Fogarty's retirement Mr Carl Germann became associated with Mr. Balsillie, who eventually entered into the employment of the Beehive drapery establishment, where he remained for a number of years. About four years ago he relinquished business, and since that time he led a retired life.

For many years he took an active interest in Masonic matters, being a member of the Grand Lodge of that Order. He was a well-known and very popular citizen. He leaves a widow and family of five sons and two daughters.

The eldest son, Mr. Frank Balsillie, is a dentist at Kyabram, and the other sons are Mr. Wm. Balsillie, draper, Melbourne; Mr. Graham Balsillie, contractor, Melbourne; Mr. Andrew Balsillie, accountant, Bendigo Mutual Permanent Building Society; and Mr. Charles Balsillie, who is in New Zealand.

The eldest daughter, who is unmarried, resides at home, and the other daughter is Mrs. Percival Olney, of Prahran. The funeral will take place from the deceased gentleman's late residence, Hopper-street, to the Bendigo Cemetery to-morrow afternoon.

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 11 December 1912** p 7 Article

OBITUARY.

The last sad rites in connection with the death of the late Mr. Andrew Purves Balsillie were carried out yesterday, when his remains were interred in the Presbyterian portion of the Bendigo Cemetery. The cortege moved from his late residence, Hopper-street, and was attended by the deceased gentleman's sons, Messrs. F., W., A. and G. Balsillie, and a large number of prominent citizens.

The coffin was carried to the grave by Messrs. G. Mackay, G. S. Bisset, W. D. Rees, and R. Young. Beautiful domed immortelles were received from the session and board of management of St. Andrew's Church, Bendigo, and the employees of the Beehive. Mr. Balsillie was treasurer of St. Andrew's Church for over twenty-five years. The Rev. J. Crookston held a short service at the house and also officiated at the grave. The funeral arrangements were under the supervision of Mr. T. Sayer, of Bridge-street.

BALSILLIE William (214)

THE LATE INQUEST ON MR W. BALSILLIE.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 9 February 1869 p 3 Article

THE LATE INQUEST ON MR W. BALSILLIE.

We take the following report of the inquest on the late Mr Balsillie from the *Dunolly Express*.

An inquest was held at Tatchell's Bendigo Hotel on Wednesday last, before the District Coroner on the body of William Balsillie.



John Steele Nicholson, sworn, said that he had been in attendance on the deceased since Sunday afternoon, at the Bendigo Hotel, Dunolly. Witness slept in the same room as deceased. Did not see deceased again alive. Woke at seven o'clock on Tuesday morning; spoke to deceased and got no answer. Seeing deceased look pale, witness put his hand to his (deceased's) cheek, and found it quite cold. Deceased's appearance was that of a person who had died in sleep, and the bedclothes were undisturbed.

To Mr Balsillie: Between twelve and two o'clock on Monday deceased took some essence of ginger for flatulence. The doctor did not prescribe the essence of ginger. The deceased did on Monday complain of a pain near the heart, while Drs Wolfenden and Green were present. Dr Wolfenden examined deceased with a stethoscope.

To the foreman: There was an interval of about three-quarters of an hour between the doses of chlorodine being administered.

Dr Wolfenden deposed that he met the deceased in a buggy in Dunolly on Friday, and the latter requested him (Dr Wolfenden) to attend him professionally, as he had been taken ill at Bendigo, and had come from there to Dunolly. Treated deceased for rheumatic fever, up to Monday night. Deceased improved markedly on Saturday. He was able to move legs and on Sunday his arms, and told witness he was getting quite better. Last saw deceased between eleven and twelve on Monday night. Before that deceased had been suffering from a pain in his stomach from an overdraft of essence of ginger, which he said he had been in the habit of taking for flatulency.

Witness administered half a chlorodine draught about ten o'clock, which relieved deceased considerably. The ginger was given without witness's orders. Deceased vomited while witness was in the room. When witness returned between eleven and twelve, deceased said he felt very much better, and felt relief almost immediately after taking half of the draught. Deceased seemed in good spirits. He complained of no pain, and said he felt comfortable, Witness then administered the remainder of the chlorodine, and deceased laid down and told his attendant (Nicholson) to go to bed.

Heard of deceased's death next morning. Witness could not account for the suddenness of the death. Did not think death was the result of rheumatic fever, although that might have been the predisposing cause. Had formed an opinion that the cause of death was serous effusion upon the brain. Did not think the rheumatic fever could have been the cause of death, as the symptoms were in every respect most favorable. As evidence that the deceased was improving, his joints had become quite supple and free from pain, the swelling had, to a great extent, disappeared, his urine was clearing and depositing sediment (which was always a good sign), his tongue was clearing, and was quite moist, and his skin was acting freely.

Andrew Balsillie deposed that the deceased was his brother, was thirty-nine years of age, and unmarried. Deceased was a native of Scotland, and had been in the colony for fifteen years. Deceased had generally enjoyed good health, but had a severe illness two years ago. On Saturday witness brought over the family doctor, Dr Atkinson, of Bendigo. They found the case as they supposed, much more trivial than was expected. Dr Atkinson, as a friend, examined deceased on Sunday with the stethoscope, and said the organs of the chest were perfectly right. Dr Atkinson afterwards assured witness that there was no danger in the case whatever.

Dr Wolfenden, re-examined, said he had made the post-mortem examination, and found a great softening of deceased's brain, which was in fact completely broken down. The liver was serous and the right kidney diseased and broken down. Deceased would have been liable to die at any moment had he not been taken with rheumatic fever, which, however, might have accelerated death by weakening the stem.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased died of disease of the brain and the breaking down of the kidney.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR WILLIAM BALSILLIE.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 5 February 1869** p 2 Article

Funeral of the late Mr William Balsillie

We do not recollect any instance of the funeral of a private citizen which was made much a public ceremony, or was more numerous attended, than that of the late Mr W. Balsillie yesterday. It is no exaggeration, but simply truth, to state that not only was the whole town in mourning, but a large portion of its inhabitants followed the remains of their late lamented townsman to the Back Creek Cemetery. Early in the afternoon the closed doors and windows of every shop in the Mall and View Point, and in other portions of the town, gave evidence of the general mourning of Sandhurst. Shortly after three o'clock the funeral cortege was formed opposite the residence of Mr A. Balsillie, in McLaren street (to which place the remains of the deceased had been removed from Dunolly on the previous night) while the funeral service was being read inside the house, according to the custom of the Presbyterian Church, of which the deceased was a member.

The deceased being one of the Brothers of the Corinthian Lodge of Freemasons, the obsequies were of a masonic character, and following a band of musicians Playing "The Dead March in Saul" marched nearly all the members of the various lodges in the district viz. the Corinthians, the Golden, the Zenith and the Eaglehawk. The body of the masons were followed by the hearse to which succeeded a mourning coach and between fifty and sixty conveyances besides a large number of persons on horseback.

The cortege was preceded by as well as followed to the cemetery by a very large concourse of people of all classes, and when the coffin was borne from the cemetery gates to the grave it passed through a lane of people as numerous as we can remember ever being congregated therein.....

Bendigo Cemetery MON C2

BANNERMAN William (243)

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 22 March 1907** p 8 Article

OBITUARY.

Another old identity of Huntly, in the person of Mr. William Bannerman, has been removed by death at the advanced age of 87 years. He worked on the railway line between Bendigo and Echuca for 22 years, the last five of which were spent at Rochester, where he was stationed as gatekeeper.

On the death of his wife he came to live with his son, William, the well-known cab proprietor, at Huntly. He was the recipient of a railway pension for the last 11 years. A family of four sons and three daughters survive. He was well-known and highly respected in the Huntly district, and his many friends will regret to hear of his demise. The late Mr. Bannerman was a sufferer from asthma, to which disease he succumbed.



White Hills Cemetery C6

BARKER Matthew (92)

A GEOGRAPHICAL MISTAKE.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 11 August 1882** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. MATTHEW BARKER. – This morning we have to record the demise of another of the old pioneers of Bendigo, Mr. M. Barker, the well-known legal manager, having expired early yesterday morning. Mr. Barker, who had reached the mature age of 62 years, was an old colonist, having arrived here in the *Essex* in 1855.



Before leaving England he resided in London, and held a lucrative appointment on the staff of the London and North-western railway, which the attractions of the goldfields induced him to give up. For some time, Mr. Barker occupied the position of general manager of the Johnson's Reef Gold Mines claim at California Gully, in which position most old Bendigonians will remember him.

Subsequently Mr. Barker took charge, on behalf of Melbourne capitalists, of a mine at Woods' Point, and he was afterwards appointed to the management of a venture in South Australia. For the past seven years Mr. Barker has been legal manager of several leading mining companies in Sandhurst, including the United Devonshire, South St. Mungo, Unity, and Golden Age.

For the past ten years he has not enjoyed good health, and latterly he became so very ill that he had to resign the management of the companies, so that the end was not unexpected. The funeral will take place today, but will be of a private character. The deceased gentleman left five daughters, one of whom is married to Mr. George Reade, manager of the Oriental Bank, and another to Mr. J. Embling, an inspector in the Bank of New Zealand. Mrs. Barker died some time ago. Mr. Barker was well-known, and respected throughout the district.
White Hills Cemetery F2

THE ELECTION OF MAYOR.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 21 November 1871** p 2 Article

Sudden Death. - A sad and remarkable case of sudden death occurred yesterday morning to Mrs. Barker, the wife of Mr. Mathew Barker, legal manager.

On Sunday the deceased lady spent a happy afternoon with her daughter (Mrs. Reade) at the Oriental Bank, Eaglehawk, and then returned to her home at Barkly Terrace. She attended All Saints' Church at night, and afterwards spent a cheerful evening with her family, and went to bed apparently in the very best of health and spirits. On awakening yesterday morning she felt sick, and called for some hot water. This was handed to her by the servant, and immediately, to the terror of the maid, Mrs. Barker fell back dead.
An inquest will be held on the body to-day.

BARLOW Robert Thomas (470)

DEATH OF MR. R. T. BARLOW.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 10 October 1910** p 5 Article

DEATH OF MR. R. T. BARLOW.

General regret will be felt at the announcement of the death of Mr. R. T. Barlow, a well-known and much esteemed citizen. For months past the deceased gentleman had been ailing, but it was not until four weeks ago that he was compelled to cease attending his office. He suffered from an affection of the throat, and although he was attended by medical men, he gradually became weaker, passing away peacefully in the presence of his family yesterday morning, at the age of 69 years.



Mr. Barlow had been a resident of Bendigo for many years, having left London when he was a child 10 years old. He came out with his uncle, the late Mr. Charles Faul, in 1851, and in the following year his parents followed him.

In 1861 he went to New Zealand, where he remained until 1870. Whilst in Clyde, Otago, he took a leading part in public affairs, being town clerk of Clyde, and was later on secretary of the Dunstan Hospital. For his services to that institution he was made a life governor. On his return to Bendigo he was appointed collector for the Bendigo Hospital, and continued in that capacity for three years. Subsequently he was appointed resident secretary for the Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society, and a year or so later resident secretary of the Colonial Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Mr. Barlow was a true citizen, always ready to help in every cause of charity, and taking a keen interest in all that affected Bendigo's welfare. He was hon. correspondent of the Prisoners' Aid Society, and was the first probationary officer appointed to the Children's Court. He was also a member of the Freemasons' Lodge, and a trustee of Court Queen A.O.F. He leaves a family of seven children—four sons and three daughters—to whom he was greatly devoted.

The funeral is appointed to leave his late residence, "Clyde," Forest-street, at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, enroute to the Bendigo Cemetery. MON C6

BARLOW Robert (457)

THE SULTANS GUESTS.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Monday 24 October 1898** p 2 Article

Obituary.—The death is announced at his residence, Forest Lodge, of Mr. Robert Barlow, at the age of 86. He was a very old and highly respected Bendigonian, and was the father of Mr. R. T. Barlow. Death was primarily due to old age. The funeral takes place to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.



THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS AND OUR RESOURCES. BENDIGO, MONDAY, OCT. 24, 1898. AURIFEROUS LANDS.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 24 October 1898** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT BARLOW.

The death is announced of Mr. Robert Barlow, of Forest-street, at the advanced age of 86. Mr. Barlow, who was a native of London, arrived in Bendigo in 1854, and has resided here ever since. Although not taking a prominent part in public affairs, he was well-known to a numerous circle of friends, by whom he was much respected. He leaves a widow who is 82 years of age, and the members of the family still living are Mr. R. T. Barlow, Mr. George Barlow and Mrs. Clark, all of Bendigo.

The deceased gentleman was an uncle by marriage of Mrs. Stilwell and Mr. J. W. Faul, and it is worthy of note that Mr. Faul's father, who was Mrs. Barlow's brother, died at the age of 82, at which age Mrs. Faul also died, while Mrs. Reid, a sister of Mrs. Barlow and the late Mr Faul, died at the age of 96.

The interment of the late Mr. Barlow will take place tomorrow morning at the Bendigo Cemetery. MON E2

BARNETT Adolphus Dr (79)

[SOUTH AUSTRALIA. ADELAIDE, 14th February.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 15 February 1867** p 2 Article

DEATH OF DR BARNETT. It is with regret we have to announce the death of Dr A. Barnett, which took place at his late residence, in Rowan-street, yesterday morning, about one o'clock.

Dr Barnett had been in bad health for the last six months, during which time he had been more than once attacked by paralysis. The first indication of these attacks occurred about twelve months ago, when Dr Barnett met with a serious accident in being thrown from his horse at a review which took place at Sunbury. At that time he remained in a state of unconsciousness for several hours, and after recovering consciousness he was very ill for some time.



The first serious attack of paralysis occurred about five months since, and from that period he has scarcely enjoyed a day's good health. During his last illness Dr Barnett was assiduously attended by Drs Betham, Atkinson, and other members of the medical profession in Sandhurst, and to the first-named gentleman he frequently, during his illness, gratefully expressed the great and many obligations he was under to him.

Dr Barnett was one of the earliest settlers on Bendigo, having arrived here in 1852, and like great and small in all professions or callings in those days had to "pitch his tent," which he did on the hill near the site of the present Church of England, in McKenzie-street. He speedily obtained a lucrative and extensive practice, in consequence of the reputation he brought with him to this colony, being entitled to term himself a Bachelor of Medicine of the London University – as high a distinction as any member of the medical profession in the colony could boast of.

In other matters beside those connected with his profession, Dr Barnett took an active part. Amongst those may be mentioned the projection of the scheme for the Bendigo Waterworks, of which he was one of the original promoters. Latterly Dr Barnett became a member of the Bendigo Troop of P.W.V.V.L H. (Prince of Wales Victorian Volunteer Light Horse Regiment), and was appointed its medical officer. He always took an active part in everything connected with the progress of the troop, and it may be mentioned that he was the first member of the Volunteer Corps in the colony who originated the idea – since carried out – of giving land grants to the volunteers. We are sorry to learn that the later days of his life were not cheered by prosperity, from the fact that he was unable to follow his profession in consequence of ill health.

FUNERAL OF DR. A. BARNETT.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 16 February 1867** p 2 Article

FUNERAL OF DR. A. BARNETT.

Yesterday afternoon the remains of Dr A. Barnett, who died on the previous day at his late residence, in Rowan-street, were committed to the grave with military honors, in consequence of the deceased gentleman being a member of the Sandhurst troop of the P.W.V.V.L.H.

About three o'clock in the afternoon the volunteer rifles to the number of eighty fell in at the Orderly-room, and with their band marched to the house whence the funeral was to start. Rowan-street and View Place were thronged with on-lookers and cabs. About half-past three o'clock the procession, which was formed in the following order, began to move:-

First came the firing party, numbering twenty-seven, selected from members of the Bendigo Volunteer Rifles, under the command of Lieutenant Joseph, with their rifles reversed, followed by the volunteer band, their instruments draped with crape, playing the "Dead March in Saul" - the drums also being covered with crape, muffled. Then came the hearse drawn by two magnificent black horses from Messrs Francis Bros. establishment. On one side of the hearse were Lieutenant Blackham of the Bendigo Rifles, and Lieutenant Stewart of the cavalry; and on the other were Captain Moorhead and Lieutenant Sibley, both of the cavalry, who officiated as pallbearers. Following the hearse was the deceased gentleman's horse with his cavalry trappings on, led by Corporal Clegg, of the P.W.V.V.L.H.

In the mourning coach which followed, and which was also drawn by two black horses, were the deceased's eldest son, Mr R. Andrews, and the Rev W. R. Croxton. About twenty members of the mounted troop came next on foot, then the volunteer corps, having their side arms only. The members of the Oddfellows' Society, who mustered but indifferently, followed, and after them came the private vehicles containing the majority of the medical profession in the town, while a number of cabs brought up the rear.

All along the line of route numbers of persons were assembled, and a great number accompanied the cortege to the cemetery to see the burial. Upon arriving at the cemetery gates, which took until nearly five o'clock to reach, the firing party and the band separated, forming two lines, and the coffin was carried into the cemetery through the passage thus made.

The Rev W. R. Croxton then proceeded to read the Church of England burial service, and after he had done so, Brother Doyle, of the Oddfellows, read the burial service for the Oddfellows. At its conclusion, the firing party fired three volleys over the grave, and the assemblage then dispersed. Dr Barnett is buried near the main walk, about the centre of the cemetery. (Bendigo MON C3)

BARNETT William Frederick (80)

DEATH OF MR. W. F. BARNETT.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 19 March 1879** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. W. F. BARNETT.

For some time past Mr. William Frederic Barnett (son of the late Dr. Barnett, of this city), landlord of the Crown Hotel, Hargreaves-street, has been in very delicate health, but hopes were entertained, if not of his ultimate recovery, that he would at least be spared for some years. About three weeks ago he got a great deal worse, and all hopes of saving his life were at an end.



He suffered from disease of the liver and epilepsy, and these complaints proved fatal at four o'clock yesterday morning.

The deceased gentleman has been a resident of this city for about 19 years, having come direct to Bendigo on his arrival from London, of which place he was a native. He was only 37 years of age, and leaves a wife and two young children to mourn their loss. His early demise may, no doubt, in a great measure be accounted for by the exposure and privations he underwent some sixteen years ago.

In 1863 he joined Mr. Duncan McIntyre, in a private exploring party to and from the Darling and the Gulf of Carpentaria. On that occasion they were accompanied by three black boys only, but the trip was successfully performed. On their journey across the continent they discovered two marked trees on the Flinders River, and Dr. Mueller, believing them to be records of Dr. Leichardt's ill-fated expedition, obtained the assistance of some ladies, and a ladies' committee was formed, and an exploring party under the command of Sir. Duncan McIntyre was organised to follow up the presumed traces of Dr. Leichardt.

The deceased gentleman was invited to join that party by Mr. McIntyre, and although at that time on the Warrego, he lost no time in journeying to Victoria, but on arriving at Mr. McIntyre's uncle's residence – Mr. Donald Campbell, Glengower – he was mortified to find that the expedition had started a few days previously. Mr. Campbell advised him to follow the party, and assured him that he would occupy the position of an officer of the expedition. He started off, and overtook the party at the Darling when he was told by Mr. McIntyre that he could only join as a common hand. This he agreed to do, and although his hopes and his ambition were damped, his enthusiasm was still alive.

In writing on this subject afterwards, the Riverine Herald said: - "We believe that a greater mistake was never made by any leader. Had Mr. Barnett been given a command, the frightful disaster at Cooper's Creek might have been averted. At all events, it was due to his exertions in a great measure that worse results did not follow."

Mr. Barnett accompanied the expedition right through to the Gulf of Carpentaria, and was there allowed to leave the party. The second in command of this party was Dr. Murray, of "blackbird" notoriety, and who with others deserted McIntyre, whilst the deceased remained faithful to him to the last. He had great difficulty in making his way back to Victoria, and about three weeks after he did so news was received of the death of Mr. McIntyre, and his then second in command Mr. Sloman.

Mr. Barnett's services were again sought and given. He was appointed to the command, and joined the party at the Gilliott Creek, in northern Queensland, where Mr. Donald McIntyre (brother of the deceased Duncan McIntyre) had a station. The expedition, under the command of Mr. Barnett, was then continued for about four months longer, when it was brought to an end for want of funds. The funeral cortege will leave his late residence for the Back Creek Cemetery at 2.30 p.m. to-day. (Bendigo MON C3).

THE LEICHARDT SEARCH EXPEDITION.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 17 September 1866** p 3 Article

THE LEICHARDT SEARCH EXPEDITION.

Mr W. F. Barnett writes to the Riverine Herald: - According to promise, I beg to forward a few memoranda of my journeys since starting from the River Paroo with the Leichardt Search party. The party went all well until we arrived at Lubrina Creek; from this Mr McIntyre made two journeys towards Cooper's Creek to find water. On his return from his second trip he found his orders had been disregarded by Dr Murray, and he gave the order for all the party to start for Cooper's Creek, as he fully expected to find water on his arrival there.

How much Dr Murray's disobedience of orders disorganised Mr McIntyre's arrangements no one can tell, as Mr McIntyre alone knew what those arrangements were.

About the portion of Cooper's Creek we struck it is broken up into a number of billabongs or anabranches running on the east side of the main channel, distant from one another from five to ten miles. We, of course, travelling nearly west, struck the most easterly billabong, which had not the slightest appearance of water. In the morning Mr McIntyre crossed this, and finding that in consequence of the dreadfully cracked state of the plains the camels could make but very slow travelling, he at once returned to the party and gave orders for our return. This is what Dr Murray calls his "faint" attempt to find water.

Had Mr McIntyre proceeded right across to the main channel, our subsequent journey proved he would have found it at a distance of five and twenty miles, which proved his judgment was correct, expecting water about that longitude in the creek, whereas Dr Murray endeavors to show that he had no reason to expect it.

Unfortunately, the party were so circumstanced that they could not be left for the time necessary for Mr McIntyre to prove beyond a doubt if there was water in the main channel; for him to take the party on and then not to find water was certain destruction to all, so that rather than risk the lives of his men he reluctantly (I know well how reluctantly) gave the words to return to the last water. On one of the best camels he started with Bellooch, the East Indian, so that we might be met with water on our route.

Dr Murray had shown the white feather the night before, "begging to be excused his watch," but this day he fairly gave in. He speaks of the difficulty of driving the horses; this he greatly augmented. He rode ahead of the party much faster than he should, causing the horses to get in a string of several miles, and again he was continually going in the dry creeks to see if there was water, the horses, of course, following him, thereby causing the men great trouble to get them on the track again. When once requested to stop until the tail mob of horses got up to him, he said " he could not, he must get on."

Arrived at a place called the Bullock Waterhole, he declared the Leichardt Search Expedition at an end, and gave direction for the brandy to be got out, the horses to be unpacked and left to shift for themselves, and the party to proceed to water with the camels lightly packed with rations, for he said, "Now we must look out for our lives." When told our lives were not in danger, as Mr McIntyre would be out with water ere that happened, he replied, " Ah! you may say so, you may say so," thereby casting a disgraceful doubt upon his leader.

Through some misunderstanding the camels, with two of the men, started during the night; and in the morning, having caught the horses, we prepared to follow. A search was made for more brandy, and not being able to find any, it having gone on with the camels, the doctor was mad enough to produce his bottle of spirits of wine, and was about to serve it out when I took it from him.

I think after this I need not comment upon his conduct.

Returned to the water after much suffering. Dr Murray and three men started for the settlements. The party now was composed of Mr McIntyre, McCalman, myself, Bellooch (East Indian), and two aboriginals. We started again for Cooper's Creek, and arrived at water about twenty-live miles beyond our former turning point. We removed in a few days to a splendid sheet of water and camped, surrounded by five or six hundred aboriginals. They once or twice evinced a hostile spirit, but were intimidated from making an attack by some display of our superior power.

The camels and horses being sufficiently refreshed we started on, and after arriving at the Docker had a very pleasant journey, the country beyond being in splendid condition. We struck McKinlay's 47th camp on Mueller Creek, and found a splendid pass over the northern dividing range, and in due time arrived at our destination at Carpentaria. Mr McIntyre formed a camp on the Gilliott, about 150 miles south of Burketown, Albert River. He intended to remain here about a month to spell the camels, and make up the deficiencies of the party, and I, with his consent and I am happy to say a testimonial of his satisfaction of my conduct, left the party, as he could now easily get a man in my place.

I started for Burketown, and when I arrived J. G. McDonald, Esq, was just starting a boat party to endeavor to find the mouth of the Leichardt River. I became one of the crew, and we were successful in finding the mouth only two miles east of the Albert Heads. We succeeded in getting up fifty miles to the crossing-place, three miles below the falls, which are from fifty to sixty feet high, the water being under tidal influence below the falls. We returned to Burketown, Albert River, and I started overland for Port Denison, across the Flinders, the Norman, and the Gilbert, over the Gilbert ranges, and on to the Lynn, down the Lynn and the Burdekin, and thence to Port Denison.

I think the Leichardt navigable for about thirty miles. It possesses fine high banks, much to be preferred to the low mangrove fringed banks of the Albert.

The Flinders, Leichardt, and Albert and its tributaries are all pretty well settled, but there is still splendid pastoral country to the westward, and also there is some good country between the Flinders and the settlements on the Lynn.

Respecting the half-castes mentioned by Mr McIntyre, I can support his statement of their existence amongst the blacks about the country he speaks of. There can be no doubt of whites having been amongst them some ten or fifteen years ago, and it is likely enough there are still some.

I think the northern country is likely to become as valuable to the miner as it is undoubtedly to the squatter.

BARWICK Joseph (126)

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH BARWICK.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Saturday 17 December 1898**
p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH BARWICK.

This old Bendigonian died at Mrs. Milburn's Coffee Palace last night. He went to reside there on the 14th inst., and was then very ill with dysentery. He was attended by Dr. Gaffney, and previously by Dr. Atkinson. He leaves no family.



THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER. (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS AND OUR RESOURCES. BENDIGO, SATURDAY, DEC. 17, 1898. THE JOURNALISTIC LYRE.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 17 December 1898** p 4 Article

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. J. BARWICK. - Last night Mr. Joseph Barwick, an old and well-known resident of this city, died somewhat suddenly at Mrs. Milburn's coffee palace, where he had been residing for several months past. The deceased gentleman had been in failing health for a long time, and had been under the treatment of Dr Gaffney.

Notwithstanding his advanced age - he is stated to have been nearly 80 years old - and his ill health, he could not be induced to remain in bed, and was about town up to within the past day or two. Last evening a fit of vomiting seized him, and he expired shortly afterwards.

Mrs. Barwick, it will be remembered, met her death a year or two back through a buggy accident while out visiting a friend at Quarry Hill with Mr. M. Tankard. Since her demise Mr. Barwick has never been the same man, and it was apparent to his friends that he was gradually falling into a decline, so that the announcement of his death will not be altogether unexpected.

Some years ago the deceased engaged in protracted litigation with a mining company, and the decision in that case has since been frequently quoted in mining suits.

SERIOUS BUGGY ACCIDENT.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Monday 8 December 1884 p 2 Article

SERIOUS BUGGY ACCIDENT

An accident, which was attended by rather serious and painful injuries, befell Mr. and Mrs. J Barwick, of Barkly Place, yesterday afternoon, while out driving in the neighborhood of Myer's Creek.

They were proceeding in the direction of Marong, and when walking the horse across Myer's Creek one of the springs of the buggy broke, allowing one side of the vehicle to fall on top of the wheels. The noise caused by the grating of the woodwork against the tires of the wheel frightened the horse, which bolted off at a rapid rate.

After proceeding about 30 yards the animal suddenly swerved, overturning the buggy, which fell on top of the occupants. Mr. Barwick released himself, and as quickly as possible removed Mrs. Barwick some distance from the overturned vehicle, as the horse was kicking violently to free itself. The mishap had been witnessed by the occupants of a house nearby, and they at once proceeded to the assistance of the injured persons.

Mrs. Barwick was bleeding profusely from a deep wound on the forehead, and Mr. Barwick's left arm was hanging loosely by his side. Mrs. Barwick was carried to the house, and a messenger despatched to Eaglehawk for a cab. On its arrival the injured lady was placed on a mattress and made as comfortable as possible in the cab. As blood continued to flow freely from the wound on her forehead, one of the female residents of the house to which they had been removed accompanied the injured lady.

On the journey they were overtaken by the Rev. Mr. Lewers, of Eaglehawk, who had been conducting services at Marong. This gentleman provided cloths and rendered other assistance. When the injured lady and gentleman arrived at their home Drs. Atkinson and MacGillivray were sent for. They found that Mrs. Barwick was very weak and semi-conscious from loss of blood. Several stitches were placed in the wound, which is a deep one. Late last evening Dr. Atkinson again visited the patient and found her progressing as favorably as possible.

Mr. Barwick's left shoulder was found to be dislocated, and after he had been placed under chloroform the dislocation was reduced. Mr. Barwick, although suffering much pain, is in good spirits. His forehead was cut in several places, but those injuries were not of a serious nature. Much sympathy will doubtless be felt for the injured lady and gentleman.

SERIOUS BUGGY ACCIDENT AT QUARRY HILL.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 1 June 1897 p 3 Article

SERIOUS BUGGY ACCIDENT AT QUARRY HILL.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon an accident occurred at Quarry Hill to Mrs. Barwick, wife of Mr. J. Barwick, an old and highly respected resident of Barkly Place. Mrs. Barwick, accompanied by Mr. M. Tankard, drove to Mr. W. Davis' residence in Graham-street. Quarry Hill, on a visit to Mrs. ???.

Mr. Tankard had just alighted from the carriage, and was about to assist Mrs. Barwick out of the vehicle when the pony, usually very quiet and of a docile disposition suddenly took fright and started off. Mrs. Barwick had one foot on the step of the vehicle and Mr. Tankard, who had hold of her, called her to get off the step.

She was, however, evidently afraid to do so, and was carried away with the vehicle, which partially capsized when turning into Howard-street, which has a very steep gradient. Mrs. Barwick was dragged along the ground for some distance, and when opposite the residence of the Rev. W. Sadlier, was thrown on to the roadway with considerable force. Messrs. Chas. Forster and J. W. Knight, who witnessed the occurrence, ran to the unfortunate lady's assistance, and as it was apparent that she had been seriously injured the two first ??? gentlemen got out their buggy, and having placed some pillows, etc., on the floor they conveyed her to the hospital.

Senior constable Hayes, the officer in charge of the Quarry Hill police station, arrived at the scene and accompanied the party to the institution. On arrival there, Mrs. Barwick, who was unconscious, was taken into the operating room where she was immediately attended to by the acting assistant resident surgeon Dr. Gray, who found that her injuries were of a serious nature.

There was a lacerated wound laying bare the muscles of the left forearm, a fracture of the left arm near the elbow joint, wounds on the head and abrasions on the right arm and different parts of her body. In addition to those injuries she sustained a serious shock to her nervous system, which is ??? as serious.

After Mrs. Barwick was thrown out of the vehicle, the pony continued on its path careering past Palmerston-square, and on turning into Mitchell-street, one of the wheels collided with a tree guard and the buggy capsized. The pony was secured shortly afterwards.

Mrs. Tankard and Mrs. Vahland, who, in the meantime, had heard of the unfortunate occurrence with Mr Tankard visited Mrs. Barwick in the hospital shortly after her admission to that institution.

BASHFORD Henry James (287)

Family Notices

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 11 July 1861** p 2 Family Notices

DEATH. On the 10th instant, Frances, the wife of Henry Bashford, Wattle-street, aged thirty-two years.

Rates index

- 1857 – 1861 Henry Bashford House and Land
Wattle Street / Belgravia/ Wattle Lane
- 1862 – Quarry Hill Extension
- 1864 – 1865 Williamson Street (carpenter)
- 1866 – 1902 Mollison Street Land and house owned by Albert Bush



Advertising

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Saturday 4 August 1855** p 1 Advertising

IF this should meet the Eye of Henry Bashford, carpenter, or his Wife, by Writing to the Post Office, Melbourne they can Communicate with her Mother, who is anxiously waiting a reply.

BDM Victoria

Frances Bashford died 1861 aged 32 Born in London
Henry James Bashford married Susan Ardagh Thompson 1875
Henry James Bashford died aged 75 Bendigo Hospital 1902 MON D4

Children

Frances Bashford died in Bendigo in 1853 aged 30 months daughter of Henry and Frances
Lewis William Bashford born 1855 died 1860 aged 5 years 6 months son of Henry and Frances

Possible that Frances was Henry's first wife and he married Susan after her death.
Unable to find any further information.

BAYNE Alexander (12)

DEATH OF MR. ALEXANDER BAYNE A LONG AND USEFUL LIFE CLOSED.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Saturday 3 June 1905** p 8 Article

DEATH OF MR. ALEXANDER BAYNE

A LONG AND USEFUL LIFE CLOSED.

Another widely known pioneer Bendigonian, Mr. Alexander Bayne, J.P., died yesterday at his residence, Myrtle street, at the age of 79. Coming to Bendigo from Glasgow in 1852, a time when the incidents of life on the goldfields were many and varied, he found much to exercise the vigor and enthusiasm of his early manhood. With Mr. Dunne he immediately established a provision store on the site where the post-office now stands.



The Government requiring the land for the Police Camp Reserve necessitated the shifting across the road to where the Exchange Hotel is now. A thriving business was built up. He was so delighted with Bendigo and its prospects that he decided to permanently settle here. Three years later he took a trip back to his native city, where he was married, and remained for a year or two. He sailed again for Melbourne, and reached Bendigo in 1859.

As a public man the deceased gentleman had a record which eloquently testifies in his energy and value as a citizen. For 45 years he was connected with the management of the Bendigo Hospital, and continuously since was a member of the board. He interested himself more in hospital affairs than with those of any other institution with which he was connected. The Hospital Sunday movement, at the time of its inauguration especially, found in him a hard worker and warm supporter, and much of its success can be attributed to his efforts in seconding those of the late Hon. J. H. Abbott.

He was one of the founders of the Easter Fair, and with many other objects promoted for charity and for other purposes. His connection with the Fair committee lasted up to the time of his death. Considerable of his time was devoted to the management of the School of Mines. Besides being one of the oldest committeemen, he was up till yesterday treasurer.

It is a noteworthy fact that his connections with public institutions were long and honorable, and he occupied presidential chairs several times. He was an enthusiast for the extension of the Bendigo goldfields to the north and south, and it is regrettable that his death should have occurred just when so much practical effect is being given to the ideas which Mr. Bayne promulgated in the Bendigo Development Society, and through lectures, plans and pamphlets, 10, 15 and 20 years ago.

For 13 years he capably represented Darling Ward in the City Council, but retired from municipal life several years ago. He was mayor in 1877-78. When the Crusoe reservoir was opened, he assisted in the successful agitation for the construction of filter beds. The beautification of the city in many respects can be attributed to him.

Lake Weeroona was transformed into its present attractiveness while he was a councillor. Darling ward was the first of the three to have any of its footpaths asphalted, and the deceased helped materially to bring about this boon.

He was instrumental in having the first American diamond drill brought to the city and to the country. Very valuable information concerning electric lighting was gathered by him from America and Europe, and he placed it all before the council for its consideration.

He retired from the firm of Dunne and Bayne about three years after he returned from Glasgow, and then started investing in mining ventures on the field. He was a director of the New Chum and Victoria, South St Mungo, Pearl, Shamrock, Cornish, Golden Age, and of the St. Mungo-Lady Barkly Battery Company, and was regarded as a very plucky investor. The customary investor's luck and losses, but it is known that he amassed much wealth through his speculations in Bendigo house, land and mining property. Many good city business premises belonged to him.

In 1870 the deceased gentleman was installed W.M. of the Golden and Corinthian Lodge – the finest Masonic Lodge in Bendigo – and had been a member ever since.

He leaves a widow, four sons and two daughters. Messrs. W. P. and A. T. Bayne are resident in Gladstone, Queensland, Andrew is in Coolgardie, and Captain Douglas Bayne is the only son living in Bendigo. Mrs. Dickson, of New Zealand, and Miss Bayne are the surviving daughters. The late Mrs. Penfold was also a daughter.

The funeral will leave "Montanvert," Myrtle street, at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday.

Bendigo MON D3

BEEBE William (23)

DEATH OF MR. W. BEEBE, SENIOR.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Monday 28 September 1891**
p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. W. BEEBE, SENIOR.

Mr. William Beebe, Sen., died on Saturday afternoon at his residence, Rocky Vale Villa, Inglewood road. He was a hale and hearty man until a year ago, when his health gave way, but he did not think his ailment serious enough to relax his usual business habits. A few days ago he was compelled to stay in his home, and Dr. Atkinson was sent for. He was affected with bronchitis, and had a weakness of the heart, and he gradually sank and died on Saturday.



The deceased gentleman was sixty years of age. He was born in Rutland, England, not far from Peterborough Cathedral. One of his brothers was killed in the Crimean war, and another is the station master at Derbyshire at present.

At 23 years of age Mr. Beebe emigrated to Australia, and landed at Port Fairy, after a passage of about 106 days, with only eighteen pence in his pocket and his trade of a monumental mason in his hands. He went to Dunkeld in the Western District, where he quarried the first stone from the Grampians similar to that now being used in the Construction of Parliament House. He erected the first monument in the district.

Thirty-five years ago he went to Melbourne, where he took a prominent part in labor matters, and worked hard to obtain the concession of eight hours' work. He worked at the side of Galloway, Lumsden, and Don, the labor leaders of the day, and contended strenuously against the sale of lands by the Government. He spoke at a public meeting at the time, and he and Lumsden were called lunatics by a certain section of the public for urging the Government to retain the lands.

He did not remain in Melbourne more than a few months, when he came to Bendigo, pitching his tent, where the municipal pound was afterwards erected. He worked as a mason at the Bank of Victoria, and called the first meeting in Sandhurst to endeavor to obtain eight hours' labor. The stonemasons were the first to obtain the concession in this city, as a result of the movement initiated by Mr. Beebe; but other trades quickly followed the example.

Twenty-seven years ago he left the trade, and went into business as a dairyman, for which purpose he purchased about 260 acres of land at Inglewood road. After nine years in the business, he sold out and started as a monumental mason in Eaglehawk. Three years afterwards he started in Mitchell street, Bendigo, which he continued until his death. He took his oldest son, William, into partnership about 14 years ago.

He was always an active man, and only five weeks before his death he wrote and distributed a pamphlet on the land question entitled "Landlordism and its cure."

He was conscious until a quarter of an hour before his death, and he left special instructions in his will that his remains were to be interred in the open part of the Sandhurst cemetery, and that no religious ceremony was to be performed at the grave. His wishes will be respected, and his funeral, which will be a private one, will take place this morning.

The deceased left a widow and grown-up family of four sons and three daughters. The eldest son, William as mentioned, was in partnership in the business; John is engaged in the business, and James, the third son, is employed in Melbourne.

Bendigo Cemetery MON K4

BELL Joseph (104)

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH BELL.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 14 April 1885** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH BELL.

The death of Mr. Joseph Bell, which took place yesterday morning about five o'clock, at his residence Garden Gully, near the Unity mine, was not unexpected by his friends, for it was known that on Thursday last his medical attendants, Drs. Hinchcliff and MacGillivray, had pronounced his recovery hopeless. Mr. Bell has been ailing from asthma for some eight years, and about a fortnight ago he caught cold driving to Goornong, which brought on an attack of bronchitis, the two diseases causing his death.



Mr. Bell's death recalls vividly the early history of the world-famous Garden Gully line of reef, in the opening up of which he was one of the main instruments. He was one of that desirable class of mining men who put their money into mining as an investment and not for mere speculative purposes, and when he pinned his faith to any particular locality stuck to it right through, whether call-making or dividend-paying. It was thus that he became so identified with the Garden Gully line, for having once made up his mind to invest in that direction, he went in heart and soul, and bought largely in all the companies on the North Garden Gully line. The interest thus secured, he retained and added to all through his life. He invested all other lines to a comparatively trifling degree. Of late years, while still retaining his interest in mining, he went in largely for squatting pursuits. He was in his 57th year.

Joseph Bell was born at Holmhead, Cumberland, on November 19th, 1828, and was the son of a farmer. The early portion of his life he spent in farming pursuits, but when 20 years of age he left for Australia, arriving in Melbourne in 1851. He almost immediately came to Bendigo, attracted by the glowing accounts of this goldfield, then in its full glory. He joined the great mass of diggers working about Epsom, Huntly, and the White Hills. In 1855 he bought a share in a claim on the Huntly lead, near the North of England Company, with Mr. T. Dowsey, now of Eaglehawk.

Later on he had a number of other partners, including Messrs. Thomas and John Watson, with whom he afterwards became so intimately associated on the Garden Gully line. Subsequently he was part proprietor with Mr. Michael Heffernan in a claim lower down the lead, near the Niagara and Annabella companies.

In this claim they failed to find the gutter. Subsequently, in partnership with Messrs. Vaccari (now director of the Lady Barkly) W. Stevens, and J. Thomas, he purchased a paddock at Epsom, where they had a crushing machine called the "Ajax," which was in charge of "Bill Stevens," then a well-known character, who some seven or eight years ago met with his death in the North Devonshire mine (now portion of the Lady Barkly). Stevens put his foot in the loop of the windlass rope, and there being no one at the handle he was precipitated to the bottom, and killed.

This partnership continued to work the 1866 with fair results. Mr. Bell was not over successful in the Huntly district, but continued to work there until 1868 or 1869. However, some years previous to leaving he had formed a very favorable opinion of the Garden Gully line, and he had secured a joint interest with Mr. Thomas Watson, now of Pyramid Hill, in the subsequently famous "Bell and Watson's" claim. Mr. John Watson had also an interest in this claim, but sold out. About sixteen years ago Mr. Bell removed from Huntly to Garden Gully (where he has ever since resided), and took an active part in the work of the claim.

The Garden Gully line was then almost entirely idle, the surface runs of stone having been worked out some years before. However, Bell and Watson proved the pioneers of a new era for the line; in fact what Hustler and Latham and Watson were for the Hustler's line, they were for the Garden Gully line.

They discovered at about 80 feet the first regular reef formation on the line, a very large body of stone having been struck. Subsequently, owing to the water difficulty they found themselves unable to work this reef and consequently

Mr. Bell took steps to cause the Garden Gully United, where there was an engine erected, to resume work, and he consequently endeavored to form a company to work it on tribute.

He succeeded in getting several of his friends to take shares in the company, but could not procure the required number. However, his efforts led to the late Mr. MacDougall floating a company, in which Messrs. Ernest Mueller, David Stuart, John Hechle, Bonati, Joseph Hunter and others took shares.

The formation of this company fulfilled Mr. Bell's object, the drainage of the reef, and as he was not over flush of cash at the time he was pleased to be relieved of the necessity for any further outlay. This tribute company proved to be a few years later, however, a splendid venture, for it was the parent of the famous Garden Gully Tributes, whose immense yields created such a sensation.

The tribute company having drained the line to some extent, Messrs. Bell and Watson opened up their reef to 200 feet and found payable gold. Mr. Bell then felt that the success of the line was assured, and he bought largely into all the adjoining claims. He bought a sixteenth share in the North Garden Gully for £250, and subsequently a fourth share for £3,500. He also bought a half share in the Passbye, and a sixteenth share in the Carlisle. The three companies named were subsequently merged into the Carlisle United.

About this time a number of the shareholders in the locality presented Messrs. Ball and Watson with a large flag which cost £50, in commemoration of their pluck and enterprise.

It may be interesting to mention that this flag was yesterday floating at half-mast within a few yards of Mr. Bell's late residence. "Bell and Watson's" got some fair returns, but Mr. Bell gained the greatest accession to his income from the Passbye, Carlisle, and North Garden Gully companies, from which he received large dividends.

About 1874 Bell and Watson's, which was a 68-yard claim, was amalgamated with the Unity. He continued to hold his interest in these companies, and rather to extend than diminish them. At the time of his death he held no less than 14,000 shares in the Unity Company, 11,000 in the Carlisle United, 150 (out of 800) in the Cornish United, and several hundreds in the Koch's Pioneer. The Cornish United shares cost him from £10 to £160 each.

Outside of the Garden Gully line he did not invest very extensively, but he held a number of shares in the Shamrock and one or two other companies. He has for some years been a very heavy call payer, but he never hesitated in handing over his cheque, having great confidence in the future of his ventures. He, of late, though not a shareholder, took great interest in the Victory and Pandora, and its success in the deep ground pleased him greatly.

About twelve years ago he went in for sheep farming pursuits, and purchased the Burnewang Station, Goornong, and another large property at Elmore, the two amounting to 20,000 acres. The bulk of this was devoted to grazing purposes, the stock at present amounting to 20,000 sheep and 300 cattle. Portion of the farm was cultivated, and with the view of extending this area, 1,000 acres were recently cleared. Mr. Bell had also decided to go in for irrigation from the Campaspe, and pumping machinery is just being erected.

When Mr. Bell bought this property there was no fencing done, and he has spent an enormous sum in boundary and sub-dividing fences. He was recently offered a hundred thousand pounds for his station property, but refused to accept it, as he considered that it was not nearly its value. Mr. Bell also owned considerable property in Sandhurst, including Belle Vue House in Forest-street, and houses in Bull, Wattle, Harrison, and other streets.

Mr. Bell was married in March, 1874, to Miss Giles, daughter of Mr. Henry Giles, of the Wellington Hotel, White Hills. Mrs. Bell died eleven months afterwards in giving birth to a daughter, which is still living, being now a little over ten years old.

This girl is the sole heir to Mr. Bell's large property, which is valued at the least at £150,000.

In the will Messrs. Darnton Watson and Telford (a cousin of the deceased) are appointed executors. Mr. Telford will have the management of the station property and guardianship of the heiress. It is provided that neither the station nor mining properties shall be sold at present. Mr. Bell leaves two brothers, both miners, in Sandhurst, and three sisters, one (Mrs. Hetherington) in Sandhurst, and the two others in England. The will provides that in the event of the death of his daughter without issue, the property shall be divided among his relatives.

The funeral will leave Garden Gully this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock for the White Hills Cemetery. MON H1

BIRCH Henry (428)

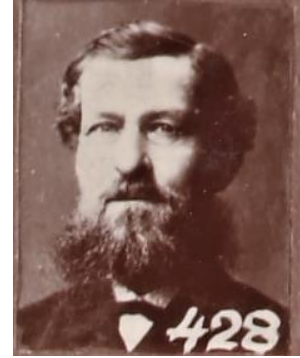
MR. HENRY BIRCH. A VERY EARLY BENDIGONIAN.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Saturday 31 December 1910**
p 2 Article

MR. HENRY BIRCH.

A VERY EARLY BENDIGONIAN.

Another of the pioneers of the Bendigo goldfield has been removed by the death of Mr. Henry Birch. It occurred at his residence, "The View", View street, shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday morning. He had been ailing for some time and death was due to a general breakup of the system.



Mr. Birch, who was in his 81st year, came of a Manchester family. He was born in the parish of Cartnel, North Lancashire. He was educated at the Seaburgh Grammar School, and subsequently spent three years in a broker's office in Liverpool. Later he left that to study for the army. Promotion however came slowly in those days when commissions generally had to be purchased. Growing tired of the delay, he decided to come to Australia. About a fortnight after he sailed the long-expected order for examination for a commission came to hand. Had he remained and passed the examination he would probably have been with the 62nd regiment, which afterwards distinguished itself and lost severely in the Crimean war. This would have meant, rapid promotion and glory, or death.

Mr. Birch left Liverpool by the ship *Mizapore*, and after a rough trip reached Melbourne in October, 1852. He almost immediately left Melbourne, along with many of his fellow passengers, for the gold diggings. They worked at Castlemaine and Bendigo, but got little gold. Mr. Birch then went droving for some time for the late Mr. David Power, of Mount Gambier, S.A. Subsequently he returned to Melbourne and canvassed for subscribers for the *Age* in anticipation of its first publication.

After carrying on a produce store in Collingwood for a while he came back (in 1856) to Bendigo, and for the next six years carried on a wholesale wine and spirit business in View street, and afterwards for several years a hay and corn store in Market Square, near Warren's timber yard.

From the earliest times he interested himself in quartz mining. As far back as 1856 he joined Messrs. John, Robert and William Buckie in taking up some old abandoned ground on Windmill Hill. At his suggestion a shaft was put down on the west side of the hill all the other shafts being on the east side. At about 150 ft they struck a lender, which was followed and formed a reef on a back underlying west. It paid well, sometimes yielding as much as 3 oz to the ton.

He later acquired an interest in the Advance claim, which was highly remunerative. In this he was associated with Messrs. George Lansell, William Rae, Rothwell, Hawkins and others. About the same time he assisted in prospecting the Garden Gully United, Carlisle, Sarnia and other ventures.

About 1871 he started business as a legal manager, and took part in the amalgamation of small claims into the Victoria Consols, Central Windmill, United Hustler's and Redan, etc. He was occupied in this business with the assistance of his son, Mr. Lea Birch, up to the time of his death, and his office is at present attending to the legal managerial work of the Consolation, Great Southern Confidence Extended, Iron bark. Golden Age, Suffolk, Victoria Consols, United Hustler's and Redan, Johnson's Reef Extended, Stafford and other companies. He was interested in the first winding engine introduced on the field, which is now held by the New Chum Gold Mines, an English company. He had been the local agent for the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance companies for over a quarter of century.

In 1860 Mr. Birch was married to (Martha) the daughter of the Rev. F. Smith, of White Hills, the wedding being solemnised at All Saints' Bendigo.

The deceased was of an industrious but reserved disposition. He was ever ready to assist any charitable movement, and was connected with the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum for some 34 years, being hon. secretary for about 30 years. Two years ago he relinquished his seat on the committee, and his son, Mr. Lea Birch, was appointed in his place. He was also for many years a member of All Saints' Church committee.

He and Mrs. Birch took a trip to England in 1861 and another in 1901. Before leaving on the second occasion he was presented with a beautifully illuminated address by the committee of the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum. The deceased leaves a widow and a grown-up family consisting of six daughters and three sons to mourn his loss. The daughters, all but one, are married and residing in different States.

One son, Mr. L. Birch is a legal manager in Bendigo; Mr. O. H. Birch is a marine engineer in the employ of the Melbourne Steamship Company; and the third son Mr. G. Birch, who was a mining surveyor, met with a regrettable accident some three years ago and has spent most of the intervening time in his bed. He is at present in Mrs Thorne's private Hospital.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, leaving View street at 4 o'clock for the Bendigo Cemetery. (MON F3)

BISSILL Edward (48)

DEATH OF MR. EDWARD BISSILL. A VETERAN OF NINETY-FIVE YEARS.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 27 August 1903** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. EDWARD BISSILL.

A VETERAN OF NINETY-FIVE YEARS.

A resident of the Bendigo district, whose life furnishes a striking example of longevity, in the person of Mr. Edward Bissill, of Belvoir Park, Big Hill, passed away on Tuesday evening last.

He was born in April, 1808, at Stutterton Grange, near Boston, Lincolnshire, and had consequently passed his 95th year. His father was a landed proprietor in the county, and came of a family of large farmers in the county mentioned. The deceased during his early life assisted in the management of his father's estate. He married at 33 years of age, and continued his association with agricultural pursuits until the repeal of the Corn Laws in 1846. All those familiar with this great free trade movement know that it had a depressing effect on the English farmers, and the estates were let at a rental of £700 per year, the subject of this notice having decided to journey to Australia.



In 1850 he sailed in the ship *Bengal* for South Australia. After 12 months in the sister State, he visited New Zealand, and worked at Auckland for six months. When the gold fever broke out, however, he went to Sydney, and soon afterwards proceeded to Melbourne. From there he tramped to Forest Creek. After working in various parts of the district as a gold digger, he opened a small store at Spring Gully, Fryers' Creek. He did not long continue there, however, as we next find him the owner of a store at White Hills, Bendigo.

He soon made money, and at the first land sales held in Bendigo, in 1854, he purchased property at the corner of Hargreaves and Mundy streets. He afterwards purchased considerable property at Epsom, and when gold was discovered there, he found that the lead went right through it. Already he had made money, and this stroke of fortune added considerably to his profits.

For three years he conducted the store, and then retired on an independency. In 1862 he purchased 100 acres of land and a house at Big Hill from the late Judge Skinner, and out of this formed the nucleus of Belvoir Park, which now consists of 700 acres of good park land.

In 1856 he visited his old home, and remained in England, until 1860. At this period his income from his Bendigo properties amounted to about £4000 per year, and apparently he enjoyed his trip, as he again returned to England by the same vessel. Having toured Europe, he returned to Victoria, and took up his residence near Melbourne.

In 1866 he once more returned to Bendigo, and ever since he lived at Belvoir Park. The house is very well known, as it is situated in one of the prettiest spots in the Bendigo district.

He continued to amass property, and at the time of his death owned some 24 allotments of land in Bendigo, the rental being very considerable.

In 1855 he took part vigorously in an agitation to create a municipality in Bendigo, and was a candidate at the first municipal elections. He lost the election through advocating a shilling rate. It started at sixpence, but his judgment was soon justified, as it was found impracticable to carry on without a shilling rate. After his unsuccessful attempt to enter public life, he lived quietly, merely attending to his own affairs. For many years he regularly drove into Bendigo each Tuesday, and his buggy was a familiar sight in the street on that day. In fact, so regularly did he transact his business on the day mentioned, that he earned the sobriquet of "Tuesday".

About 12 months ago he married for the third time. He enjoyed a good constitution, and only during the last few months did he begin to suffer from ill-health. He was ill a very short time, and was under the care of Dr. Atkinson. Up to the last he managed his own property, and was frequently heard to remark that a man was never done working in this world. He was of a gentlemanly disposition, but rather retiring in his nature, though the friendships he made were always sincere.

His only son, Mr. Walter Kirk Bissill, died some years ago, and no other children were born of his marriages. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from Belvoir Park to the Kangaroo Flat Cemetery. It is understood that his estate will be administered by the Sandhurst and Northern District Trustees, Executors and Agency Co. The firm of Messrs. Quick, Hyett, and Rymer have been his solicitors throughout three generations.

Kangaroo Flat Cemetery CoE North

BLACK James (190)

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER PUBLISHED DAILY PROGRESSIOON, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES SANDHURST, THURSDAY. APRIL 2, 1868 THE POLITICAL RIDDLE.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 2 April 1868** p 2 Article

Fatal Accident. Last night information was received in Sandhurst of the death of Mr James Black, a traveller in the employ of Messrs Cohn Brothers, brewers, Bridge-street. It appears, from the few scanty ascertainable last night, that Mr Black had left Sandhurst with a dray load of goods, in the morning, to take to Elysian Flat, calling at Raywood on the way out. He left Raywood some time in the afternoon with his dray, a two horse one, and some time afterwards he was found lying dead underneath the dray, which had apparently been capsized by coming in contact with a stump. The body was removed to Pendlebury's Hotel, at Elysian Flat, where an inquest will be held today. Mr Black was one of the oldest settlers on Bendigo,



INQUEST. DEATH BY THE UPSETTING OF A CART.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 3 April 1868** p 3 Article

INQUEST. DEATH BY THE UPSETTING OF A CART.

The District Coroner held an inquest at the Shamrock Hotel, Neilborough, yesterday, upon the body of the unfortunate man James Black, an employee of Messrs Cohn Bros, brewers, of Bridge street, who came by his death on the 1st inst. from injuries which he received by the cart he was driving upsetting.

The following evidence was taken:

Jacob Cohn, of the firm of Cohn Bros, brewers, Bridge-street, Sandhurst, deposed that the deceased, James Black, was employed as a commercial traveller by the firm of Cohn Bros, and in that capacity he was in the habit of delivering beer, &c, with a cart. On Wednesday morning deceased left the brewery at Sandhurst driving tandem two horses in a spring cart, which contained beer for Raywood and other places.

Witness heard no more of deceased until half past ten pm on the evening of the same day, when Sergeant Richards informed him of the accident which caused deceased's death. Deceased in the discharge of his duties was often compelled to have a glass of beer in his rounds, but during the five years he had been in witness's employment witness had never seen him once drunk. He was a man of industrious habits and of excellent character.

John Bennett, a young lad, gave evidence that on Wednesday morning, he saw the deceased driving two horses tandem on the Bendigo Road, in an easy trot, past Mr Willoughby's house. Witness saw the off wheel of the spring cart strike against a stump two feet high, and the deceased was thrown out. The cart ran on for a few feet on the near wheel and then capsized.

Witness ran to the leading horse's head and held him. Witness first saw Mr Black on his hands and knees as if he was trying to get up. At that moment Mrs Willoughby came up with others, and witness ran to his father's and got a horse and trap, and immediately proceeded to Raywood for Dr Caldwell, who at once accompanied him back to the scene of the accident, but the deceased was dead. As far as witness saw, no part of the cart struck the deceased nor did any of the casks. Deceased, was lying about thirteen feet from the cart.

Hannah Willoughby stated that on Wednesday she saw deceased drive past her place, and immediately afterwards she heard a noise and went outside and saw the cart had upset and the beer barrels were scattered about. Deceased was on his hands and knees, and witness went up to him and asked him if he was hurt. He looked at her but did not speak. She then ran in for some cold water to bathe his face, as blood was dropping from it; on her return deceased rolled over on his back, and he said, "Let me be".

Two boys helped witness to place some sacks under his head. He stated, in reply to witness, that it was a stump that threw him over. He was then quite sensible, and when he heard that a doctor was to be sent for, he said, "No, I'll be better presently". He gradually grew weaker, and breathed heavily, and died before Dr Caldwell came. Deceased, while he was lying on the ground put his hand to his left side, and said that it was there where he was hurt. There were other people attending deceased besides witness.

Samuel Pendlebury, owner of the Shamrock Hotel, Elysian Flat, had known the deceased for twelve years, and during all that time he had never known him once to be the worse for liquor. On Wednesday he drove the two horses of Messrs Cohn Brothers in the spring cart up to witness's place. He partook of a small glass of ale at witness's place, and then left, sitting on the end of one of the casks, quite sober.

Mr Gorman soon after came to witness's place and stated that deceased had met with an accident, and he at once proceeded to the place where the accident had occurred, and found the deceased there, quite sensible. Witness heard him ask "Is that the boss?" meaning him or Mr Cohn. Deceased asked to have his head raised higher. Witness then returned to his hotel, to get a room ready for him, and to take steps to have him conveyed there on a stretcher, but before he had done so he heard that Black was dead.

Henry Sorley, M.D, deposed that he had for a long time known the deceased, on whose body he had made a post-mortem examination. Externally the only marks upon the deceased's body were some scratches upon the left temple and hand. There was an abrasion of the skin upon the right hip and shoulder, not sufficient to account for his death.

Witness found that ten ribs were broken on the right side, also the collar bone. The ends of the fractured ribs had penetrated the pleura of the right lung; there were about twelve ounces of blood in the pleural cavity; and both lungs were congested, especially the right one.

There were no fractures of the skull or any other bones of the body. From the history of the accident witness was of opinion that the deceased had fallen upon his right side, and that after the fall some heavy substance had struck him on the right side, causing the internal injuries and the fracture of the ribs as described.

The cause of death was partly from shock, and partly from suffocation from effusion of blood into the lungs from the injuries deceased had received.

The jury returned the verdict "That about four p.m. on the 1st inst, the deceased, James Black, came suddenly by his death from injuries received to his body, through the accidental upsetting of his cart against a stump, whilst the deceased was driving it from Neilborough to Sandhurst, the deceased, in our opinion, having been obliged to drive that way from the danger of the main road with logs and stumps upon it. There were marks of violence externally upon the body."

Family Notices

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 24 April 1868** p 2 Family Notices

On the 1st instant, at Elysian Flat, near Sandhurst, James BLACK, native of Lanarkshire, Scotland, aged forty-seven years. Home papers please copy.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 24 April 1868** p 3 Article

A traveller named James Black, in the employ of Messrs Cohn Bros, brewers, was killed by being thrown out of a cart he was driving, near the Whipstick.

Mr Black was one of the oldest residents of Sandhurst, having some years ago been a member of the firm of Dixon, Caughey, and Co, in Market-square, and was universally esteemed for many good qualities.

Buried Bendigo Cemetery MON D2

BLACKHAM Albert (355)

Proprietor of the Ship Inn, Back Creek 1859.

Brother of W G Blackham.

Insolvent 1867, died 1874 aged 47 at Hill End NSW.

No Obituary found.



[SANDHURST CIRCUIT COURT. CRIMINAL SIDE. Tuesday, 5th July, 1859. \(Before His Honor Mr. Justice Barry.\)](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 6 July 1859** p 2 Article

..... William George Blackham deposed that he resided with his brother, the proprietor of the Ship Inn, Back Creek

Family Notices

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 29 February 1868** p 2 Family Notices

DEATH.

On the 23rd instant, at the residence of her son Richard, Franklyn-street, Adelaide, South Australia, Sarah, relict of the late R. Blackham, Esq, the beloved mother of Mrs E. N Emmett and W. G. and A. Blackham, of Sandhurst; aged seventy-seven years.

Family Notices

Leader (Melbourne, Vic. : 1862 - 1918, 1935) **Saturday 1 November 1879** p 28 Family Notices

DAVEY – BLACKHAM - On the 13th October, at St. Paul's Church, Sandhurst, by the Rev. Canon McCullagh, W. J. Davey, editor and manager Kerang Times, Kerang, to Mina, only daughter of the late Albert Blackham, Sandhurst.

BLACKHAM William George (24)

DEATH OF MAJOR BLACKHAM.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 7 June 1909** p 7 Article

DEATH OF MAJOR BLACKHAM.

Major William George Blackham, of the firm of Messrs. Blackham and Garvin, legal managers, one of Bendigo's most popular citizens, passed away at his residence, "Clonallan," Mollison-street, yesterday morning, aged 81 years. Throughout his long life Mr. Blackham had enjoyed remarkably good health, and it was only within the last year or two that he suffered illness.



Early in the year he went to Adelaide, where he had lived for many years, and on his return, he looked splendid, and seemed to have acquired a new lease of life. But in April he began to fail, and was unable to leave his residence. Gradually he became worse, and on Tuesday last he was compelled to take to his bed, which he was destined never to leave again alive. Death occurred at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, the immediate cause being heart failure.

Mr. Blackham was a most useful citizen, for he identified himself with many worthy movements for the benefit and advancement of the city. He was of a most charitable and kindly disposition, genial and warm-hearted, and esteemed and respected by a very wide circle of friends for his probity and admirable qualities generally.

Mr. Blackham, who was born in Newry, County Down, Ireland, on 23rd December, 1827, had a varied career. In the late thirties he landed in Adelaide with his parents, brothers and sisters, and became articled to a solicitor, who afterwards held high positions in the State. A month or two of law satisfied him, for, receiving a box in the ears from his master one morning, he resigned, and joined his brothers on a farm they had taken up 28 miles from Adelaide.

The pioneers of those days witnessed stirring times, and Mr. Blackham had encounters with aborigines, which he often recounted in his retrospective moments. He persevered with farming for a year or two, but disaster overtook the brothers, the house and their belongings being destroyed by fire, and he turned his attention to bullock-driving between Adelaide and the Burra copper mines. In this capacity his list of adventures was considerably augmented.

His next move was a return to Adelaide, where he entered a wholesale store, and subsequently married. About this time the gold fever had broken out, and Mr. Blackham followed a crowd of diggers to Forest Creek, Chewton, but he was not amongst the lucky ones, and three months later he retraced his steps to Adelaide almost penniless. Failure and success on the Forest Creek goldfield were not far removed, for just after he went away, leaving a shaft on Montgomery Hill half worked, some Cornishman named Gundry went into the workings, and obtained about a hundredweight of gold.

In 1853, when Bendigo was fabulously rich, Mr. Blackham came here under engagement to his brother-in-law, the late Mr. E. N. Emmett, the first chairman of the Bendigo municipality, to manage his store. Though the position was worth 10 guineas a week, Mr. Blackham left it for nugget-hunting, digging at White Hills, Golden-square and Kangaroo Flat. He was singularly unsuccessful, and finally, after a hole at White Hills had caved in during his absence, he regarded the quest as hopeless, and decided to seek his fortune in other directions.

He became the overseer of the first steam puddling works in Bendigo, of which Mr. W. D. C. Denovan was the general manager, managed a claim at Monument Hill, and worked in the first brewery opened in Bendigo. In his digging days he pitched his tent on what is now the White Hills Cemetery, and he afterwards shifted to the present site of the Forest-street Methodist Church. He is also stated to have been responsible for the first slab hut built on the field.

Mr. Blackham next entered the journalistic sphere, and found employment on "The Courier of the Mines" (an early Bendigo paper), "The Bendigo Advertiser," and "The Bendigo Independent." He had an interest in the last-named paper, but though he did an enormous amount of work in connection with the journal, the venture was not profitable, the period being very dull, and he and his co-partners disposed of their interests.

In 1871, during the great mining revival, he entered the legal managerial business, and continued in it up to the time of his death, having the control of a number of important companies. He was originally located in Hargreaves-street, where the Belfast hotel now stands, but removed to the Beehive, where the office is now situated, in 1874. Six years ago he took Mr. J. T. Garvin, who had been employed by him for 10 years, into partnership with him.

The deceased gentleman always took a deep interest in fire brigade matters, and was one of the original members of the old No. 1 brigade, of which later on he was drill instructor. He also held office in the old Temperance Fire Brigade.

But it was in military affairs in which he took the greatest interest, and was most enthusiastic. He was identified with the old volunteers – the old Greys – of which he became the commanding officer. Later on he rose to the position of Major in command of the local militia forces. The only way to reach efficiency was, he claimed, to work upwards from the ranks, and he did so. He went on the reserve list in 1888, and showed his love for the uniform by regularly marching with the militia on occasions such as Hospital Sunday or any charitable or patriotic demonstration. With the late Mr. M. Collmann, he was a staunch advocate of an eight hours day for miners and engine-drivers.

He was auditor for the City Council, and Government auditor for the majority of the shires between Bendigo and Echuca until the new system came into operation. He was a member of the Bendigo Mining Board from the days of its inception until the recent alteration of its constitution. For 31 years he was a staunch teetotaler. He was a trustee of the Loyal Diadem Division Sons of Temperance, and for a great many years was prominently associated with St. Paul's Church.

He only aspired to public honors on one occasion. Then he was elected to Parliament as one of the representatives for Sandhurst, but was unable to take his seat through an irregularity. The City of Bendigo had no more staunch supporter than Mr. Blackham, and few exhibited more interest or worked harder in the Hospital Sunday movement than he did. Mrs. Blackham died some years ago, but a family of one son (Mr. F. W. H. Blackham, who is engaged in the Melbourne – Adelaide mail train), and three daughters (Mrs. Goode, Melbourne, Mrs. E. M. Harvey, Albert Park, and Miss P. M Blackham who lives at home), is left.

The funeral, which will be private, takes place this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Bendigo Cemetery MON F3

BLYTH Daniel (203)

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12, 1887
INSULTING BEHAVIOR.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 12 January 1887** p 2 Article

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT.—Shortly after twelve o'clock yesterday Mr Daniel Blyth, of Old Violet street breathed his last after a very short illness. The deceased was taken ill on Friday last and took to his bed on Sunday. Dr Atkinson was called in, but saw that the advanced age of the sufferer, 73 years, would be very much against his recovery. The cause of death was bronchitis, and breaking up of the system.



Mr Blyth came out to Australia in 1853 from Inveresk, Midlothian, Scotland. On the 7th January of that year he arrived at Adelaide, but in March he came over to Bendigo, where he has remained ever since. For the past twelve years he has done no work in consequence of his age, but prior to that period he had followed the occupation of a miner.

There are left behind a grown-up family of one son and four daughters; Mrs Blyth having died some 4½ months ago. The funeral will take place this afternoon at four o'clock, moving from Old Violet street to the Back Creek Cemetery.

Bendigo MON D2

BOOTH Thomas Crompton (273)

[THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER \(PUBLISHED DAILY.\) | PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, FRIDAY, FEB. 15. 1878. | THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 15 February 1878** p 2 Article

DEATH OF ANOTHER OLD RESIDENT. In our obituary yesterday there was notified the death of Mr. Thomas Crompton Booth, of Booth-street, Golden-square.

The deceased, who was much liked for his genial qualities, was in his eightieth year, and died from old age. He was born at Mill Bank, Sowerby, parish of Halifax, Yorkshire, England, in 1798, and emigrated to this colony with his two sons and two daughters, the latter being Mrs. Craven, of Rose-street, and Mrs. Napier, of Rochester.



The deceased, who was known among his immediate friends as "daddy," was somewhat of a politician, and took an active part at all elections for the City Council and the parliament, and many owe their election to these positions to the exertions of the old veteran who has just joined the majority.

Mr. Booth arrived at Golden square in 1854, where he with his sons engaged in mining pursuits, and when age prevented him from following this calling any longer, he returned to his trade, that of a boot and shoemaker.

The late Mr. Booth was a very old member of the Bendigo Liberal Association, and was much liked by all the members of that body. The funeral, which took place yesterday afternoon, was largely and respectably attended, the beautiful and impressive service of the Church of England, of which body the deceased was a member, being read at the grave by the Rev. Canon MacCullagh.

The deceased was buried in the Sandhurst Cemetery, and he will be long and kindly remembered by many friends.

Bendigo Cemetery MON C5

BOYD Dr James (192)

DR. JAMES BOYD. AN OLD PIONEER.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Friday 24 September 1909** p 5
Article

DR. JAMES BOYD AN OLD PIONEER.

Intimation of the death of Dr James Boyd at the residence of his son, Dr. W. R. Boyd, "Urbrae." Hoddle street, Richmond, yesterday morning, from heart failure accelerated by internal inflammation (pancreatitis) was received in Bendigo, and on all hands there were expressions of regret and sympathy with the relatives. The news, however, was not unexpected as friends had been prepared for it by the notification in yesterday's issue of his very serious illness. He was a very old, pioneer of this district.



The deceased, who was 79 years of age, was a native of Beith, Ayrshire, Scotland. He arrived in Melbourne by the clipper ship *Marco Polo* in 1852, and in that year made one of a party of four who journeyed to Bendigo in search of fortune. They made the journey on foot, and it occupied 14 days.

On reaching Bendigo, the party camped in a gully between Golden Square and Kangaroo Flat, then the scene of the very rich alluvial diggings. His gold-seeking by mining not proving satisfactory, Dr. Boyd broke off from the party, and entered into the practice of his profession, for which, he had qualified before he left Great Britain.

Several years after, he took a trip to Scotland, married, and brought his wife back with him, resuming his practice in Bendigo. This he continued up to some 17 years ago, when he retired, and came to Melbourne, residing since with his son. Dr. Boyd's wife predeceased him some 19 years ago.

Though for a time after his arrival here he carried on his profession and lived in a tent - there were no houses then in Bendigo, he soon began to gather a large practice. So large did it become that he abandoned gold digging, and in partnership with a Mr. Harris opened a chemist and druggists' and gold buyers' business at View Point, the doctor also practising his own profession with great benefit to and acceptance by the diggers and other people of the time. He vaccinated most of the present day Bendigonians of middle age, after helping many thousands of them into the world. His life was indeed as useful as it was a busy and prosperous one.

At View Point he continued until about twelve years ago, when he retired into private life. Several visits were paid to England and Scotland, after which he took up his residence in Melbourne, although his connection with Bendigo continued. For a number of years he served the ratepayers as a councillor, and with the late Sir John McIntyre was mainly instrumental in the establishment of the municipal buildings at Bath Corner, which have since proved a great source of revenue to the city.

Mining and other local interests were held by the deceased, but before leaving Bendigo he disposed of a goodly proportion of his property. He was a heavy holder of Bendigo Gas Company and of Building Society shares. Charitable institutions were the recipients of wholehearted, support from him, and for about half a century he held the position of a member of the board of management of the Benevolent Asylum.

As a justice of the peace he carried out his duties with fairness and attention, and throughout the whole of his connections with the city he set a fine example of industry and forethought for the generation following. His sons are still alive, viz., Dr. J. D. Boyd, of this city; Dr. W. R. Boyd, senior consulting physician at the Melbourne Hospital and Dr. T. Boyd. Three daughters, all unmarried, are also alive. The remains will be interred in the Bendigo cemetery after the arrival of the morning train from Melbourne today.

Bendigo MON E3

BRADLEY William (59)

DEATH OF MR. WM. BRADLEY. AN OLD BENDIGO PIONEER.

Bendigonian (Bendigo, Vic. : 1914 - 1918) **Thursday 3 February 1916** p 18 Article Illustrated

DEATH OF MR. WM. BRADLEY. AN OLD BENDIGO PIONEER.

Mr. William Bradley, a very old and highly esteemed Bendigonian, died in the Bendigo Hospital at an early hour on Tuesday at the advanced age of 93 years.

The late Mr. Bradley was born in Owens's Court, Clerkenwell, London, on 19th June, 1823, and came to Australia in 1855 in the ship "*Blanch Maori*" one of the largest sailing vessels then in existence. He made his way to Bendigo almost immediately, and followed business pursuits throughout, from which he retired about thirty years ago. Old Bendigonians will well recollect his spacious jewellery establishment in Pall Mall.



Mrs. Bradley pre-deceased her husband by about twenty-three years. Three children only survive out of a family of nine, Mrs. J. Reardon, of Bunyip, Gippsland; Mr. Wm. Bradley, of Queensland; and Mr. Horace Bradley, of Adelaide. The deceased gentleman could claim the unique distinction of having been the oldest Oddfellow in Victoria, if not in the Commonwealth, as he joined the Manchester Unity Order at the age of nineteen years. He was also a member of the Golden and Corinthian lodge of Freemasons, and the Royal Arch Lodge.

The venerable colonist's end was quite peaceful, for he passed away quietly in his sleep shortly after "the turn of the tide." He was conscious to the last and derived much comfort from the relation of the experiences of his sons who had journeyed from South Australia to receive his dying benediction, and this thought may serve to console his relatives in mourning the loss of a grand old honorable pioneer.

Bendigo MON H1



BRITT Thomas (33)

MR. THOMAS BRITT, J.P. ONE OF BENDIGO'S PIONEERS. DIES AT 81 YEARS.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Wednesday 19 April 1911** p 5 Article

MR. THOMAS BRITT, J.P.

ONE OF BENDIGO'S PIONEERS DIES AT 81 YEARS.

One of Bendigo's oldest and in many respects most interesting of pioneers Mr. Thomas Britt J.P. of Huntly, died yesterday, aged 81. He was born in London and as a young man learnt the profession of an engineer with the firm of Christy, Adams and Hill, of London. Not long after he served his apprenticeship, he received an important appointment – that of chief engineer to the Melbourne Argus. The proprietors of the newspaper had purchased machinery in London and required an engineer to superintend its transshipment and erection on arrival. Mr. Britt was engaged for this important task at the antipodes and sailed in the ship *Essex* from Blacknall early in 1853.



Previous to leaving London he was marine engineer on the Queen of Portugal's steam yacht, the *Due Du Puerto*. The vessel was seized and wrecked by the revolutionists of that day and Mr. Britt was then appointed to the *Infanta Donna Luiz*.

He remained with the Argus for rather more than a year when at last the temptation of the alluvial diggings, which were then turning out gold in abundance, proved too much for him. So he left his billet at £10 10s a week and came on to Bendigo to pick up a fortune much more rapidly. His party was a decidedly aristocratic one, for it included a nephew of Admiral Dundas, Mr. Venables, an Oxford B.A. (afterwards secretary for many years to the first Victorian Board of Education, out of which the present Education Department grew), Mr. Thomas Robinson (afterwards of Goornong and member of the Legislative Council), Mr. Gunn, a West Indian merchant. Each of the party was endowed with energy and pluck and was not without funds.

Arrived at Bendigo after paying cartage for goods at the rate of £105 per ton, they started work at the head of Long Gully, calling themselves the Great Western Company. They took up what was afterwards the Tambour Major mine. It gave them two and three ounces of gold to the ton. Mr. Britt's eyes sparkled when he told of the times when he could hardly lift the buckets containing the gold from the early surface mines of the New Chum, Happy Valley, and Windmill Hill companies, etc. At great expense the partners at the head of Long Gully (or as it is also called Specimen Hill) erected a crushing plant. They put up their own crushing and also that of many of the neighboring mines.

The whole of the money earned in the rich Western Victoria mine, except that of Mr. Britt was put into a Melbourne commercial house, in which they were interested. The business did not prosper, and ultimately the mine fell into the hands of the creditors, and the party broke up.

Mr. Britt decided to go to Epsom. When near the spot where the Wellington Hotel is now situated (near the Botanical Garden) he saw two men washing off their week's work. They filled two-pint pannikins with gold before Mr. Britt's eyes for one week's work. He accordingly began work near the old Rose, Thistle and Shamrock Hotel, and the spot afterwards became known as "Britt's Crossing." He worked there for seven years with his mining machine, erected a crushing plant and made the engine (the first constructed in Bendigo). He afterwards put up a twenty head stamper battery at Epsom, and was one of the first to use stampers in the revolving principle.

Always on the search for new places, Mr. Britt found the old Pottery Flat lead at Epsom. The claims on it were small, however, and it was not long before they were worked out. He also took an active part in endeavoring to trace the Huntly deep lead, and with a party of twelve, worked energetically with that end in view. The Party failed, however, and some money was subscribed towards the expenses of the company.

Owing to certain differences which arose, Mr. Britt withdrew his support from the claim, which, soon afterwards came to a standstill. He then purchased the claim, and after months of hard pumping managed with his men to beat back the water. He got out the wash dirt and purchased a patent puddling machine for £450. The machine was not quite up to his expectations, for he lost a good deal of gold with it.

A sixteen-head battery was then put on the claim, and was worked by him for twelve years, during which time he took out between £80,000 and £90,000 worth of gold.

Keen in his knowledge as to where gold existed, he used to buy at Epsom the tailings from many diggers after they had washed off their stuff. From time to time he collected those tailings and crushed them. Before he removed his plant, he got 1160oz from the tailings. Subsequently he worked a claim adjoining his residence at Huntly, and later still transferred his operations to Bagshot, where the deep lead was again found.

A company was formed to work the claim. On two occasions Mr. Britt left the company owing to the policy pursued by certain of the shareholders, but he was induced to return and superintend operations at the mine. On the third occasion of their differing, however, he refused to go bank. The claim was worked for about four and a half years, during which he paid, along with others, the numerous calls made on the shareholders. Eventually work was stopped at an interesting stage, and Mr Britt bought the claim and machinery at auction.

He has had it ever since, some 25 years.

Mr. Britt was married in 1854 to Miss Sarah Ann Melville and leaves a son, Mr. James Britt who has for many years been employed in the railway workshops at Newport and at Bendigo, a daughter, Miss Annie Isabella Britt, who has resided with her father all her life.

Mrs. Britt died many years ago, as also did one of her daughters. The deceased was a member of the original road board out of which the present Shire Council of Huntly was formed when the Local Government Act of 1864 was passed.

For six years he was also a member of the Shire Council, and was a justice of the peace for over 45 years. He was an honorable conscientious man in all his dealings, and though often *sharly* engaged in controversial matters municipal and mining – his sincerity and good faith were never doubted. His name was a household word in the Huntly district, and he will be long remembered as one of the pilgrim fathers of the Bendigo gold fields. The funeral will leave the residence at Huntly on Thursday at 3 o'clock for the White Hills Cemetery.

Bendigo MON A1

BENDIGO AND DISTRICT.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Wednesday 27 September 1911** p 14
Article

The Sandhurst and Northern District trustees, Executors, and Agency Company Limited, of View-street, Bendigo, has obtained grant of probate to the will of Thomas Britt, late of Huntley, engineer, deceased. The estate consists of real and personal property, which is valued at £2,136.
The whole of the estate is left to his daughter.

BROADFOOT Alexander Airth (244)

Family Notices

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Thursday 29 January 1880** p 1 Family Notices

BROADFOOT. On the 11th inst., at Talbot, suddenly, Alexander A. Broadfoot, formerly of Leith, Scotland, aged 63 years. An old colonist of 1839.



COUNTRY NEWS. [BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.] (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.) ARARAT, MONDAY.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Tuesday 13 January 1880** p 6 Article

TALBOT, MONDAY.

Mr Alexander Broadfoot, a clerk in the office of Mr James Syme Stewart, of Talbot, died very suddenly yesterday. The deceased had been complaining of feeling unwell for about a fortnight, but attended to his duties as usual, and gave no indication of approaching death. He was about his house and garden during the morning, and partook of dinner as usual, but soon after was taken ill, and in spite of medical treatment was dead in less than two hours.

BROADFOOT Andrew

Historic Rates Index

A Broadfoot listed 1857 – 1863 as a rate payer

1864 Andrew Broadfoot listed as Manager Bendigo Water Works & Company
Golden Point Engine House Office and Plant

<https://www.houseofnames.com/broadfoot-family-crest>

Broadfoot Settlers in [Australia](#) in the 19th Century

Alexander Broadfoot, who arrived in Adelaide, [Australia](#) aboard the ship "Lady Lilford" in 1839

THE BENDIGO WATERWORKS

The Star (Ballarat, Vic. : 1855 - 1864) **Friday 15 November 1861** p 3 Article

Advertising

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 25 October 1862** p 1 Advertising

BENDIGO WATER WORKS COMPANY.

A STAND PIPE has been erected at the Fire Lions Hotel, Barnard-street, where the Company's Water is supplied at the rate of 1s per load of 108 gallons.

ALEX. A. BROADFOOT,

Resident Superintendent. Golden Square, 24th October,

BROCKLEBANK Thomas (383)

Died on board ship between Melbourne and London.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. ADELAIDE, 28th August.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 29 August 1873** p 2 Article

Death of an Old Bendigonian. It is with great regret we learn by the mail that one of the earliest residents of Sandhurst died on his passage to England in June last. Every old Bendigonian will participate in our regret, when we mention that the deceased gentleman was Mr. Thomas Brocklebank, so long and favorably known as an auctioneer in Market-square.



Mr. Brocklebank left Melbourne with Mrs. Brocklebank in the beginning of May, in the *Thomas Stephens* for London, and died when the vessel had been out about five weeks. His health, as his friends are aware, had been failing for a long time, and he had reached the ripe age of sixty-eight. He will be remembered as a kindly, genial-hearted gentleman, and one of whom, in all his actions and in his whole character, the brotherhood of Old Bendigonians might well feel proud.

Mr. Brocklebank was the father of Mrs. D. Macdougall, wife of our present mayor.

Family Notices

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 9 September 1873** p 1 Family Notices

DEATHS.

On the 8th June, on board the *Thomas Stephens*, on the voyage from Melbourne to London, Mr. Thomas Brocklebank, late of this city, aged 68 years.

MELBOURNE. (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) Tuesday, 23rd September.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 24 September 1873** p 2 Article

Tuesday, 23rd September

Mrs. Brocklebank, the relict of your late townsman, Mr. Thomas Brocklebank, is, I find, a passenger by the *Somersetshire*, which arrived to-day.

SANDHURST COMMERCIAL. Advertiser Office, Wednesday Evening.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Thursday 14 January 1858 p 2 Article

Advertiser .Office, Wednesday Evening.

Mr. Thomas Brocklebank withdrew his advertised sale of the Tally-Ho Coaches, &c., at Epsom, on Monday last, and announced that he would submit them to public competition at Roper's Tavern, on Friday next, 15th inst., after an advertised mob of 40 colts, Sec.

SANDHURST COMMERCIAL. Advertiser Office, Wednesday Evening.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Thursday 4 February 1858 p 2 Article

Mr. Thomas Brocklebank sold by auction today a corner allotment of land in Violet-street.

LIABILITIES OF MINING SHAREHOLDERS.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 20 April 1880 p 2 Article

Departure of an Old Resident. Amongst the old Bendigonians of all, may be reckoned Mrs. Macdougall (nee Mary Anne Mills Brocklebank), widow of the late lamented Mr. Dugald Macdougall (Mayor 1871 – 1873) She came to this district quite a little child, with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brocklebank, with the first of those attracted by the discovery of gold here.

She has grown up with the community, has been married, became the mother of three children, and, having buried her husband, has been left in poor circumstances. Having turned her attention to some means of earning a livelihood for herself and her children, she commenced only so lately as January last to study the art of telegraphy, and so well has she succeeded, that she has qualified herself already for the position of telegraph operator.

She has been appointed to the offices of postmistress and telegraph operator at Murtoa, near Horsham, not at Kerang, as was stated some time since, at a salary of £70 a year. She enters upon her new duties on the 1st May next. Whilst alluding to her departure, we may mention that, in order to gratify her very natural wish that the grave of her husband should not be left unmarked, Mr. Grattan and some other gentlemen are interesting themselves in collecting a sufficient amount of money to purchase a tombstone, and we have been requested to state that subscriptions for the purpose will be received by him and Mr. Hoffmeyer.

Bendigo MON B2

BROCKLEY John (451)

DEATH OF MR. JOHN BROCKLEY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 10 November 1891** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. JOHN BROCKLEY.

Another old Bendigonian has gone to his rest in the person of Mr. John Brockley, printer and stationer, of Mitchell street. The sad event took place at a quarter past four o'clock yesterday afternoon. His end was not altogether unexpected, as the deceased gentleman had been ailing for some time past, and latterly his system exhibited signs of breaking up under the weight of years. He was able, however, to get about up to three weeks ago, when he became so weak that he was compelled to take to his bed, which, we are sorry to say, he was destined never to leave again alive. All that medical skill could suggest was of no avail, and becoming weaker every day, it was evident days ago that his end was fast approaching.



Indeed, the patient himself recognised that he could not last out much longer.

Mr. John Robshaw, one of his dearest and most intimate friends, who had known him for upwards of a quarter of a century, called to see the deceased a few days ago, and remarked in a familiar way: "John, we haven't had a good row yet." Mr. Brockley feebly replied "No, we never had a row yet, and it's too late to start now." He passed away peacefully at his private residence in Mitchell-street, at the ripe age of 74 years, the cause of death being a general break up of the system.

The deceased gentleman was born in Yorkshire, England, on the 8th December, 1817. When a boy he was apprenticed to a Mr. Clay, of Liverpool, to learn the trade of a printer. He served his time, and remained for a period of twenty years in Mr. Clay's employ. He left the old country for Australia in the ship *Scottish Chief* with Mr. D. McKellar, now a warder at the Bendigo Gaol, and arrived in Victoria in the early fifties. Mr. Brockley soon made his way to this goldfield, where he was joined in 1855 by Mrs. Brockley (Sarah Ann) and his two sons and three daughters, who sailed for these shores subsequently.

When Mr. Brockley came to Bendigo, Mr. Maurice Moran was then the proprietor of a printing establishment in Pall Mall, and Mr. Brockley received employment from him. He remained in Mr. Moran's employ for some years, and in 1865 he started business on his own account in Bridge street, establishing the Albion printing office. Many years ago he transferred his place of business to Williamson street, where he added to his printing office the business of a bookseller and stationer. He continued to carry on the shop until recent years, when he removed to new premises at the corner of Mitchell and Queen streets, and here he remained, following the business of a bookseller and stationer and printer up to the time of his death.

The deceased was an upright, honorable man, and highly respected. He was of a somewhat retiring, though genial disposition, and had many warm friends, all of whom will hear of his death with sorrow. Mr. Brockley never took any prominent public position, but always evinced great interest in any movement having for its object the advancement of the city. He was a co-trustee of the hon R. Burrowes and others of the Court Queen of the Forest's Widow and Orphan Fund, and was also a member of the Zenith Lodge of Freemasons and the Heart of Friendship Lodge, M.U.I.O O.F.

A widow, three sons, and three daughters, all of whom are grown up, are left to mourn the loss of a kind husband, a good father, and a sterling citizen.

The funeral takes place to-morrow afternoon to the Back Creek Cemetery. MON B1

BROWN George (419)

PARENTAL INTERFERENCE.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 25 June 1881** p 2 Article

NEW INSOLVENT. George Brown, of Sandhurst, 'keeper' of Rosalind Park. Liabilities, £103.9s; assets, £10; deficiency, £93.9s. Causes of insolvency – Adverse judgment in the County Court, Sandhurst, and sickness of self and family. Attorney, Mr. Rymer; assignee, Mr. Hasker. Meeting under section 53rd, Wednesday, 6th July, 1881, at 11.30 a.m.



THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, MONDAY, JULY 11, 1881. THE NEW MINISTRY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 11 July 1881** p 2 Article

THE DEATH OF MR. G. BROWN. Slowly but surely are the old faces departing from amongst us. Mr. George Brown, to whose decease we alluded on Saturday, was one of the early pioneers of Bendigo. Although he never occupied any position of prominence in this city, his face was familiar to very many people. Before coming to Sandhurst he served in the New Zealand war in 1846, and for his services as a volunteer he was presented with a silver medal in 1871 which he wore regularly. He was appointed caretaker of the Reserve in 1862, the old powder magazine on the hill being formed into a lodge for his accommodation. The deceased leaves a widow and six children. Three of the latter are married. The funeral took place yesterday. Bendigo Cemetery MON B3

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, MONDAY, JULY 25, 1881 THE LORD MAYOR'S BANQUET.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 25 July 1881** p 2 Article

AN UNFORTUNATE CASE. By the death of Mr George Brown, the late keeper of the Reserve, his widow (Hannah) has been left in very embarrassed circumstances. His pay having been stopped last week by the council, the men employed under Mr. Gadd, together with Mr. T. Considine and men employed under him, made a subscription for the relief of Mrs. Brown and her children, amounting to about £3, and she is desirous of expressing her warm gratitude to the subscribers for their thoughtful kindness. It is unfortunate that she should have been left unprovided for, and we would suggest that something should be done to help her along.

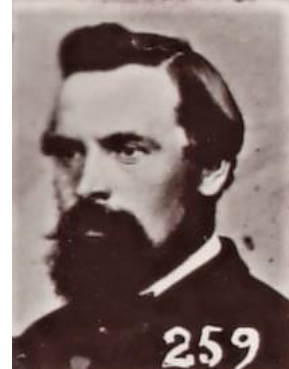
Her husband was one of the oldest residents of Sandhurst, and was very generally respected. Mrs. Brown, who has been left with a family of young children, is, we are sorry to learn, subject to fits of a severe nature, which prevent her from making any active exertions for a livelihood

BROWN James Creese (259)

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 21 May 1907** p 8 Article

A very early Bendigonian in the person of Mr. James C. Brown died yesterday at the residence of his daughter-in-law in Hopper-street. The late Mr. Brown, who was a native of St. John's, Newfoundland, was 83 years of age. After a brief experience in the California gold diggings, he came on to Australia, arriving in Bendigo in 1852. For some years he was teaming on the roads, and subsequently concentrated his attention on gold mining in this district.



He joined the Water Supply department in the seventies, holding various posts in connection with the Coliban scheme, but retired from the service in 1881. He then went to Tasmania, and for some time managed the Mount Cameron tin mine. He was also associated with several tin and gold mining enterprises in that State, and at intervals paid visits to this city.

When he returned to Bendigo in March last, however, it was recognised that he was far from well, and he was since more or less confined to the house.

Mr. Brown's only son (James), who is a surveyor, is at present in West Australia, and his grandson (James) is a teacher at St. Andrew's College, and a well-known and popular young athlete.

The funeral is timed to leave Hopper-street at 3.30 p.m. this day.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D2

BROWN William Stone (144)

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM BROWN.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 19 March 1912** p 7 Article

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM BROWN.

The sad and unexpected news was received in Bendigo yesterday that Mr. William Stone Brown, who for many years was a partner of the well-known firm of solicitors of Brown and Ellison, of this city, had died suddenly in Melbourne yesterday morning at the age of 79.



Mr. Brown was born in Bristol, England, and came to Australia in 1851, as second mate on board a sailing ship. The gold fever was at its height shortly after his arrival, and the young sailor left the seafaring life and joined the rush to Bendigo, when he followed gold mining at Golden Gully and other parts of this district with such old identities as Messrs. McIntyre, Reardon, and others.

Becoming dissatisfied with the precarious results obtained, he gave up prospecting and devoted his attention to studying law by becoming articled to Mr. James McPherson Grant, who was one of the first members of Parliament for this district, and afterwards a Minister in several Governments in Victoria. Having eventually passed his examinations, Mr. Brown became a solicitor, and went into partnership with Mr. G. J. Pitman, at the Beehive Chambers.

When his partner decided to retire and went to Melbourne, Mr. Brown carried on business on his own account at the Beehive, and remained there till he was burnt out in the memorable fire in August, 1871. He then opened his successful enterprise in Albion Chambers, View-street, and some time afterwards took his chief clerk, Mr. John Ellison, into partnership, and inaugurated the most flourishing firm of solicitors of that period in Bendigo. The firm carried on its profession for many years until both partners decided to leave this city for Melbourne. Mr. Brown left in May, 1886, and was tendered a banquet by a very representative gathering of citizens, several of whom spoke in most flattering terms of Mr. Brown's ability in his profession and his public services, especially in connection with the churches of the district and the various musical societies.

Messrs. Brown and Ellison dissolved partnership, and their business in Bendigo was afterwards carried on by Kennedy and Hobday, and later on by Kennedy and Woodward. For some time Mr. Brown conducted business on his own account in Melbourne, but ultimately went into partnership with Mr. J. G. Duffett, in Collins-street. After a time Mr. Samuel McCulloch was admitted as a member of the firm, which operated under the firm name of Messrs. Duffet, Brown and McCullough. Subsequently Mr. Brown retired from the firm and opened business on his own account, with consistent success, and conducted it till his death.

As a lawyer the late Mr. Brown was an emphatic success. He enjoyed a very extensive practice in Bendigo, and as an advocate in the local courts his services were in constant demand. Privately he was highly esteemed as a good citizen, ever willing to support deserving charities. He was always closely associated with church work, and was largely responsible for the purchase of the fine organ at St. Paul's Church, Bendigo.

Music was his favorite hobby, and he was prominently identified with every musical society established in Bendigo, the last being the Liedertafel. He possessed an excellent tenor voice, and for many years took part in the choral singing of St. Paul's Church. The late Mr. Brown was twice married, and ten children survive to mourn their loss.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Tuesday 19 March 1912** p 4 Article

The melancholy news was received by telephone yesterday by his relatives in Bendigo of the death of Mr. William Brown, the veteran solicitor. He died early yesterday morning, at his residence in Melbourne. Though 79 years of age, he was in excellent health until recently, hence the news came most unexpectedly. Mr. Brown was one of the earliest of the Bendigo solicitors – a contemporary of the late Messrs. Martley. Helm, Wrixon, Mottoram. Rymer and others.

For several years he was in partnership at the Albion Chambers, with the late Mr. John Ellison, but about 25 years ago removed to Melbourne, and the firm there was known as Brown and McCulloch. He possessed a fine resonant voice, and frequently sang in church choirs and concerts. His voice was a good one, even into his latest years.

BANQUET TO MR. W. BROWN.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 7 May 1886** p 3 Article

BANQUET TO MR W BROWN.

Last evening Mr William Brown was entertained at a farewell banquet at the Shamrock Hotel. There were nearly 100 persons present. The Mayor occupied the chair, having on his right the guest of the evening, and on his left Mr John Ellison and the hon. R. Burrowes, M.L.A. The vice-chairs were occupied by Dr. Quick, Cr. Joseph and Mr M. Moran. The repast was of an excellent character, the arrangements reflecting much credit upon Mr Wilkins, the proprietor of the hotel, whose efforts on similar occasion have always given the utmost satisfaction The Mayor then rose to propose the toast of the evening, "the health of Mr William Brown." He said it must be very gratifying to that gentleman on his departure from Sandhurst to find such a large and representative gathering of citizens to do him honor.

Mr Brown had been so long identified with Bendigo, that his absence would be much felt in many ways, and particularly in musical societies, and the churches with which Mr Brown had been connected. (Applause).

The success which had attended the Liedertafel would show the advantage which his occupation of the position of president had been to that society. (Hear, hear.) He called upon the company to drink the health of the guest, Mr William Brown. The toast was honored with great enthusiasm, and the chorus "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Mr W. Bruce said he had known Mr Brown for upwards of 30 years. The district would suffer a great loss in his departure, for in addition to his services as a public man, he had proved himself a liberal and considerate friend of the poor. (Hear, hear.)

Mr J. Cohn said he remembered the incident which had been referred to in that morning's Advertiser, when Mr Brown had come upon the platform to move a vote of confidence in Mr James Macpherson Grant. The people of Sandhurst would lose a very sincere friend in Mr Brown, and he felt that he would be expressing the feelings of the entire company when he asked Mr Brown to convey to Mrs Brown their sincere regard for her, and regret at her leaving Sandhurst. (Applause.)

Mr J. Calvert then, amidst applause, presented Mr Brown with a golden lyre, the emblem of the Liedertafel, and the highest gift it was in the power of the society to bestow. (Applause.)

Mr W. Brown was received with loud applause on rising to respond. He said it would be idle for him to talk about being at a loss for words to express himself in acknowledgment of their kindness, for though he felt their kindness very much, he was only the more anxious to express his feelings of thankfulness to them. He could not help being struck, on looking round the room, with the presence of so many whom he had known as boys now grown into manhood, and with being reminded of many old faces which had departed from amongst them.

At the time that the Old Bendigonians' Society was formed, and the collection of their portraits was made, there were 109 photos in the frame, and on looking through the list a few days since, he had noticed that between forty and fifty of those represented in it had since passed away. Under the circumstances he thought that he had great reason to be thankful that he was among those who still remained, and that he was in such robust health. (Applause.)

He had arrived on Bendigo when nineteen years of age. He would not refer to the vicissitudes through which he had passed in those early days, when the only way they possessed of measuring time was by the rising and setting of the sun. When he recollected the old Miners' Protection Association and the work they had put through, he felt they must have possessed exceptional health and vigor. Very early in life he had made the acquaintance of one of the best and noblest men that ever trod Victorian soil, – James McPherson Grant – (applause) – whose great desire was to settle the people on the lands of the colony. (Applause.)

Though no doubt great mistakes were made in those days, he thought many people in future generations would revere the memory of Mr Grant as the first person to place the people on the lands of the colony. (Applause.)

He was articled to Mr Grant, and he believed that he had been enabled in after years to exercise the principles imbibed from him to the advantage and satisfaction of his clients. He had endeavored to do so, and his rule in life had been to concentrate all his energy to the service of his client and nothing else. (Applause)

His connection with the churches of the district had been referred to – a connection which had followed from his attachment to the art of music. He had taken an interest in the musical services of several of the churches

..... He hoped his friends on old Bendigo would go on and prosper. Whenever the day came, and come it must, that he must be laid to rest in his grave, it should be his desire that that grave should be in the valley Bendigo. (Applause)

Buried St Kilda Cemetery Baptist Section

BRUCE Andrew (201)

Married to Margaret. Child born in Bendigo 8/3/1860, died 10/3/1860.

Family Notices

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Saturday 10 March 1860 p 2 Family Notices

BIRTH.

On the 8th inst., at the Metropolitan Quartz Works,
Mrs Bruce, of a son.

Family Notices

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 13 March 1860 p 2 Family Notices



DIED.

On the 10th inst., at the Metropolitan Quartz Works, the infant son of Andrew and Margaret Bruce.

Connection to Metropolitan Quartz Co.

Went to the Otago NZ goldfield in 1861 on the "Alma" aged 31.

Despite extensive research, no conclusive evidence could be found about what happened to them after 1861.

Historic Rates Index

Andrew Bruce listed in 1859 and 1860 living in Kangaroo Flat (brick House)

A. Bruce listed in cricket teams late 1850s – early 1860s.

MINING INTELLIGENCE. (FROM OUR MINING REPORTER.) Tuesday, 19th February, 1856.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Thursday 21 February 1856 p 2 Article

The Metropolitan Quartz Works are now in regular work, and give satisfaction. Mr. Bruce is about to make the addition of shaking-tables. The machinery is very superior, and is found to work well.

MINING INTELLIGENCE. (FROM OUR MINING REPORTER.) | Wednesday, 6th March, 1856.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 8 March 1856** p 2 Article

Messrs. Bruce and Co., of the Metropolitan Steam Crushing Works are attaching a pump to their engine by which they hope to be able to bale it, and at the same time supply their engine with a constant run of fresh water. This machine is gaining favor with the public, and when Mr. Bruce gets the second pair of wheels at work, (during the next week), he will have as much work as he can possibly get through. The crushing is well done and attended to, and I am told that the amalgamating is equal to that of any machine in the district.

Advertising

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 1 February 1861** p 4 Advertising

SATURDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY.

In the Court of Mines for the Mining District of Sandhurst.

Morrison and Another v Wills.

NOTICE is hereby given, that pursuant to a Decree made by the Judge of the Court of Mines for the above district, I will Sell the claim known as the Metropolitan Quartz Mining Company, situated on the Sheepshead Reef, Golden Gully, comprising 100 yards, and with two (2) shafts with whim in good working order.

This valuable claim presents a favorable opportunity for capitalists, as the sole reason of dissolution of partnership has been a want of unanimity between the partners, which has led to the present sale.

The quartz has been of an average quality throughout the reef, which is of great thickness.

Further particulars may be had from the auctioneer.

Sale on the ground, perfectly unreserved, on Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 1861, at 12 o'clock.

C. A. CAMPBELL,

Bailiff of the Court of Mines, Sandhurst.

Sale adjourned 15 February

Cornish and Bruce Castlemaine

BRUCE William (156)

[THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER \(PUBLISHED DAILY\) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. BENDIGO, TUESDAY, FEB. 7, 1893. THE FRUIT INDUSTRY.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 7 February 1893** p 2 Article

DEATH OF ANOTHER OLD BENDIGONIAN. — In our obituary column yesterday appeared the announcement of the death of Mr. William Bruce, who came to Bendigo as early as 1856, to join his brothers, and sisters, who preceded him from Scotland. Mr. Bruce was a millwright by profession, and worked at his trade for some time after his arrival. He then engaged in mining pursuits, was one of the original shareholders in the Garden Gully United Company with the late Mr. Joseph Hunter and others.



Mr. Bruce was of a retiring disposition, and greatly respected by all who knew him. He was the second son of Mr. David Bruce, of Dunmore, Stirlingshire, Scotland. He was unmarried, but leaves three married sisters behind him in the colony. He had been ailing for some time, and recently proceeded to Melbourne with a view of recruiting his health.

He returned to Bendigo on Saturday afternoon very ill, and on his arrival at his sister's, Mrs. Thomas Patterson, Mackenzie-street, he became worse and died within half-an-hour. Dr. Hinchcliff was his medical attendant. His father died at the age of 61, his brother Andrew died in Scotland at the same age, and the deceased himself was 64.

The funeral took place yesterday and was largely attended, the chief mourners being his brothers-in-law, Messrs. Watson and Patterson and his nephews, Messrs. Rogerson, Watson and Patterson. A number of old friends attended to show their respect. The service was conducted both at the house and grave by the Rev. A. S. C. James, and the funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. Farmer.

Kangaroo Flat Cemetery Presbyterian Section

BRUCE William (448)

DEATH OF MR. WM. BRUCE. A BENDIGONIAN FOR 64 YEARS.

Bendigonian (Bendigo, Vic. : 1914 - 1918) **Thursday 15 June 1916** p 25 Article Illustrated

DEATH OF MR. WM. BRUCE. A BENDIGONIAN FOR 64 YEARS.

The death of Mr. William Bruce will be learned with much regret. It will be remembered that he was seriously ill last year, but recovered, and was able to visit his married daughter in Melbourne. Since his return he has resided with his eldest son, Mr. R. W. Bruce, in Bayne-street. Though naturally considerably enfeebled as a result of his illness and advanced years, his condition was not such as to give rise to immediate anxiety, and it was only a short time before his death, which occurred very peaceably at 25 minutes to 2 a.m. on Monday, that any alarm was felt.



Mr. Bruce was one of the few Bendigonians remaining who could claim to have been in Bendigo as early as 1852, and he was very widely known and respected. Up to the time of his illness last year he was a prominent figure in the business life of the city, and his geniality and kindly disposition won for him the kindly regard of both old and young.

Mr. Bruce came from the Shetland Islands, where he was born on 23rd March 1834. The earliest years of his life were spent there, but when he was old enough, he was sent to Wesley College, Sheffield. At that institution he received his education. Subsequently he assisted in a book-seller's shop at Edinburgh, but it was not for long. Attracted by the bright and promising reports of Australia's richness he decided to come to this new land. He sailed in the ship *Hurricane* from Greenock, and landed at the port of Melbourne in 1852.

Messrs. Willes and Merries, of the Black Ball line of sailing vessels, appointed him an agent in Melbourne but the more and more sensational discoveries of gold held out stronger attractions for him, and in two months' time he relinquished the agency to go to the Ballarat goldfields with a party of others, but in a few days he journeyed to Forest Creek. One of his companions was the late Mr. George Reade. The two of them, although new at the work, secured good returns.

After a while they came to Bendigo, and opened a general store under the style of Reade and Bruce. Then followed a period of storekeeping at different goldfields – first at Irishtown, after which they opened at Sydney Flat, Belzebub Gully, Ironstone Hill, and Eaglehawk Flat. While at the last-named locality the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Reade leaving the firm to become a commercial traveller, and Mr. Bruce continuing the store alone.

Very soon, however, he launched, a ginger beer manufactory at Eaglehawk, and some years later he bought a part interest in the pioneer brewery of Elliott and Fawns, Golden-square, Mr. Elliott retiring and the business being continued under the denomination of Fawns and Bruce. At the same time, Mr. Bruce conducted his aerated water business at Eaglehawk, and also a wine and spirit business.

At the expiration of four years the partnership with Mr. Fawns was dissolved, and Mr. Bruce in 1873 established a brewery in Bridge-street which for many years was one of the foremost in the district. He combined his aerated water business with the brewery, and was a noted prize-taker.

Almost from the inauguration of deep sinking in mines in Bendigo Mr. Bruce invested capital in mining companies. He held shares in nearly every mine in the district, and was on the directorate of a large number of them. Some years ago Mr. Bruce was a member of the Benevolent Asylum committee, but entered little into public affairs. He was one of those gentlemen who rendered sterling assistance to the Bendigo Agricultural and Horticultural Society in its first troublous days, and was a member of the committee for a long period. He was a Freemason.

Mr. Bruce was married at Bendigo in 1856 (BDM 1859) to Miss Mackay (Christianna), of Tasmania, the Rev. Mr. Butler (Wesleyan) conducting the ceremony. Mrs. Bruce died several years ago (1902). There are four children surviving – three sons and a daughter. The sons are Messrs. Robert William Bruce, the well-known cricketer and crack rifle shot; W. A. Bruce (William Arthur), and G. A. Bruce. The daughter, who is married, resides in Melbourne.

Mr. Bruce was one of the founders of the Bendigo United Cricket Club in the year 1861, and for several seasons was its foremost batsman. He had learned to play cricket in England, and on returning to Scotland took part in a match against an All England eleven. He continued to take an active part in the matches of the B.U.C.C. until the season 1877-8, when he retired from the game. His interest in cricket never abated, however, and he was a familiar figure at cricket matches until comparatively recently. He had a unique record in connection with the club. He was elected president in 1872, and, with the exception of one season, was president ever since, having been elected for the last time in September, 1915. He was thus 43 years president.

At the morning session of the Bendigo Stock Exchange on Monday, the chairman (Mr. J. Wills), referring to the death of Mr. Bruce, said the district had lost another pioneer who had been prominent in its mining and commercial life.

Mr. Bruce's connection with the industry covered a lengthy period, and throughout his life he was honored and esteemed by all sections of the community. It was decided to forward a letter of condolence to the bereaved family.

Buried Eaglehawk MON A2

BUCHAN David (25)

Died on board a ship.

[THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER \(PUBLISHED DAILY.\) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. | SANDHURST, FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 1883. A RUSSIAN.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 10 February 1882** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. DAVID BUCHAN. The death of still another old Bendigonian has to be reported, in the person of Mr. David Buchan. The deceased gentleman, accompanied by his wife (Sarah nee Walker), sailed for England by the *Sobraon* on Saturday last. He died a few miles outside the Heads on Monday, and was to be buried at sea the following day. The sad news was brought in a letter from a friend on board by the pilot, who left soon after his death.



The deceased gentleman has been troubled for some time with dyspepsia, which debilitated him considerably, but it was hoped that the long sea voyage would restore him. It is supposed that, being in a very low condition, he was seized with a severe attack of sea sickness, which carried him off. Mrs. Buchan has been compelled to proceed to the Cape, where she will probably land and return by the first vessel.

Mr. Buchan was born at Bannockburn in 1817, and was consequently 65 years of age at the time of his death. He came to Victoria in 1853, after having been for some time in the County of Stirling, in Scotland. On his arrival in this colony he settled at Emerald Hill, and then at Ballarat, where he remained for a few months, coming to Sandhurst in 1854.

He was employed for some time by Mr. Gripe, a timber merchant, who carried on business about the site of the Metropolitan Hotel, and also at a branch business at the corner of Forest and Rowan streets. Subsequently in 1860, Mr. Buchan was secretary for the Bendigo and Back Creek Mining Company.

After this he relieved Dr. Roche as registrar for Bendigo, having been appointed to that position by the Heales' Government. He occupied that position till about six months ago, when owing to ill health the duties of registrar were transferred to his daughter.

Mr. Buchan was one of the original members of the committee of the Temperance Society, the only members of which now living are Messrs. Frazer, Young, Quin and Saunders. The Star of Bendigo, I.O.R., was established in 1861, and Mr. Buchan joined it shortly afterwards. In 1864 he was appointed secretary of the society, and he has held this position for seventeen years, and only resigned it at the last quarterly meeting in December last. He took an active interest in the order, of which he was a P.D.C.R., and his name has been intimately associated with every movement on behalf of temperance initiated in the district. He was greatly respected by all his friends, by whom his loss will be deeply felt.

BUDDEN William Wesley (264)

DEATH OF A PIONEER RESIDENT.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 7 August 1899** p 2 Article

DEATH OF A PIONEER RESIDENT.

On Saturday morning Mr. William Budden, the well-known coffee merchant, whose business premises are situated in Williamson-street, met his death with painful suddenness at his private residence, Barnard-street. Some four months ago Mr. Budden was attacked by a serious illness, which at his old age, tended greatly to shatter his constitution. As a result he had been in indifferent health ever since, heart weakness manifesting itself. However, he attended to his business, and was preparing to go to his office on Saturday morning about nine o'clock when he was seized very suddenly with an illness, which his family at once discerned was dangerous. Dr. Atkinson, his medical adviser, was sent for, but so rapidly did death take place that Mr. Budden had breathed his last when Dr. Atkinson arrived, about 20 minutes after the seizure.



The late Mr. Budden was born at Wimborne, Dorsetshire, England, and was 70 years of age at the time of his death. It is just about 48 years since he landed in Victoria. He proceeded to Castlemaine, where he was married, and remained there for some years. On leaving Castlemaine he came to Bendigo, about the year 1862, and settled down in business. For the lengthy period of 37 years he continued to reside here, and during that time saw many remarkable changes.

He associated himself very prominently with the Wesleyan Church, Forest-street, and his connection with it has been a valuable one. He was its oldest trustee, as well as the trustees' secretary, when death claimed him. He was also a trustee of the White Hills Cemetery, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge. For some years he has taken an active part in connection with the Order, but in the early days, in association with Messrs. Henderson, Vahland and others, the part he played was a useful one.

He leaves a widow (nee Anne Waterhouse) and family of two sons and three daughters, for whom expressions of sympathy have been numerous. The deceased gentleman was looked upon as a citizen of great integrity.

The funeral will take place this afternoon. Starting from the deceased gentleman's late residence (Barnard Street) at two o'clock, a stay will be made at the Wesleyan Church, where a service will be held. The cortege will then proceed to the Bendigo cemetery.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D5.

BUICK James (10)

AN EARLY PIONEER. MR. JAMES BUICK.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Wednesday 9 November 1910** p 3
Article

AN EARLY PIONEER. MR. JAMES BUICK.

Intimation of the death of one of the early Bendigonians, Mr. James Buick, was received in Bendigo yesterday. Though it is a good many years since he left Bendigo there are still many here who were well acquainted with him and will be sorry to learn of his death. His interest in Bendigo is best exemplified by the fact that he was up to the time of his death the owner of the extensive buildings occupied by Messrs. Henderson and Goodisson's Beehive drapery establishment and Mr. H. Burridge's Beehive Cafe.



Though he resided in Bendigo for a great many years he was not as well-known as many others whose commercial and property interests were much smaller than his, for while his local investments were to some extent, he operated quietly and unassumingly until eventually he amassed a good share of wealth.

He was a native of Scotland, and 86 years of age. When a lad he was initiated into the drapery business, so when in 1848 he had mastered the main details of the business he set out for Australia, making Melbourne his first landing place. A few weeks later he left for Adelaide, and there started business as an importing draper. His success in this venture was not small, but, like many others, became fired with the attractions of the new gold diggings in Victoria in the early fifties.

Fryer's Creek, a locality at which many future Bendigonians made their first essay at gold digging, was Mr. Buick's destination. But fortune did not smile too kindly during the few weeks that he worked there with pick and shovel. He shifted to Forest Creek in 1851, and while there the news spread that gold in great quantities was being picked up at Bendigo. He was not slow in joining in the rush to Bendigo. With three other gold seekers, pitching their tent at a point near where Harkness's foundry was afterwards erected.

"New Chum Gully" was called after them, the three young men being so evidently from the old country. Taking their chances they started work near by, and got splendid wash dirt. After digging for 12 months they returned to Melbourne and disposed of £12,000 worth of gold. Highly successful though he was as a gold-digger, Mr. Buick decided to return to his original avocation. He first became a partner in the firm of Langlands, Buick and Co., drapery importers, of Melbourne. So large was the business that Mr. Buick spent three years in Europe buying goods for the firm. The original owner later retired from the partnership to enter into the afterwards well-known Langlands foundry business, and two other partners, Messrs. L. L. Christie and Andrew Lyell, joined Mr. Buick and carried on the business until 1870.

Messrs. Buick and Lyell then sold out their share and Mr. Buick came to Bendigo, where, on his and Mr. Lyell's account, he took over Francis' Bros. establishment, long before that and since famous throughout Victoria as "The Beehive."

James Buick and Co. was the firm name, and as their connections expanded so did the proprietors' enterprise. Not only did they carry on the drapery business, but portions of the buildings were let to share-brokers, legal managers, and others. It was in August, 1871, that the whole of this great establishment was destroyed by fire; by far the largest fire that ever occurred in Bendigo. Undismayed, Messrs. Buick and Co. lost no time in rebuilding the present fine and extensive premises, including the cafe and drapery business, being erected at a cost of £19,000.

The popularity and expansion of the firm's business continued without interruption. In 1885 Messrs. Buick and Lyell retired from the business, Messrs. Henderson and Goodisson purchasing their interests. The ownership of the premises was, however, retained, and eventually, on Mr. Lyell's death, became the sole property of Mr. Buick, who lived quietly at his sumptuous home, "The Grove," at Big Hill. He owned a considerable amount of other property in the Bendigo district, but apart from occupying a seat on the committee of management of the Benevolent Asylum, he never took any prominent part in public movements.

After several years' private residence at Big Hill he left for the metropolis, and afterwards took up his residence at Lorne, where he lived for some time. During the winter months he invariably sojourned in warmer climes, Bendigo naturally being one of his favorite resorts. The deceased was married in the early days. (Eliza Macklin) Two of his sons are professional men, James being a medical practitioner, John an architect, and Alexander engaged in business. The remains are to be brought to Bendigo for interment, the funeral leaving the railway station for the Bendigo Cemetery on the arrival of the afternoon train from Melbourne tomorrow.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D2

BUNCE William (415)

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 27 April 1901** p 4 Article

A LONELY DEATH.

Yesterday morning Mr. Richard Blennerhassett, fruiterer, of Pall Mall, came into the city, called at the watchhouse and informed Constable Britt, who was in charge, that he had found the dead body of an old man named William Bunce lying on the floor of his tenement, McIvor road.



An investigation into the surroundings revealed the fact that the old man had died a lonely death. It appears that deceased, who was a friend of Mr. Blennerhassett's, had not been in good health lately, and as the latter had not seen him about for some time he decided to go to deceased's home, where he lived alone, in order to ascertain how he was getting on. He opened the door, which was not locked, and was horrified to discover the old man lying dead. By all appearances, he had died several days ago.

The deceased was 68 years of age, and was well-known as the keeper of the gallery entrance at the Princess's Theatre. He was an old identity of Bendigo, and was of a quiet disposition, for some time past he had suffered in health, and had been under the care of Dr. Cook, and more recently Dr. Walshe had attended him. The latter gave a certificate that death was due to natural causes, and an inquiry is, therefore, unnecessary.

Deceased was a member of the Druids' Sandhurst Lodge, and the members are requested to follow his remains to the place of interment as notified elsewhere.

Bendigo Cemetery MON C6

BURNSIDE James (103)

DEATH OF MR. JAMES BURNSIDE.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 25 April 1878** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. JAMES BURNSIDE.

One by one the pioneers of Bendigo are being arrested by the "fell sergeant, Death." Many have left us in his charge within the last twelve months, and during that period it may truly have been said, in the words of Longfellow,

*The air is full of farewells to the dying,
And mournings for the dead.*



The last old Bendigonian on whom death has laid "his icy hand", is a gentleman who in his time in this district, embracing a period of about twenty-three years, has played many parts. Mr. James Burnside, from the date of his arrival in Sandhurst, has been connected with almost every important public movement that has taken place here. He worked energetically amongst the founders of our hospital, and has been connected with the committee of management of the Benevolent Asylum from the foundation of that institution up to the time of his death.

We are not quite sure whether the inauguration of the Easter fair is due to him or Mr. George Aspinall. The honors, perhaps, may be divided between them, for they both interested themselves in its inception in a manner which ensured its successful establishment. In the midst of the eighth fair, yesterday, at his residence in Bayne street, he passed away peacefully to his rest at the age of fifty-five.

Mr. Burnside was a native of Dumfries, Scotland, and arrived in the colony in the year 1855. Coming immediately to Sandhurst, he opened a hay and corn store with Mr. Sykes, in what is now known as Howard Place. After carrying on business there for some time, he removed to Market-square, when the style of the firm was changed from Burnside and Sykes to that of Burnside and Jamieson. Whilst thus engaged in carrying on a fairly remunerative business, Mr. Burnside devoted himself to the work of the foundation of our two medical charities, of which he was a member of the managing committees.

As far as our memory carries us, he occupied the position of chairman of the hospital committee in 1858, and continued to be a member of the committee until 1863 or 1864. The Benevolent Asylum was opened in 1860, and Mr. Burnside was a member of the board of management. He also occupied the position of president of the institution, Mr. George Aspinall being vice-president. He was likewise one of the trustees, in connection with Mr. Angus Mackay and Dr. James Boyd.

In the year 1858, he was elected a member of the Municipal Council of Sandhurst. In the same year he inaugurated the Bendigo Land and Building Society, which was at first only of a temporary character, but afterwards, through his exertions, became a permanent establishment.

He was at an early period connected with mining enterprises, and in 1857 was hon. treasurer of the Bendigo Quartz Mining Company. From that time he was connected with several quartz mining companies, and was a director in the Great Extended Hustler's Company in the heyday of that mine and its tributes, commonly known as the "Pups."

In 1872 he had been very successful in his mining investments, and we understand that he was then worth at least £20,000. He experienced, however, considerably losses afterwards. He was connected with the Mining Board for many years, and occupied the position of secretary to the board for a considerable time. He was also at one time a member of the Mechanics' Institute committee.

Up to about five months ago he occupied the position of secretary to the Bendigo Permanent Land and Building Society, when, owing to his failing health, he had to resign the position. He then took a trip to Tasmania, where he remained for a short time; and on his return seemed to be greatly invigorated. His complaint was chronic bronchitis, with which a few weeks ago he was so badly attacked that he had to take to his bed. He was attended by Dr. Atkinson, and latterly also by Dr. Austin. He was unconscious for some hours before his expiry, and seems to have died without pain.

Mr. Burnside was married about two (five) years ago, and leaves a widow (Margaret Revell) and three children. By his decease we have lost an active and energetic public man, and a private citizen of great worth, who has ever been held in high respect and esteem. He was a man full of benevolence, and of a most amiable disposition, and strictly honorable in all his dealings. He was possessed of great firmness of character, which displayed itself whenever he was engaged in public controversy, in which he frequently took a prominent part.

The funeral is to take place on Friday afternoon, and in laying to rest the remains of our lamented and excellent old friend and fellow citizen, we shall be taking a last adieu of as useful a man in his way, and as true and good-hearted a soul as ever trod Victorian soil.

White Hills Cemetery MON D1

BURROWS H (393)

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BURROWES Robert MLA (170)

THE LATE ROBERT BURROWES, M.L.A.

Leader (Melbourne, Vic. : 1862 - 1918) Saturday 23 September 1893 p 30 Article

THE LATE ROBERT BURROWES, M.L.A.

The announcement of the death of Mr. R. Burrowes, M.L.A., which occurred at Bendigo early on Saturday morning, caused a shock of painful surprise throughout the district, as Mr. Burrowes had been about a day or two ago, and his friends had no suspicion of any serious illness. As a matter of fact he was not very bad till nearly midnight, when he had a very severe attack, necessitating the use of morphia to deaden the pain. Expressions of sorrow at the loss of such a respected old Bendigionian were heard on all sides, and flags were hung at half-mast at the town hall, public buildings, and all round the city, including many of the mines, Mr. Burrowes having been a heavy mining investor.



Though not a brilliant orator, Mr. Burrowes was regarded as a man of sound sensible views, and was repeated by both friends and political opponents, and was frequently spoken of in affectionate terms as "Holiest Bob".

He was born in Perth, Canada in 1827, and came to Melbourne in 1853, coming soon after to Bendigo, where he opened a boot shop. In 1855 he started the first fire brigade, and soon after, assisted in establishing the Bendigo Building Society with Mr. John McIntyre, the present Minister of Lands.

Mr. Burrowes made large sums when the Garden Gully line was at its best.

After a visit to Britain he was in 1860 elected as member of the municipal council, and in 1862 was appointed chairman, when the line from Melbourne to Bendigo was opened. In 1864 he joined the cavalry troop, and in 1866 he was, under the auspices of the Bendigo Liberal Association, returned to Parliament.

In 1875 he, with others, started the Moama to Deniliquin railway. Though a large mine owner, he took the miners' side in the great strike of 1879.

He held his seat in Parliament ever since his first election, with the exception of an interval when rejected in 1877, being re-elected in 1880. In 1881 he was appointed Minister of Mines in the O'Loughlin Government and held office till 1883. He was elected altogether 11 times, and his Parliamentary, experience extended over 27 years.

He leaves two sons and one daughter. The funeral took place on Monday, and the respect in which he was held was shown by the large attendance of all classes of the community. The streets were, thronged with people, and all the leading business places were closed.....

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DEATH OF THE HON. ROBERT BURROWES, M.L.A.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 16 September 1893** p 5 Article

DEATH OF THE HON. ROBERT BURROWES, M.L.A.

The news of the death of the hon. Robert Burrowes, who has had a long and honorable career as representative of this district in the Legislative Assembly, will occasion wide-spread regret. The sad event occurred at a quarter past 1 o'clock this morning. The hon. gentleman had been ill for about three weeks, suffering, it is thought, from a return of the complaint which very nearly proved fatal to him in 1888. Owing to the absence of Dr. Atkinson, his regular medical attendant, Drs. Hinchcliff and MacGillivray were summoned last evening at half-past 8 o'clock, and held a consultation. Later on they were joined by Dr. Atkinson. Mr. Burrowes, who had only taken to bed at 7 o'clock, was in the meantime suffering great pain, and morphia was injected in order to give him ease. Between 11 and 12 o'clock last night he became unconscious, and died as stated at a quarter past 1 o'clock this morning, in his 67th year.

Another link has thus been broken in the chain of old Bendigonians who have made their mark and borne an honored name in the community in which they lived. The deceased gentleman had many friends and few, if any, enemies.

He was a self-made man, and fortune favored him in bestowing a large share of the wealth of the Garden Gully reef upon him. It fell into good hands, for it gave him leisure, and he devoted his time to promote the welfare of his adopted country and the district which he had made his home. Though no orator he could express himself in homely language, and as his ideas were generally characterised by a large amount of solid sense; and that his views were acceptable to the public is proved by the length of time he has enjoyed the confidence of the electors. This, combined with his honesty, straight-forwardness and integrity, commended him to the citizens as a man they could trust.

In politics he was a true Liberal and accessible to his constituents, and in private life he was liberal to a degree without ostentation. He was a loving husband and father and a true friend, quiet and staid in outward life, yet genial, hearty and kindly amongst his friends and acquaintances. Mr. Burrowes leaves a widow and a large family to mourn their loss. His eldest son, Mr. Robert Burrowes, is engaged in station pursuits, and his second son, Mr. S. Burrowes, is in the Union Bank in Melbourne. Miss Burrowes has for some years devoted herself to the duties of an hospital nurse, and is at present engaged at Mr. Fitzgerald's hospital in Melbourne.

Robert Burrowes was born at Perth, a township near Ottawa, Canada, in 1827. He received his early training in private schools, and when old enough to start in the world engaged in the North American lumber trade and other commercial pursuits. He left Canada in 1852, and arrived in Melbourne in April, 1853. He did not remain long there, but proceeded to Bendigo, and entered extensively into mining and commercial pursuits. Amongst his first commercial ventures was the purchase of property and the establishing of a boot and shoe mart in Pall Mall, near where the Temple Court now stands.

This business he carried on successfully for several years, and while attending to it he was not neglectful of his duties as a member of the community. Though not prominently before the public at this time – he is not mentioned in the public records of the exciting red ribbon agitation – yet his sympathies were on the side of the oppressed people. He interested himself in matters of social progress probably more than political, and among the institutions he was foremost in starting was the first fire brigade, in 1855, now known as the No. 1 Volunteer Fire Brigade, and with which he has ever since been associated.

Another institution which proved a great benefit to the district, and which he also took a leading part in promoting, was the Bendigo Land and Building Society, begun on 2nd August, 1858. This was a most successful society, and merged into the existing Bendigo Mutual Permanent Land and Building Society in 1865, which was incorporated in 1876. Up to the time of the incorporation, Mr. Burrowes, Mr. J. McIntyre and Mr. John Holmes were trustees of the society. Then their office ceased, but Mr. Burrowes has been connected with the society until the day of his decease, as an investor and director.

About 1859 he sold his Pall Mall property, and purchased property in High-street from a well-known puddler named Stephens. It was thought by his friends that he had done an unwise thing, as the Mall property was likely to be a permanent and improving investment, while the other was a very doubtful speculation so far as business was concerned. At all events, that the land in this locality was not thought much of was shown by the fact that when offered at the first land sale, there were no bidders. It is an old saying that it is better to be born lucky than rich, and in this instance the truth of the saying was made manifest, as it was eventually found that the Garden Gully reef ran through the ground.

Mr. Burrowes let the underground on tribute at 25 per cent., and reaped a golden harvest. Besides the business premises Mr. Burrowes built his residence on the ground. After the sale of the Mall property he took a trip to Britain, partly on pleasure and partly on business, and after a short stay returned to the colony. He again settled down on Bendigo and commenced business in High-street under the style of Burrowes and Vickery, wholesale grocers and wine and spirit merchants. This business was carried on for several years.

Mr. Burrowes still interested himself in local matters, and his business aptitude and general good sense commended him to the ratepayers, so that in 1860 he was elected a member of the municipal council, which position he at all times filled with credit to himself and benefit to the town.

On 14th January, 1862, he was elected chairman of the council, and while in this honorable position the burden of representing the townspeople on the great occasion of the opening of the railway from Melbourne to Bendigo fell chiefly upon his shoulders. The success of that grand demonstration is historical.

His patriotic instincts found a vent when the volunteer movement was begun, and in 1864 he joined the local cavalry troop at its formation. He was enthusiastic in this matter, and along with Messrs. Sibley, J. Stewart and R. Moorhead, was nominated for an officer's position. He was elected, but resigned in favor of one of the others. Old comrades speak of him as one of the best members the troop ever had. Subsequently he was elected lieutenant, but he declined the position.

All this time he continued to grow in the estimation of the people, and in 1866, under the auspices of the Bendigo Liberal Association, he was elected to represent Sandhurst in the Legislative Assembly. On attaining this honor he severed his connection with the local council, as he held then, and has done so all along, that a member of Parliament should not be a municipal councillor at the same time.

On the completion of the railway to Echuca, Mr. Burrowes was strongly impressed with the importance of continuing the line into New South Wales, both as a paying speculation and a means of drawing a large trade to Victoria. This idea grew until in company with other gentlemen of experience and similar opinions, they resolved themselves into a syndicate and made the line between Echuca and Deniliquin, which was opened in 1875. Mr. Burrowes was one of the chief directors.

On all questions affecting the miners Mr. Burrowes held the popular views. He was a staunch supporter of the eight hours' system, and when the attempt was made in 1879 to reduce the miners' wages, he was one among the ranks of mining directors who would not countenance such a proposal. At the meeting of miners hold on the 23rd August, 1879, at St. James' Hall, Mr. Burrowes was the mover of the second resolution, and he took occasion to point out that, although he was a director in several mining companies, he had strenuously objected to the proposed reduction of miners' wages.

Another mass meeting of miners was held in the Corn Exchange on the 20th September, 1879, and Mr. Burrowes was again present, and moved one of the resolutions adopted by the meeting.

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Bendigo Cemetery MON F3

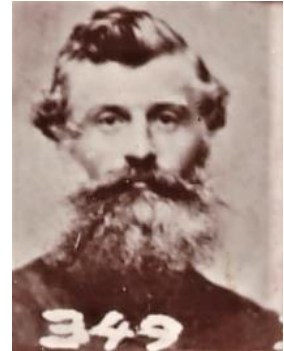
BURROWS Edward Deane (349)

Born in Dublin. Died aged 34.

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER PUBLISHED DAILY. PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, THURSDAY, FEB. 8, 1866. THE RIVAL HOUSES.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Thursday 8 February 1866 p 2 Article

Death of Mr. E. D. Burrowes. It is with great regret that we have to announce the decease of Mr E. D. Burrowes, late of the Royal Hotel, View Point, which took place at Sandridge early yesterday morning. Mr Burrowes, who had been in a bad state of health for some months past, was recommended by his medical advisers to take a trip to Tasmania, which was almost his native place, he having arrived in that colony at a very early age, and where his father at present resides.



Mr Burrowes left Sandhurst a few days ago for that purpose, but was taken more seriously ill before going on board the Tasmanian Steamer, and notwithstanding that the best medical advice was obtained, he breathed his last yesterday morning. The intelligence of the death of Mr Burrowes, which was received yesterday morning, appeared to cast a gloom over the place, so universally was he known, so generally was he esteemed,

One of the very earliest settlers on Bendigo, Mr. Burrowes had not only in business, by his commercial integrity, his uprightness and honesty of conduct, but also in the circle of his private friends, by his many social and warm hearted instincts and feelings, secured universal respect and esteem. We understand that arrangements will likely be made for conveying the deceased to Sandhurst, in order to give his many friends the last opportunity of testifying the respect in which they held him by following his remains to the grave.

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER PUBLISHED DAILY. PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, MONDAY, FEB. 12.1866. OUR SOMNOLENT BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Monday 12 February 1866 p 3 Article

Funeral or the Late Mr E. D. Burrowes.—

On Friday the remains of the late Mr E. D. Burrowes were buried in the Melbourne cemetery. A large number of persons followed the coffin to the grave. There were between twenty and thirty Bendigo friends who followed, amongst whom were the Hon. the Minister of Mines, the Mayor of Sandhurst, Mr Howard, &c.

NOTE He was the owner of racehorse Archimedes in 1866

SUMMARY OF GENERAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Thursday 22 February 1866 p 3 Article

..... Death has been busy, removing some of the old familiar faces.

Mr E D Burrowes, a very old resident of Sandhurst, has died at Sandridge, near Melbourne on his way to Tasmania. His health had long been failing, and by the advice of his medical man he started for Tasmania, but on his arrival at the seaboard it was found that he was too weak to undertake the voyage, and in the course of a few days he died of a complication of diseases. He was one of the oldest residents of the town, and was much respected for many manly and generous qualities.....

Son of Thomas Burrowes. Born in London, he came to Australia with his parents. He worked in Bendigo and Castlemaine before moving to Tasmania.
Died aged 83.

E D Burrowes was the starter at the Racetrack.

Historic Rates Index Bendigo Library

1857 and 1864 Mr E Burrowes Wine Merchant McCrae Street

1865 E D Burrowes was Hon. Sec. of Bendigo Jockey Club

BURROWS John William (296)

Brother of Thomas Burrows

Born in London 1821. Printer and bookbinder in Williamson St. Married Louisa Bristow.

Sons William Henry and Alfred Edward born in 1852 and 1854.



Photograph at following link that includes John William Burrows and his two sons.:

<http://www.bonzle.com/c/a?a=showcase&u=Historian&p=1662>

John Burrows died at Richmond in 1903.

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, TUESDAY, NOV. 4, 1890. THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 4 November 1890 p 2 Article

It is notified in our advertising columns that owing to illness and declining years Mr. J. W. Burrows has been compelled to dispose of his old established and well-known Phoenix printing and bookbinding works in Williamson-street. The purchasers are Messrs. Bolton Bros., who request a continuance of the patronage bestowed on their predecessor. All accounts due to Mr. Burrows must be paid to him personally or to the Messrs. Bolton before the 22nd inst.

Bendigo Historic Rates Index

John W Burrows Printer

1875 – Smith Street

1877 – 78 Grattan Street

1879 – 80 Smith Street

1880 – 1883 Bull Street

1884 – 1891 Williamson Street

1895 – 1896 House and Land Inglewood Road

BURROWS Thomas (119)

DEATH OF MR. T. BURROWS.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 14 February 1879** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. T. BURROWS.

We regret having to record the death of another old Bendigonian, in the person of Mr. Thomas Burrows, who expired at his residence, Barnard-street, at half-past five o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. Burrows generally enjoyed good health, but last Saturday fortnight he was seized with a severe attack of erysipelas (bacterial infection of the upper layers of the skin) in the head. This, however, only lasted five days, when jaundice supervened, which was followed by congestion of the liver, the latter disease proving fatal.



Mr. Burrows was born in London in 1817, and consequently was 62 years of age. He was brought up to the printing business, and served his time as a compositor. He was, however, of a studious nature, his favorite subject being chemistry, and in this science he was pretty successful, and for some time carried on the business of an operative chemist in the Strand, London.

He came to Victoria in 1852, and took up his abode in Bendigo in 1853, where he worked as a compositor in this office, and afterwards for a short time on the *Courier of Mines*. He was an early and very strong believer in the value of the quartz resources of this district, and, whilst following his trade, he kept two men at work mining for him. At this time the quartz had to be crushed with an iron pestle and mortar. Soon after this he went up to the old Redan mine, where he worked a crushing machine, which was driven by one horse. Since that time he has devoted nearly the whole of his attention to quartz mining, and was a large holder in the New Chum and Victoria mine, from which he has drawn a large sum of money.

As in the case of many others who follow mining, however, his fortunes varied considerably. His speculations during five or six years did not turn out particularly well. During the time of the rush in 1871 Mr. Burrows entered into some very lucky speculations, and subsequently he purchased St. James's Park, Hawthorn – a magnificent property – where he resided until quite recently. Shortly after making this investment he entered into business with Mr. Hough, opening an extensive establishment in one of the arcades for the sale of fancy and mechanical toys, and attractive novelties, but the business not prospering,

it was relinquished, and Mr. Burrows returned to Sandhurst, where he has since resided. Latterly his fortune changed again for the better, and during the past twelve months some of his speculations have turned out very prosperously.

He was a genial, kind-hearted man, well liked and respected by all who knew him. He was a life governor of the Bendigo Hospital and Benevolent Asylum, and of the School of Mines, and leaves a wife but no family to mourn his death.

The printing business in Bull-street, of which the deceased gentleman was the chief proprietor, we believe he has left to his brother, Mr. J. W. Burrows, who has hitherto been the manager of the establishment.

Mr. Burrows has also a brother in Melbourne, a sister in London, and another in St. John's, New Brunswick. The funeral is appointed to leave his late residence, Park View Cottage, Barnard-street, for the White Hills Cemetery, at half-past four o'clock this afternoon.

White Hills Cemetery MON H2

BUSH Albert (19)

DEATH OF MR. ALBERT BUSH. An Old Bendigonian.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 1 June 1916** p 6 Article

DEATH OF MR. ALBERT BUSH.

An Old Bendigonian.

Shortly before 3 o'clock this morning Mr. Albert Bush, one of Bendigo's oldest and most highly respected citizens, passed away after a brief illness, at the advanced age of 84 years. On Wednesday night last week, Mr. Bush attended St. Paul's Church Empire Day social, and shortly after returning home had a paralytic stroke and his condition was considered very serious.

He rallied slightly on Tuesday, but the improvement did not continue, and he died, as stated, shortly before three o'clock this morning.



Identified with Bendigo since the early days, Mr. Bush was a sterling citizen, who was widely respected for his kindness of heart, his generosity, and character for strict integrity. Though not a public man in the strict sense of the word he wielded an influence for good which cannot be estimated too highly.

Born in a little suburb of Bristol, England, in 1832, the late Mr. Bush passed his youthful days in the land of his birth. He spent some time in a wholesale warehouse, and subsequently entered a grocery establishment and acquired a thorough knowledge of the business before he sailed for Australia. It was in 1852 that Mr. Bush made up his mind to come to Australia.

His attention was first drawn to the golden opportunities for adventurous young men by Dr. Lang, a Queensland lecturer. Dr. Lang's mission was to induce people to migrate to Queensland, where, he said, fortunes were made easily compared with what could be done in older countries. In 1853 Mr. Bush set sail for Queensland on board the *Parsee*. Arriving in Queensland, he found that there was ample scope for trade, but he did not remain long in that State. Coming to New South Wales, he spent three months in Sydney, but did very little there. Proceeding to the Turon goldfields, Mr. Bush had his first experiences as a prospector, and made what he used to describe as expenses from his digging ventures.

In the early fifties the fame of the Bendigo and Ballarat gold discoveries extended far abroad, and Mr. Bush came to Bendigo. Soon after his arrival he accepted a position as clerk to an old pioneer builder, Mr. Hodgkinson. At the end of 12 months Mr. Bush went into active mining in the district. He used a puddling machine. At that time oaten hay cost £105 a ton, and 18/- had to be given for a bushel of oats.

For some time Mr. Bush did well, and he went into quartz mining. He owned several claims. One of the claims was on the Virginia reef, Specimen Hill, Eaglehawk. Although much gold was being got in the other claims surrounding his venture. Mr. Bush got none of the precious metal. Finally he gave up active mining pursuits, and having spent his savings in his quartz mining ventures, he again entered the service of Mr. Hodgkinson for 12 months.

In 1857 Mr. Bush entered into partnership with Mr. Ferris, and opened a small grocery business on the site where the present large enterprise is now conducted. The two pioneers continued together until 1859, when Mr. Bush bought his partner's interest and became sole proprietor of the grocery establishment. The business grew rapidly, and the premises were enlarged to cope with the fast-expanding trade. After many years of active life in the business, Mr. Bush appointed Mr. C. R. Stilwell manager.

Mr. Bush never aspired to public life, preferring to spend his time in a quiet, peaceful way. He was one of the founders of the Bendigo Agricultural Society and the Sandhurst Building Society. In church affairs he was an earnest worker, and was one of the founders of St. Paul's Church of England, holding many positions of trust in the church.

Mr. Bush was married in January, 1859, to Miss Dalton (Jane) at All Saints' Church, Bendigo. There are eight children – four boys and four girls. The eldest son, Albert, established a grocery business at Bairnsdale, while the second son Mr G. H. Bush, is the well-known grocer, of Williamson-street. Mr. F. W. Bush, the third son, is conducting his late father's business, familiarly known as "Bush's Stores," at the corner of Williamson and Myers streets. The fourth son is Dr. H. S. Bush. One of the daughters is Mrs. Owen, wife of Dr. Owen, of Heathcote, and another is the wife of Major R. O. Henderson. The other two daughters, Amy and Lily, are unmarried, and have resided with their parents.

On the occasion of his golden wedding on 1st January, Mr. Bush donated £80 to the charities. In an interview with an "Advertiser" representative at the time Mr. Bush became reminiscent, and talked of the early days when Bendigo was a field of tents, and when most of the principal streets were covered with bush. He said he had seen its rise – the growth of the weatherboard, the gradual introduction of brick, and then the modernised structures which help to make Bendigo the beautiful city that it is.

To build up his business Mr. Bush had to work hard – often as many as 14 hours a day – and had to live down many disappointments. It was nothing unusual, he said, to hear of the discovery of a new field 50 or 60 miles away, and almost immediately find Bendigonians, whose fortune had not been so rapidly made as they desired, "trekking" away to it. They would make a procession of caravans and waggons, perhaps half a mile long, taking their wives and families and all earthly possessions with them. Then Bendigo would look like it used to do on Sundays. But in the course of time most of the treasure seekers would come back again, and Bendigo would look up once more.

In those days they had a wretched water supply, bad roads, and a dust nuisance that was almost intolerable. But now, he said, with a pardonable degree of pride, Bendigo could boast one of the best water supplies in the world, good roads, and beautiful avenues of street trees. He had had a happy life. There had been times when things had not gone so well, but the happiness had been so perpetual that the dark side had been quite overshadowed.

In the building up of his business he had always had reliable and faithful employees, notably Mr. C. E. Stilwell and the late Mr. George Bain, while in other ways he had been so fortunate that he knew he had much to be thankful for.

Mr. Bush was asked in conclusion if he thought there was any secret to success. He replied that he did not think there was. He had reaped the benefit by hard work, and anybody who wished to prosper would have to pay strict attention to business. He had had his ups and downs, but always came out right in the end, thanks to industry, good health and good staffs of employees. These things had helped him, while he had had an enormous number of favors shown him in one way and another.

His motto was to get as much out of the world as possible, and do as much for it in return as could be done. "I have always striven to observe the golden rule 'to do unto others as you would have them do unto you,' " said Mr. Bush in conclusion, "and I can confidently recommend it to one and all."

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COUNTRY NEWS. BALLARAT AND DISTRICT.

The funeral took place on Saturday of Mr Thomas William Busst who for many years was an inspector of the Victorian Mining department.

He was a native of Tipton, Birmingham, and as a lad of 15 years of age came to Victoria 68 years ago. He worked as a miner at Bendigo, and subsequently was an inspector in various parts of the State, including Bendigo, Sale, and Maryborough. In his earlier days he was a capable oarsman.

Historic rates Index shows that Busst lived in Sandhurst until 1892.



His son Thomas William Busst was a Champion Bicyclist of Australia.

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