

F Surnames

Pioneers of Bendigo

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FARDY Lawrence (291)

[DEATH OF MR. LAWRENCE FARDY.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 10 April 1885** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. LAWRENCE FARDY.

The death of Mr. Lawrence Fardy, who was until recently the proprietor of the White Horse Hotel, California Gully, will be learned with much regret by a large circle of friends.

The deceased gentleman has been in poor health for a considerable time past, and his relatives have had no hopes of his recovery. It was not expected, however, that his death would have been so sudden. He has been suffering from consumption, and the bursting of a blood-vessel on Wednesday hastened his end.



The deceased gentleman, who was born in Ireland in 1829, was an old resident of Bendigo, having been attracted to the district by the prospects of success on the goldfield. It has been during the time that he has been proprietor of the White Horse Hotel, California Gully, the scene of many an election meeting, that he has been best known.

He was always a highly respected resident of California Gully, and in August, 1877, he was induced to offer himself at the annual election of three members for the Eaglehawk Council. The Borough of Eaglehawk is not divided into wards, and the consequence was that for many years the Eaglehawk vote was frequently the means of preventing California Gully from being properly represented. In the year mentioned, Cr. Mouat was the only one of the three retiring councillors who offered himself.

In Mr. Fardy and Messrs. Kneebone and Willan, all fresh candidates, the electors considered they had very good men, and the result was that Messrs. Willan, Kneebone, and Fardy were returned, the figures being as follows: Willan, 418; Kneebone, 409; Fardy, 381; Mouat, 347; Babbage, 139.

As the figures will show, Mr. Fardy received excellent support in all parts of the borough. As a councillor he proved himself very painstaking and active, and notwithstanding his lonely position in the council, he succeeded in doing a good deal for the benefit of the locality he more particularly represented. Three years of public life, however, appeared to be as much as Mr. Fardy desired, and in 1880 he did not offer himself for re-election. His retirement from the council was much regretted by his colleagues, and a letter of thanks for his services with the seal of the council attached was ordered to be forwarded to him.

Mr. Fardy continued as proprietor of the White Horse Hotel, until a short time back, when failing health, which has been alluded to above, obliged him to relinquish the business. In public Mr. Fardy was held in high esteem, possessing as he did the most of those good qualities which commend a man to his acquaintance, and to those amongst whom he moves.

In private he was a kind and affectionate husband and father, whose loss will be keenly felt. He leaves a widow and grown up family. His son, Mr. M. J. Fardy, is very well-known and respected.

He was for a considerable time honorary secretary to the California Gully Mechanics' Institute, a position which he was obliged to relinquish owing to ill health.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock, the Eaglehawk Cemetery being the place of interment. The members of the A.O.F. Court King of the Forest, to which the deceased belonged, are requested to meet at the court at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose of attending the funeral.

Eaglehawk Cemetery MON M

FARMAN Robert Samuel (334)

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 19 October 1905** p 2 Article

OBITUARY.

General regret was expressed at Kangaroo Flat when it became known that Mr. Robert S. Farman, one of the oldest residents, had died in the Bendigo Hospital on Tuesday night from breaking up of the system, at the age of 77 years.



The deceased gentleman was a native of Ipswich, Suffolk, England, and landed in Melbourne on the 9th November, 1852, per the ship *Able Gower*. After following his trade as a carpenter in the metropolis for 12 months, Mr. Farman came to Kangaroo Flat in 1853, where he resided ever since.

Mr. Farman took great interest in public matters, and was for many years a prominent figure in electioneering affairs. He also occupied a seat on the trustees' board for the Kangaroo Flat Recreation Reserve until a short time before his death.

Mr. Farman occupied a seat on the Board of Guardians of St. Mary's Church for a number of years, and was one of the first members of the Board of Advice in the Marong Shire. In former days Mr. Farman was well known in military circles, having been a member of the old volunteer corps. The deceased gentleman was a member of the M.U.I.O.O.F. for 60 years, having joined the society at the age of 18 years.

He had been ailing for some months, but was able to get about until a few weeks before his death. He leaves a widow, one son, and one daughter, the latter being married to Mr. R. Bath.

The funeral will take place this afternoon to the Kangaroo Flat Cemetery.

Kangaroo Flat Cemetery C of E.

FARRELL Patrick Peter (279)

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 9 May 1904** p 6 Article

Mr. Patrick Farrell, an old colonist, who had spent 62 years of his life in Australia, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Stubbs, Little Lonsdale-street, on Friday evening, in his 78th year. The deceased had been ailing for the past four or five years, but he was bright and cheerful to the last.

Mr. Farrell was a police trooper in Victoria in 1848 and subsequent years, and was a member of the first gold escort from the diggings to Melbourne. In his capacity of trooper he was present at the laying of the foundation stones of the Princes' Bridge and the Melbourne Hospital. After leaving the force Mr. Farrell became a hotelkeeper, which calling he followed for a number of years.



FAUL Frederick George (207)

THE OPENING OF PARLIA-MENT.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Thursday 31 May 1894 p 2 Article

Death of Mr. F. G. Faul,—The death is announced of Mr. Frederick George Faul, of Hargreaves street, at the advanced age of 82. Nine months ago Mrs. Faul died, and after the loss of his life-long companion the old gentleman did not appear to be the same again.

A few months ago with his son, Mr. J. W. Faul he took a trip to New Zealand and was in very good physical health up to about a month ago. He then took ill, and, for about the last fortnight of his life his sufferings were very grievous.



Mr. Faul was one of the earliest of the Bendigo pioneers. He arrived with his wife and six children from London in 1853, and in 1854 with his brother, was one of the first to open up the Hustler's Reef, in the days of Hustler and Tuff, and Joseph.

The Messrs. Faul's claim, afterwards, became the property of Messrs. Latham and Watson, and for a considerable time gave magnificent returns.

Though his brother was so fortunate in mining that he was soon able to retire on a competency, Mr. F. G. Faul was not equally lucky. He therefore gave up mining in a year or two, and engaging himself in other occupations, acquired property, and about 25 years ago ceased active work. He led a quiet retired life, and though well-known and respected by the old Bendigonians, did not identify himself with public movements.

Of his family the youngest child, and only son Mr. J. W. Faul, as he grew up established the large white smithing and ironmongery business in Hargreaves street. The five daughters, all married, are well settled in life. One is Mrs. C. R. Stilwell, of Williamson street; two others are residents of Dunedin, and the other is in England.

The funeral will be a private one restricted to relatives and a few intimate friends.

Bendigo Cemetery MON A2

FAUL John William (208)

[DEATH OF MR. J. W. FAUL, J.P. AN OLD BENDIGONIAN.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 3 February 1917** p 7 Article Illustrated

DEATH OF MR. J. W. FAUL, J.P.

AN OLD BENDIGONIAN.

The news that Mr. John William Faul, J.P., had passed away at his residence in Melbourne yesterday afternoon was received in Bendigo by telegram, and caused widespread regret. For over 40 years the late Mr. Faul was one of the most conspicuous of Bendigo's business men, and was also prominently identified with many public movements in the district. A few years ago he left Bendigo, and took up his abode in the metropolis. Of late his health had been failing, and his demise, although deeply regretted, was not altogether unexpected by his friends.



The deceased gentleman was a native of London, where he was born in 1849. While he was yet an infant, his uncle, on the father's side, came to the colonies, and as the outcome of glowing reports, his father, Mr. Fred. G. Faul, determined to join that gentleman here, and decided to bring the whole family with him.

In 1853 the family reached Melbourne, and in the same year Mr. J. W. Faul was brought by his parents to Bendigo. Five sisters accompanied him, and they were among the first family of girls to enter the goldfields. Mr. Fred G. Faul began working with his brother in Ironbark Gully. The latter gentleman was, with Mr. Hustler, one of the original men to open up the famous Hustler's Reef. Mr. Fred G. Faul established his residence on Bendigo Flat, and from there in a few years young Fred went to school.

The first educational establishment he attended was situated on the site of the present School of Mines, in McCrae-street. It was the building in which the first Bendigo Exhibition was held. He was then a lad learning the first lessons of life, and when he became a man he was associated with the governorship of that splendid institution, the School of Mines, which reared its head in the place of the old school. When the school was closed Mr. Faul was sent to the Scotch School, which later became St. Andrew's College.

From there he went in the first Church of England denominational school in the district, presided over by the Rev. Mr. Brennan, who performed the dual functions of schoolmaster and clergyman. Mr. Faul last attended the Church of England Grammar School, conducted by Mr. Helm. He was fourteen years of age when he left school, and was engaged in the publishing room of the "Bendigo Advertiser." The late Ex-Judge Casey was then interested in the "Advertiser," and Mr. Faul went into the publishing room about the time Mr. Alfred Bailes, ex-M.L.A., went into the composing room.

Two years passed while he was occupying this position, and when 16 years of age he was apprenticed to learn plumbing and tinsmithing in a local business house. After his apprenticeship Mr. Faul went to Melbourne, there to acquire a more extended and complete knowledge of the higher branches of plumbing and tinsmithing. Of a receptive and ingenious turn of mind, he missed little of what went on round him, and particularly studied the process of lamp manufacture.

Some months later he went to Daylesford, and was engaged as foreman on the Hepburn Mineral Water Supply Works. He fixed the general works there on an extensive scale in conjunction with the mineral water springs. This was an important position, especially as Mr. Faul was not quite 21 years of age. After being about 12 months away he returned to Bendigo, and in 1871 launched out in business on his own behalf, opening a little shop in Williamson-street, near the Hotel Shamrock.

A large run of business came to him, and he soon removed to higher up Williamson-street, near the Limerick Castle Hotel. His trade continued to expand, and he ultimately purchased the premises in Hargreaves-street, where he carried on business until the shop was destroyed by the disastrous fire which occurred on the 21st December, 1912.

He took an active interest in the Bendigo Industrial Exhibition of 1879, and was a member of the organising committee. In 1891 Mr. Faul was gazetted a justice of the peace. For many years he was interested in friendly societies, and was a trustee of the Foresters' Order, Court Bendigo, and district. With other gentlemen, he was largely responsible for establishing the United Friendly Societies' Institute and Dispensary. He incited the support of the Order of Foresters, and eventually other societies were interested until the institute was inaugurated.

He had been frequently requested to become a candidate for a seat in the Bendigo City Council, but always refused. In 1902, however, he contested the South Sandhurst seat in the Legislative Assembly against Mr. D. C. Sterry, the sitting member, as a Reform candidate, and was only defeated by a few votes. In public affairs generally however, he took an active part. He was a member of the Golden and Corinthian Lodge of Freemasons, and also of the Art Gallery committee, whilst he occupied a seat on the council of the School of Mines, and assisted in its formation.

In 1871 Mr. Faul married a daughter of Mr. William Steane, a gentleman who was prominently connected with the history of Bendigo's philanthropic institutions. His wife survives him, as does also a family of two sons and two daughters. The sons are Mr. Percy Faul, who married Miss Watson, daughter of Mr. John Watson, and Mr. Leslie Faul, who married Miss Jeffrey, of Eaglehawk. One of the daughters is married to Dr. Christie, formerly of the Bendigo Hospital.

Follow link below for a description of the new store in Hargreaves Street.

MR. J. W. FAUL'S NEW ESTABLISHMENT.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Saturday 18 April 1896 p 3 Article

FAWNS James (149)

[DEATH OF MR. JAMES FAWNS.](#)

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Wednesday 23 September 1891** p 3
Article

DEATH OF MR. JAMES FAWNS.

Mr. James Fawns, one of the oldest residents of Bendigo, passed away yesterday morning at his residence, Bullock Creek road, after a long illness. The deceased gentleman, who was so well known throughout the district, was a native of Marykirk, Kincairdshire, Scotland. He was born in 1824; and in 1852 came to Melbourne in the ship *South Seas*. He remained in Melbourne for three or four years, and then he came to Bendigo.



In 1858 he entered into partnership with Mr. Elliott as brewers, at Golden square. Business was continued for four years under the style of Elliott and Fawns, and then the firm dissolved. Mr. W. Bruce purchasing Mr. Elliot's interest. The firm continued as Fawns and Bruce for four years, when partnership was again dissolved. Mr. Fawns then started business on his own account, and continued it until his death.

About twelve months ago he became very weak from poorness of blood or anaemia, and was confined to his bed. His wife attended him most carefully, and was, under the directions of Dr. Atkinson the means of prolonging his life for many months. On Monday night he became unconscious, and remained so until 9 o'clock yesterday, when he died. His only sister, Miss Fawns, of Melbourne, was with him prior to his death.

Mr. Fawns had in former years, been frequently requested to become a candidate for the City Council, but declined. He never took an active part in public matters except as a supporter of the constitutional party in the time of the Graham Berry excitement.

Since Mr. Fawns was confined to his bed his business has been carried on by his third son, Mr. B. Fawns. He leaves three sons and three daughters, all of whom are grown up, The oldest son is in New South Wales, and the second in Queensland. The funeral will take place on Thursday at 2 30 o'clock.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D3

FEARN Francis (378)

[DEATH OF MR FRANCIS FEARN. AN EVENTFUL AREER.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 24 December 1896** p 5 Article

DEATH OF MR FRANCIS FEARN.

AN EVENTFUL CAREER.

The news of the death of Mr. Francis Fearn, though not unexpected, will be received with widespread regret. He was not only an estimable and useful citizen, but an old and valued colonist. Mr. Fearn was of robust constitution, and usually blessed with the enjoyment of excellent health up to about six months ago, when he was seized with an affection in the lower part of the mouth.



At first it was not thought that the disease was serious, but bad symptoms soon appeared, and at length cancer developed. Dr. Hinchcliff and many other medical gentlemen were called in, but they all pronounced the case as hopeless, and after a lingering and painful illness, borne with a fortitude and resignation characteristic of the patient's life, he passed away peacefully at a quarter past six o'clock last evening.

The deceased was the youngest son of Edward Fearn, barrister-at-law, and was born on 25th March, 1835, at Honiton, in Devonshire, England, so that he was in his 67th year at the time of his death. Mr. Fearn sailed from St. George's dock, Liverpool, in the *Henry Gillespie* (her maiden voyage) on 4th August, 1852, and arrived in Melbourne on Christmas Day of the same year, so that had he lived until to-morrow he would have been 44 years in the colony.

For some months he was engaged as a clerk in a merchant's house in Melbourne, and subsequently was scenic artist at the Princess' Theatre, Melbourne, in conjunction with Mr. John Hennings. Later on Mr. Fearn tried his fortune on the diggings, and visited in turn Redbank, Tarnagulla and other places. Eventually he found his way to Bendigo, and in the early days of the old Lyceum Theatre and Theatre Royal was scenic painter.

Leaving Bendigo, he returned to Tarnagulla, where he remained for six years. For a time he was lessee of the Theatre Royal there, and carried it on successfully. On the rush breaking out at Llanelly he proceeded there, and opened a store and public house. Like many other alluvial mining towns, the place declined, and Mr. Fearn removed to Redbank, thence to Landsborough. On leaving the latter place in 1863 he was tendered a complimentary banquet, which was managed by the most influential residents, of the place. Mr. Fearn then found his way to Dunolly, where, on 30th October, 1871, he was appointed land officer, which position he held for 10 years, resigning it on "Black Wednesday."

He then took the Railway hotel, Dunolly, and later on became proprietor of the Camp hotel at the same place. During his residence in Dunolly he was not only a prominent man in public affairs, but the promoter and manager of innumerable entertainments for laudable objects.

In the course of 15 years he was thus instrumental in raising no less than £236 12s 7d for the Dunolly Hospital, exclusive of the efforts of various clubs with which he was identified. The proceeds of these latter entertainments would have more than doubled the amount above mentioned.

He also was the founder of the Dunolly Free Library, and besides occupying a seat in the Dunolly Borough Council for some years was a member of the Dunolly Board of Advice. He was elected life governor of the Dunolly Hospital and Dunolly Free Library in recognition of his valuable services.

From Dunolly (after being presented with a gold watch and chain and an illuminated address on behalf of the people in December, 1870, by Mr. James Bell, M.L.C.) he went to St. Arnaud and became lessee of the railway refreshment rooms on the occasion of the opening of the railway to that place. Several years later he took the Rose, Shamrock and Thistle hotel, St. Arnaud, and about 12 years ago he returned to Bendigo, where he has remained ever since, carrying on the business of an artist. His artistic ability in the preparation of illuminated addresses is too well known to require comment.

Mr. Fearn was the first to introduce fish to the Tarnagulla and Dunolly reservoirs, for which he was publicly thanked by the councils interested. He was possessed of considerable literary ability. His "Chronicles of the Golden City," which appeared in the Bendigo Advertiser in June, 1890, will long be remembered as clever and unique productions from a capable pen. He also contributed to various papers under the noms de plume of "R. T. Mus Warde on his Tour" and "Josh Billings, Jewner."

The deceased gentleman was of an affable and generous disposition, and was universally respected and esteemed. He leaves a widow and three grown-up sons, one being Mr. H. Fearn, inspector of the tramways, and another, Mr. F. Fearn, clerk at the Town Hall.

The funeral takes place at 3.30 p.m., to-day to the Bendigo Cemetery.

Bendigo Cemetery MON 14

FENTON Frederick (193)

No obituary.

[Family Notices](#)

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Monday 23 August 1897** p 1 Family Notices

FENTON.—On the 21st August, at his late residence, *Elvira*, Orrong-road, Elsternwick, Frederick, the beloved husband of Eliza Fenton, and third son of the late Captain Thomas Martin Fenton, of H.M. 13th Regiment of Foot, late of Bendigo (Ravenswood) and Gippsland, aged 70 years, after years of suffering. A colonist since 1849.



[THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER \(PUBLISHED DAILY.\) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. | SANDHURST, WEDNESDAY, MAR. 21, 1888. THE DISCOVERER OF BENDIGO.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 21 March 1888** p 2 Article

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER

(PUBLISHED DAILY.)

PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES.

SANDHURST, WEDNESDAY, MAR. 21, 1888.

THE DISCOVERER OF BENDIGO.

It has now been definitely settled that Mr. Frederick Fenton, formerly part proprietor of the Ravenswood station, was the first person who found gold in the valley of the Bendigo Creek. He has never made the fact public until recently, when in reply to questions addressed to him by a correspondent of ours writing over the signature of "Inquirer," he wrote a letter which was published by us on the 12th of this month, in which he states that his partner at the time, Mr. Stewart Gibson, since dead, and himself found five or six pieces of gold sticking in the bank of a water hole at the junction of Golden Gully with Bendigo Creek. For prudential motives, being the owners of over 20,000 sheep depastured on the Ravenswood run, which comprised the present Bendigo goldfield, they determined to keep the discovery secret until their shearing was over.

Mr. Gibson, however, it appears, incautiously mentioned to some friends that they had found gold on the run, but without mentioning the locality; but the rumor got abroad, and three of their men on Bendigo, who had noticed them when at the waterhole, guessing that that was the place, took to hunting for gold to the neglect of their flocks.

These men worked for about a fortnight before any other persons came to Bendigo, and were, therefore, the first diggers here; but the discoverers were Mr. Fenton and the deceased Mr. Stewart Gibson. The former bought from those shepherds 60 ozs. of gold at 50s. an ounce. After this, as several of his men betook themselves to these new diggings, Mr. Fenton requested Mr. Byass, a friend of his, to make it public at Castlemaine that gold was being obtained at Bendigo. Mr. Fenton, therefore, was both the first discoverer of gold on this field, and the first to cause the locality to be made known.

Now, the discoverer of every goldfield in this colony has received a reward with the exception of the discoverer of Bendigo. The fact is he was known as such only to a few; and a correspondent, who lately wrote in reply to "Inquirer," and who was acquainted with Mr. Fenton in the old times, expressed a strong doubt of the correctness of the statement made by ourselves that Mr. Fenton and Mr. Byass were together when the gold was found.

We were in error with regard to the latter, who it seems only acted as messenger to the Castlemaine diggers. The same correspondent said he did not believe Mr. Fenton ever looked for gold. He did not actually dig, but it will be observed that he states in his letter, that "Mr. Stewart Gibson and himself after a great many days cracking with a hammer the loose quartz on the hills about Sandhurst, looking for gold, camped at a small water-hole in the Bendigo Creek, at the junction of Golden Gully, and then saw the gold sticking in the yellow clay about a foot from the surface at the edge of the hole, and brought five or six pieces home with them."

The find, it will thus be seen, was not quite accidental, for these gentlemen felt convinced that gold did exist here, and had been looking for it for "many days." Accidental or not, however, as it may have been, there is no question whatever that to Mr. Fenton belongs the credit and honor of the discovery of this great goldfield, which during the past five and thirty years has contributed over £60,000,000 to the wealth of the colony, and has not yet been fully prospected, and will produce a large quantity of gold annually for an incalculable length of time. We contend, therefore, that Mr. Fenton is entitled to a reward which we hope the Government will feel no hesitation in asking Parliament to grant him.

As long as he was well off, he made no claim, nor has he yet made any, but as he is not in such good circumstances as he was formerly, he will no doubt be persuaded to do so by his friends, of whom those on Bendigo had no idea of his present place of residence and some were under the impression that he was dead, until the investigation set on foot by our correspondent "Inquirer" elicited the fact that he is living in the northern district where he has a farm.

Considering the benefits conferred on their constituencies by the opening of Bendigo, the members for Sandhurst, Mandurang and Rodney will no doubt support the claim which we expect Mr. Fenton will shortly prefer. It must be distinctly understood, however, that publicity would not have been given to the matter by himself.

We have the permission of "Inquirer" to state that he is Mr. Denovan, town clerk of Sandhurst, and that he found Mr. Fenton and obtained his story from him in pursuance of his endeavors to collect reliable data for the guidance of the future historian of Bendigo.

Further reading on the early days of Bendigo.

OLD BENDIGO THE TRANSFORMATION SCENE SHEEP AND SHEPHERDS TO DIGGERS

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Tuesday 10 April 1917 p 2 Article Illustrated

Ravenswood Homestead

Victorian Heritage Database

http://vhd.heritage.vic.gov.au/places/result_detail/967?print=true

Statement of Significance

What is significant?

The Ravenswood homestead was built by Frederick Fenton on Bullock Creek on his property near Bendigo probably c1866. Originally known as the Mount Alexander North run and occupied from c1840, the Ravenswood run was acquired by Stewart and Robert Gibson in 1848, with Frederick Fenton replacing one brother almost immediately due to ill health. The discovery of gold in 1851 at nearby Mount Alexander, and at the northern tip of the Ravenswood run, drew large numbers of diggers to the area, and Fenton reportedly made money selling provisions to them and agisting their horses. After becoming the sole owner of the Ravenswood run in 1857, he built the first substantial homestead on the property.

In 1869 Fenton sold the property to Robert Moffat, the owner of a number of stations, largely in northern Victoria. The pastoral lease of the property was cancelled by the government in 1874 and Ravenswood was acquired from the executors of the late Robert Moffat by Harry Leigh Atkinson, a successful Sandhurst doctor and mining investor, reportedly in 1891.

The homestead remained in the Atkinson family until 1962.

FERGUSON Alexander Seaton (338)

Married 1869 to Sophia Hutcheson Miller, daughter of James Miller, Golden Square.

Sophia died in 1881.

Historic Rates Index

Alexander S Ferguson listed at different times between
1865 – 1892

Storeman, Miner, Gentleman, Traveller, Accountant, Clerk,
Timber Merchant

1867 Legal Manager of Glasgow Reef Company

Family Notices

*The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Friday 28 April
1905* p 1 Family Notices



FERGUSON.—On the 25th April, at his son's residence, Smith-street, Collingwood,
Alexander Seaton, late of Bendigo, in his 78th year. "Asleep in Jesus."

FINDLAY Alexander (179)

ULTRA CYNICISM.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 8 May 1886** p 2 Article

DEATH OF AN OLD BENDIGONIAN.

Many old residents of Bendigo will learn with regret of the death of Mr Alexander Findlay, of *Fettercairn House*, Wills-street, which occurred yesterday. Mr Findlay was a native of Fettercairn, near Aberdeen, and was born in 1800, his age at death being therefore 86 years.



He came to Bendigo over 30 years ago, having arrived in the colony with his wife some time previously. For very many years he carried on the business of a blacksmith in Golden Gully, and was a hardworking industrious man.

Of recent years he has lived in comparative retirement, and owing to his advanced age has been in feeble health. He was much respected by his numerous friends, and, although his demise has been expected for a considerable time past, much sympathy will be felt for his widow, who is also greatly advanced in years.

The deceased's nephew, Mr John Findlay, another old resident of Bendigo, who last year left Sandhurst to take a situation at Port Melbourne, is expected from Melbourne today for the purpose of being present at the funeral, which will leave the deceased's late residence for the Sandhurst Cemetery at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, MONDAY, MAY 10, 1886

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 10 May 1886** p 2 Article

FUNERAL OF MR ALEXANDER FINDLAY.—

Yesterday afternoon the remains of the late Mr Alexander Findlay were interred at the Back Creek Cemetery. The funeral was attended by several prominent members of St. Andrew's Church, of which the deceased was himself a member, and several other citizens including Mr Denovan and Mr Fawns. The chief mourner was Mr John Findlay, nephew of the deceased. The service at the house was conducted by Dr Nish, and that at the grave by the Rev. Donald Cameron, of Donald.

Bendigo Cemetery MON E2

Advertising

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 15 June 1896** p 2 Advertising

DEATH OF AN OLD BENDIGONIAN.—On Friday last Mrs. Alexander Findlay, of Wills-street, died, in her 90th year. Mrs. Findlay was a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and came to Australia in 1853 with her husband and her nephew, Mr. John Findlay. In 1857 they came to Bendigo, and Mrs. Findlay has resided here ever since. Her husband died eight or nine years ago, at upwards of 80 years of age.

Mrs. Findlay (Janet) has been failing for some years, but was not attacked by any disease, her death resulting from old age. For many years she lived a retired kind of life with her niece, Miss Simpson, and will be held in kindly remembrance by many old friends. Mr. John Findlay, her nephew, was a former Bendigonian, but has been in business at Moonee Ponds for some years. He arrived in Bendigo on Saturday for the purpose of attending her funeral, which will take place this afternoon.

Bendigo Cemetery MON E2

FINDLAY John (380)

ABOUT PEOPLE.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Tuesday 2 September 1913 p 3
Article

Mr. John Findlay, who may still by some very old Bendigonians be remembered as a grocer in High street, and as an elder of St. Andrew's Church, is a Veteran indeed. Though (remarks the Herald) he is 84 years of age, he still retains his office as clerk of the session at the Ascot Vale Presbyterian Church. He has held this office in various churches for 45 years. Notwithstanding his age, he is remarkably active, and much revered by the congregation at Ascot Vale.



Mr. Findlay was born in the parish of Fordoun, Scotland, and began teaching in Sunday schools at the age of 18. He arrived in Victoria in 1853, and proceeded to Bendigo where he remained until 1885. He joined the Presbyterian Sunday School staff, there in 1862, but gave up his connection with Sunday school work about 11 years ago.

Family Notices

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Tuesday 27 June 1922 p 1 Family Notices

FINDLAY. On the 26th June, 1922, John Findlay, late of 230 Union-road, Moonee Ponds, esteemed friend of J. A. Plunket, aged 92 years.

FINDLAY. On the 26th June, at Box Hill, John Findlay, late of Moonee Ponds, age 92.

PERSONAL.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Wednesday 1 August 1906 p 8 Article

The death occurred on Sunday at Moonee Ponds of Mrs. John Findlay, wife of Mr. John Findlay, who was formerly in business as a grocer in High-street, Bendigo. Mrs. Findlay, before her marriage, was one of the first teachers at the Presbyterian Denominational School, Myers-street. She was a sister of the late Mr. James Hardie, formerly a well-known watchmaker of this city. She had been a long time in ill health, and was 79 years of age when she died. She leaves no family.

FINN Peter Hoey (239)

[DEATH OF MR. P. FINN. ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 2 May 1914** p 2 Article Illustrated

DEATH OF MR. P. FINN. ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES.

In the death of Mr. Peter Hoey Finn at his residence, at Emu Point, yesterday morning, the city loses a rugged, yet genial, generous and honored personality. Another of the fast-diminishing pioneers of the fifties has also gone. Mr. Finn had not enjoyed the best of health for upwards of two years, being subject to bronchitis. But his last illness was only of about a week's duration.



A day or two before he had to take to his bed Mr. Finn drove to the scene of his old business activities in the city - the monumental works at the corner of Mitchell and Myers streets, and although far from being robust, he still had his cheery laugh. Dr. Atkinson, who had been the family physician right throughout Mr. Finn's lengthy residence in Bendigo, attended him to the last.

Mr. Finn had attained the advanced age of 80 years, having been born in County Monaghan, Ireland, in 1834. At the age of 10 years he left school to go to Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, where he was apprenticed to Mr. Crawford in the marble and stone-cutting business. The strenuous and earnest life of the Tyne left an indelible impress on the character of Mr. Finn, and having gone there so young, a definite trace of the Northumberland accent was observed in his speech.

His ambition and seriousness of purpose led him to night school after the hard work of the day and in those years the eight hours system had no existence. His splendid physique and robust constitution were equal to the strain, and stood him in equally good stead in later years, when he was to be a pioneer in the young colony of Victoria. For six years Mr. Finn labored in the marble works, and he had also the good fortune to have been trained under competent tradesmen. To that experience he was wont to ascribe much of his future success.

He had scarcely got out of his apprenticeship when he was put in charge of works on the railroad of the North-eastern Railway Co., between London and Newcastle. Having spent three additional years in that capacity in the north of England, Mr. Finn married, and sailed for Victoria in the American ship *Hilton*, with "Yankee" Thomas as skipper.

When he landed in Melbourne, 84 days later, Mr. Finn had only 12/6 in his pockets, but was also the possessor of a sound heart in a sound body. The next day at noon he found employment at his old trade at £2 per day, and made the further interesting discovery that his employer was none other than Mr. Crawford, the man to whom he had been apprenticed in Newcastle.

"Immigration" had six months later reduced his wage to 25/ a day. and Mr. Finn's enterprising spirit did not agree with such a sweeping change, and started him on the long walk to the Bendigo goldfields. He arrived here to find the gold fever rampant at White Hills, and at White Hills he dug for the precious metal.

Meanwhile he had left his wife and daughter, who subsequently became Mrs. Peter Matthews, of Cobar (N.S.W.), in Melbourne. Mr. Finn did fairly well at White Hills, and determined to return to Melbourne and bring his wife and child back with him to Bendigo. Then but 22 years of age, and full of vigor, he started to walk to the metropolis.

Leaving Big Hill one morning, he walked 56 miles that day, and reached his own house in Collingwood by 4 o'clock the next afternoon. He returned to Bendigo on foot, walking by the side of the cart that carried his family. He pitched his tent at Tyson's Reef, and not far from the home in which he latterly resided. His alluvial mining and puddling had given him sufficient money to open a store at Long Gully, which his Hibernian loyalty impelled him to christen the "Dublin Store." It was destroyed by fire a couple of years later, and with it all Mr. Finn's material wealth and immediate prospects suffered destruction. He then worked at his trade for two years, and in 1861 he entered into railway construction on the Melbourne-Bendigo line.

In 1868 he started his monumental works, which were to develop into such a large concern. At one time he employed 150 men in completing some large contracts. He specialised in red granite, and so large did his business grow that he opened red granite quarries on Phillip Island, Westernport. One contract from these quarries represented £22,000, the granite being used in the building owned by the Equitable Life Assurance Co., at the corner of Collins and Swanston streets.

He also supplied the granite for other imposing buildings in Melbourne, including the Stock Exchange. Mr. Finn's work is also to be found in Sydney, Hobart, and New Zealand. In Bendigo one of the best exhibits of his ability is the splendid Alexandra Fountain, at Charing Cross. Until about two and a half years ago Mr. Finn continued the ownership of the works with marked success, when he disposed of them to old trusted and competent employees in Messrs. W. and R. Quin.

Although he always took a deep interest in civic matters and politics, he never submitted himself as a candidate, but ever used his influence for what he deemed to be the best cause. As a staunch Hibernian, he took a deep interest in the St. Patrick's Day movement, and for many years judged the dancing. He acted as judge of the dancing at the last sports. He and Mr. George Adams of Kerang were the two surviving foundation members of the Rechabite Lodge in Bendigo. Mr. Adams heard his old friend was seriously ill, and came to Bendigo yesterday to see him.

Mr. Finn married a second time in 1887. His second wife survives him, but there are no children by that marriage. Mr. Finn's only child was Mrs. Matthews, but he has 10 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. The funeral takes place to the Bendigo Cemetery to-morrow afternoon.

At the meeting of the St. Patrick's sports committee last evening in St. Kilian's Hall the chairman (Mr. P. Mitchell) made regretful reference to the death of Finn. The Chairman said that Mr Finn was one of the oldest and most respected members of the H.A.C.B.S., and for many years had officiated as judge in the dancing competitions at their sports gathering. It was decided to forward a letter of condolence to the widow of the departed member.

Bendigo Cemetery MON F5

FLEGG William Martin (77)

A well-known solicitor who left Bendigo in 1871. His wife died in London in 1886.

He returned to Bendigo for a visit in 1889. Died in London October 1914.

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*The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Saturday 10 July 1915** p 8 Article*

ABOUT PEOPLE

Probate of the will of William Martin Flegg, late of Chesnut Lodge, Rosslyn Hill, Hampstead, County of Middlesex, solicitor, deceased, has been sealed in Victoria by The Sandhurst and Northern District Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited, attorney for James Minter Flegg and Frederick Arthur Flegg, the executors to whom probate has been granted. Deceased left personal estate in Victoria valued at £1390. 10s, which, he bequeathed to members of his family.



[THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER \(PUBLISHED DAILY.\) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, THURSDAY, SEPT. 12, 1889 TO-DAY'S ELECTION.](#)

*Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 12 September 1889** p 2 Article*

Return of an Old Bendigonian.

Mr. W. M. Flegg, who was a well-known solicitor on this goldfield in the early days, but who for some years resided in England, arrived in Sandhurst yesterday afternoon, accompanied by his daughter. During his stay here he will be the guest of Mr. G, Lansell.

FLETCHER George Avery (346)

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Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 12 April 1876** p 2 Family Notices

DEATH.

On the 11th April, at his residence, Bramble-street, Mr George Avery Fletcher, town clerk of Sandhurst, age 49, after a lingering illness.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D4



DEEP SINKING.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 12 April 1876** p 2 Article

THE LATE MR. G. A. FLETCHER, TOWNCLERK. - We announce with deep regret the death of Mr. G. A. Fletcher, who expired last night at his residence in Bramble-street, about midnight. Mr. Fletcher was 49 years of age. He had been long in a precarious state of health. It will be remembered that in February of last year, he had an epileptic fit, from the effects of which he never altogether recovered. In August last he lost his wife, and, from that time it became evident to his friends that his constitution was breaking up. In November last, after several relapses and partial recovery, Mr. Fletcher was disabled from attending to his duties. Towards the close of the year he went to Hobart Town, and while there had another severe attack, and returned in an almost hopeless condition. Since then Mr. Fletcher sunk slowly but perceptibly. He suffered no pain and died from mere exhaustion. The Mayor and Councillors have shown the most considerate kindness towards Mr Fletcher in his long illness, and his oldest friends were unremitting in their attention. Mr Fletcher has left a family of four children to mourn their loss. Three are in England, but Mr Fletcher had the comfort of the presence of his eldest daughter, a very young lady, by whom he has been unremittingly and tenderly nursed during his long illness.

THE LATE MR. G. A. FLETCHER, TOWN CLERK OF SANDHURST.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 12 April 1876** p 3 Article

THE LATE MR. G. A. FLETCHER. TOWN CLERK OF SANDHURST.

Our obituary of this day contains the notice of the death of Mr. G. A. Fletcher, after a lingering illness of many months' duration. Mr. Fletcher was so long and intimately connected with the history of Sandhurst that his death breaks a link between the present and the past. Mr. Fletcher's connection with Sandhurst commenced on its first establishment as a municipality under Captain Clarke's Act, in 1855. He made the first valuation, having previously undertaken the same duty in connection with Emerald Hill, and we believe other suburban municipalities. Mr. Fletcher very shortly afterwards succeeded Mr. Hopkins as town clerk, and also for many years performed the duties of surveyor, for which he was well qualified by a long engineering experience under one of the great firms in the mother country.

It would perhaps have been better for his peace had the duties of the latter office not been attached to his position, for at the time of the formation of the Municipality when roads and footpaths had to be constructed out of a chaos of diggers' holes, when labor was high and rates were an unaccustomed burden, when a great deal was expected to be done with the smallest of means, the office was an unpopular one. Whether whatever was done under his superintendence was well done it may be safe that no public body ever had a more faithful officer faithful to the loss of popularity, which a man of a more convenient temperament might have acquired.

He was rigorous to the letter in exacting full value for the ratepayers' money, and so no doubt he made many enemies. Almost the remembrance of these early days has passed away, during which it may be that Mr. Fletcher was the scapegoat for the shortcomings of successive Councils. But in Mr. Fletcher's latter days he had the satisfaction of knowing that he had outlived the criticism to which he, as the assailable representative of the Council, was so long subjected. He had the satisfaction of knowing that he enjoyed the full confidence and esteem of every member of the Council, most of whom had taken office with prejudices against him, but who, when brought into contact with him, soon recognised his abilities, and became his firmest friends.

He will be much missed in the Council Chamber, for he was an able adviser and his intimate knowledge of municipal law and of the numerous incidents in the history of the city, were of the greatest value. Mr. Fletcher was a thorough man of business with a large fund of general and professional information. He was well read upon most subjects. As an engineer it is to be regretted that he had not a larger field for his abilities, of which he received more than one ample recognition from the professional branches of the Government departments.

He was engineer of the great sludge channel, now obliterated and almost forgotten, and also, of the Spring Gully reservoir, the execution of which, alone of the hydraulic works in the colony, met with Colonel Sankey's unqualified approbation.

For one great local improvement the citizens are indebted to Mr Fletcher; it was he who, so long ago as ten or twelve years, introduced and persisted in the planting of the streets with trees. The City Council of late have wisely, and with a liberal hand, followed out Mr Fletcher's ideas, the realization of which has already so much improved the appearance of the streets, and added to the comfort of the residents, and in a few more years will make Sandhurst the prettiest inland town in the colony.

To Mr. Fletcher was due in a great measure the establishment of the cattle market, which has been such a signal success. The cemeteries, the park, and Botanical Gardens, were also under his care, and were, in the first instance, laid out by him.

By a large circle of friends Mr. Fletcher will be long and sincerely mourned. A strict disciplinarian, he was essentially a kind-hearted man; there is no officer of the Council, from the highest to the humblest, by whom he was not regarded with esteem and affection. It is painful to think that his latter years were clouded with sorrows, which abridged a life so justly dear to his family and friends.

FLETCHER P (216)

Despite extensive research, the given name of P Fletcher and what happened to him could not be discovered. There are several men by the name of Fletcher, but none with his given name and employment background as stated in the article of 23 June 1894. (Cattle agents, auctioneers and salesmen.)

PIONEERS OF BENDIGO.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Saturday 23 June 1894** p 3 Article



..... P. Fletcher (who subsequently became a baronet)

FLETCHER William Roby Rev. (229)

DEATH OF THE REV. W. ROBY FLETCHER. ADELAIDE, TUESDAY.

The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) **Wednesday 6 June 1894** p 6 Article

DEATH OF THE REV. W ROBY FLETCHER.

ADELAIDE. Tuesday.

The Rev. W. Roby Fletcher, a leading Congregational minister, died today at Wavertree, Kent Town. He came to Australia in 1857, landing in Sydney, and thence went to St. Kilda.

In the following year Mr. Fletcher went to Sandhurst to found a Congregational Church, and after seven years' ministerial work in the mining city he was called to Richmond, where he became one of the tutors of the Victorian Congregational College.

In 1876 he became pastor of the Stow Memorial Church, Adelaide, and in October last undertook the pastorate of the Glenelg Congregational Church.



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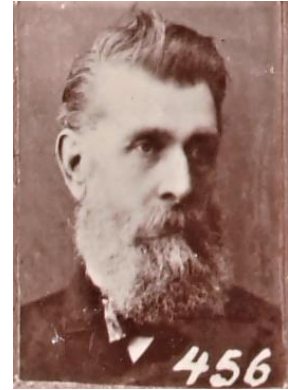
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FLY John (456)

BENDIGO AND DISTRICT.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Wednesday 29 October 1924** p 8 Article

Mr John Fly, who has lived in Bendigo for 70 years, celebrated his 90th birthday on Tuesday. He came to Bendigo with Mr. Richard Bell, a brother of Mrs. Alfred Deakin, mother of the late Mr. Alfred Deakin, Prime Minister of Australia, and they engaged in building contracting, erecting the first Masonic Hall in the district, Mr. Fly is the oldest pioneer of early Bendigo.



WILLS AND ESTATES.

The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) **Wednesday 2 June 1926** p 11 Article

John Fly, late of Barnard-street, Bendigo, who died on 6th April, left by will dated 17th December, 1921, real estate valued at £2200 and personal property valued at £6865 to his children and grandchildren, subject to bequests of £15 to the Bendigo Hospital and £10 to the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum.

"PIONEERS AND ALL." THE FLY BROTHERS.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Friday 25 July 1913** p 7 Article Illustrated

PIONEERS AND ALL. THE FLY BROTHERS

Amongst the most interesting of our old identities are John and Charles Fly, for so many years past located in Barnard street. The elder one, John, was born at Herne Bay, Kent, in 1834, so that he is now in his 79th year. Other children were also born there, but when they were quite young the family shifted to London. Herne Bay had been expected to come forward as a popular summer visiting resort, and Mr. Fly, senior, had acquired some property there in anticipation. But the beach was too flat and shallow for the purposes of a marine resort, and expectations were disappointed.

At the age of 13, John started to learn the joinery trade, the other brothers in turn starting work as soon as they about reached the same age. But the father was not in the best of health, and the golden stories from Australia were turning the minds of young and old in the old country. So in 1853 the family embarked for Melbourne. It consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Fly, their, three sons, John, Charles and William, one daughter, and an aunt (a younger sister of Mrs. Fly). The daughter, on reaching the age of 17, married one James Bevan, who with his brother had had some wonderful luck at Fryerstown diggings – £7000 worth of gold in live weeks! Otherwise the Bevans were also successful and industrious colonists.

They were connected with various enterprises in the early days of Bendigo, including the carting of granite from Big Hill as required in connection with the railway bridges and other work at the Bendigo railway station. Unfortunately, Mr. James Bevan and his wife took a trip home in 1867. Returning by the ill-fated s.s. *London* they perished in the Bay of Biscay along with nearly the whole of the passengers and crew. Their two children had been left with Mrs. Bevan's mother in Melbourne.

The aunt, above mentioned, married Mr. Richard Bill, a young man whose acquaintance they made on the long ship voyage out in 1853. This Mr. Bill was an uncle of the Hon. Alfred Deakin's father, and their son, who is still living is, therefore, a cousin of Mr. Deakin and of the Fly Brothers. The coaching firm of Bill and Deakin, in which the Bevans were also interested, was an institution in the early days of Bendigo. They put up a long and gallant fight against Cobb and Co.'s efforts to run them off the road. So keen did the battle rage that in the final stages, Cobb and Co. were carrying passengers to Melbourne for nothing, and also supplying them with free meals and drinks at the changing stations en route. Cobb and Co.'s resources held out the longest, so Bill and Deakin had to leave the road.

Mr. Fly, senior, died in 1858. But several years before this he had been working with his sons in Bendigo. The two eldest of the sons first saw Bendigo in 1853. They were digging for about 18 months, but with no great luck. One incident of their digging days was the brother Charles, then a mere youth, swallowing about a pound's worth of gold, and its not having been seen from that day to this. The brothers had a hole at Back Creek, not, far from where the cricket ground now is. It was their first golden hole. Charles was below in a drive and John was at the windlass. Suddenly John saw Charles's head emerge from the drive. Charles, turning his face upwards, was endeavoring to call out to his brother above that he'd got a nugget! No sooner, however, did he open his mouth with his head in the backward position than the nugget slipped down his throat. They calculate that there was about a pound's worth of gold in it – some five pennyweights, or so – a little bit of quartz on one side, adds Charles. Whatever it was, they never saw it again.



Charles Fly

Thinking of their trade of carpentry, and then deciding that as there were fewer ups and downs in contracting than in sinking and climbing diggers' holes, they started as builders. One of their first jobs was the first Masonic Hall erected in Bendigo. It was in Myers street. It was used till about 1872 by the Masons of Bendigo. Then the fine new hall in View street being erected, the old hall in Myers street was altered somewhat and became a private residence and school. It is the building since known as Pembroke House.

After their father's death in 1858, the brothers undertook the interior work of All Saints' Church, at the corner of Forest and McKenzie streets, then just built. They made the pulpit, the altar rails, the communion rails, etc. All of these and some others were presents from different members of the congregation.

Mr. Shadrach Jones, an auctioneer of the time gave the communion table; Mr. Divine, proprietor of the Rose, Shamrock and Thistle Hotel, gave the altar rails; Fly Brothers gave the reading desk, and Mr. Richard Wheeler, a brother-in-law of Mr. J. W. Faul, who was a bookseller and stationer in View street, donated, along with several others, the pulpit. As can be seen in the church to-day it was a handsome donation, as indeed were all the other fittings. The cost of the pulpit alone was £115.

Matters went slack in Bendigo about 1866 and 1867. So the brothers got some contracts in Ballarat. Soon, however, returning to Bendigo, they built the brick store and residence in Barnard street, and except when some years ago, Charles took a trip home to the old country, have not since had any extended absences.

It is rarely indeed that of three brothers who landed in Victoria so early as 1853, each of them should be alive and well 60 years afterwards. Their sister also might have been still living but for the disaster to the *s.s. London*. For they came from a long lived family, with records of 97 years, 100 years, and so on, as having been lived by several of their ancestors. The third brother (William) is living at Armadale, a Melbourne suburb.

Mr. John Fly was married at All Saints in 1857 by the Rev. James Brennan, and the wife of his youth is still with him, happy amongst their numerous relatives in Bendigo, and every now and then gladdened by visits from others who are living further away. They had three sons and three daughters, and with the exception of one, John Moys Fly, who died a few years ago at the age of 49, all are living and well. Besides their surviving three daughters and two sons, they have twenty grandchildren.

Both brothers joined the volunteers on the 10th October, 1860. They and Captain Joseph Anderson and Mr. Thomas Moran, (Forest-street) are the only known survivors of the first members of the old Grey Battalion. They are in Bendigo, but it is possible that there may be one or two more survivors living in other parts of Australia. Mr. C. A. F. Taylor and Mr. Tom Doble are the surviving members of the Kangaroo Flat contingent of the same corps, but that contingent was not formed until 1863.

Both of the Flys were good rifle shots – amongst the best in the colony of Victoria. John Fly fired in the first inter-Colonial match between New South Wales and Victoria. It was a home and home match. The Welshmen fired in Sydney and the Victorians at Castlemaine. Though John Fly was, on the day of the contest, so ill from headache that he could not load his own rifle. Page, of Maldon, having to load for him and hand the rifle to him, he made second highest score; Duncan McCutcheon was the top.

Charles Fly, in 1880, won the British National Rifle Association's medal as the champion shot of Victoria. (One of these medals used to be annually competed for in each colony.) When the Volunteers were disbanded in 1883, they joined the militia, and John became quarter-master. On his retirement on account of reaching 60 years of age, altogether he had a record with the Volunteers and militia of 34 years.

In their earliest days in Bendigo the three brothers took steps to form a choir for All Saints' Church. They had been used to choir work at home. There were many difficulties in the way, including the fact that in those very early days of the goldfield, Sunday clothes were at a very high premium. They had nothing but their diggers' clothes and the story of their efforts to appear as "respectable" as possible, when assisting in the worship on Sundays, has its humorous side. On one occasion they tried, but without much effect, to iron their colored working shirts and the cuffs with a bottle filled with hot water.

The Flys were originally a Quaker family, and resided on the Thames at Greenwich. But their father returned to the Church of England, and in that faith they grew up. On the maternal side their ancestor was Sir Charles Hewett, the eighth successor to the baronetcy, which was created in 1621. The present holder of the title, Sir Edward Hewett, is an architect in London.

Amongst the work that they did in Bendigo when contracting, some of it has an historical interest. They were members of the earliest formed fire brigade in Bendigo, and sank several tanks from which the hand fire-engine could be supplied: There was no Coliban supply at the time. One of these tanks (10ft by 10ft by 16ft in depth) was near Charing Cross fountain. They undertook the job for £2, expecting to get some good gold in the ground. But the yield was only two little specks! Others of their tanks were put down in different parts of the town. One was in front of the A.N.A. Hall, where it will be remembered that, in some alterations, it was a few years ago disclosed on the foot path.

"Our most payable job," says Mr. John Fly. recalling the incident with a twinkle in his eye, "was the building of 'The Logs' (the lock-up) at Eaglehawk and at White Hills. We got the timber very close to the spot at White Hills, and at Eaglehawk brought it from Eaglehawk Flat and Jackass Flat. It was easy work, and timber handy. We were paid £260 for each lock-up, and £10 each for some angle pieces in the corners. Wages at this time were £1 per day for 10 hours, but after 1856 £1 a day for eight hours. Bricklayers and masons got rather more than carpenters.

In 1853, however, when we first landed, wages were £2 a day in Melbourne, and on the first morning I looked for work I had the refusal of seven or eight billets before breakfast. But I only then worked there for three weeks as the employer couldn't go on with carpenters only, all of his bricklayers and masons having cleared out for the diggings. So we left for Bendigo also."

Mr. and Mrs. Fly and "Uncle" (the brother Charles) are so full of reminiscences of the earlier and brisk times of the goldfield that they could easily fill an interesting book. They are in excellent health, except that Mrs. Fly has met with one or two unfortunate accidents by tripping and falling but, otherwise. she is bright and clear-headed and still enjoys all kinds of reading which she can do without glasses.

Charles Fly buried at Bendigo Cemetery 1925 MON G1 Aged 89 years

John Fly buried at Bendigo Cemetery 1925 MON G1 Aged 91 years

FOGARTY Matthew John (460)

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. M. J. FOGARTY. AN OLD COLONIST AT BEST.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 22 August 1903** p 5 Article

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. M. J. FOGARTY.

AN OLD COLONIST AT REST

It will come as a grievous shock to the many friends of Mr. M. J. Fogarty, of Webster-street, to learn that he passed away unexpectedly yesterday morning. For some months past Mr. Fogarty had not been in the best of health, and had not moved out of his house for a considerable period. Latterly, however, his health improved, and he was able to visit the city. In fact, it was only on Thursday that he took a walk round. He spent the evening with friends, and was quite happy and cheerful. He retired to rest in the best of spirits.



A little after 7 o'clock yesterday morning one of his daughters proceeded to his room, with a cup of tea. Mr. Fogarty was in bed, and to all appearances asleep.

His daughter spoke to him, but received no answer. A closer examination disclosed the painful fact that he was dead, having evidently just passed peacefully away.

The deceased gentleman, who was never robust, had reached the age of 70 years, and had a wide circle of friends. He was well known on the Bendigo goldfield in the early days, having arrived per the ship *Cambridge* in 1852, and commenced digging with Mr. Ormond. He afterwards opened general grocery and drapery stores at White Hills, Epsom, and Huntly, the firm being styled Fogarty and Kerr.

In 1869 he removed to the Spring Creek rush, and conducted a store there, and also at Nagambie. In 1880 Mr. Fogarty returned to Bendigo, and established the firm of Ustick and Fogarty, drapers, at Charing Cross. Later on, in 1884, he went into business with Mr. Balsillie, as drapers in Pall Mall. Subsequently he took charge of one of Messrs. Henderson and Goodisson's drapery establishments, and about three years ago went to Mitiamo to manage Messrs. O'Brien Bros. drapery business.

Since then he lived privately in Webster-street. Four daughters and six sons are left to mourn a sad loss. The two eldest sons, who are married, reside in Sydney, and the rest of the family, including a married daughter (Mrs. Vickery) are living in Bendigo.

Bendigo Cemetery MON C6

FORREST William (335)

1835 – 1903 Pastoralist, company director and politician.

Died in Queensland. See

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/forrest-william-6212>



FRANCIS John (82)

John Francis started a store in tents in Bendigo, including his brothers into the business as Francis Bros, and later building the Beehive Store in Bendigo.

He married Emma Chapman in Hobart on 30.8.1853 and died from consumption in Hobart on 22/6/1860 aged 37.

[Family Notices](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 26 June 1860** p 2 Family Notices



DIED.

On the 20th instant, at his residence, Sandy Bay, Hobart Town, John Francis, Esq., of the firm of Francis Brothers, of this town.

Brothers

William Francis

George Washington Francis

FRANCIS William (91)

[THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER PUBLISHED DAILY PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. | SANDHURST, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14, 1867. THE ELECTION OF MR. DUFFY.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 14 August 1867** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR WILLIAM FRANCIS.—Yesterday afternoon the melancholy intelligence of the death of Mr William Francis, the elder brother in the firm of Francis Brothers, was received in Sandhurst. Mr Francis, who died at his residence in Brighton, had been ailing for some time. His remains arrived in Sandhurst last night per the 11.15 train, when most of the employees of the firm were in waiting at the terminus, and escorted the body to the residence of the deceased gentleman's brother, in Mundy-street, where it now lies awaiting burial, which will take place to-morrow.



Bendigo Cemetery MON E4 Aged 43

[Advertising](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 15 August 1867** p 3 Advertising

THE Funeral of the late WILLIAM FRANCIS will move from the residence of his Brother, G. W. Francis, Mundy-street, to the Sandhurst Cemetery, This Day, at half-past two o'clock.

[Advertising](#)

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Wednesday 28 August 1867** p 3 Advertising

Judicial and law notices.

IN the SUPREME COURT of the COLONY of VICTORIA: In Its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. In the Will of WILLIAM FRANCIS, late of the City of Melbourne and of Sandhurst, in the Colony of Victoria, Merchant, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof, application will be made to the Supreme Court of the colony of Victoria, in its Ecclesiastical jurisdiction, that PROBATE of the LAST WILL and TESTAMENT of William Francis, late of the city of Melbourne and of Sandhurst, in the said colony of Victoria, merchant, deceased, may be granted to George Washington Francis, of Sandhurst aforesaid, merchant, one of the executors named in and appointed by the said will, leave being reserved to James Copeland, of the city of Melbourne aforesaid, merchant, the other executor named in and appointed by the said will, to come In and prove the same If and when he should think proper.

Dated this 27th day of August, A.D. 1867.

MALLESON and ENGLAND, No. 24 Queen-street,
Melbourne, proctors for the said George Washington Francis.

FRASER James (185)

NOTE:

There are four James Fraser burials found in a Bendigo Cemetery Search, one at each of the four Bendigo Cemeteries and all buried prior to 1907.

In the Historic Rates Index there are listings for James Fraser at several different locations and with several occupations.

A James Fraser was a Member of The Old Bendigonians Society in 1872

Four James Fraser in entries in Cemetery Deceased Search who could have been pioneers.

The references below are not necessarily the same person.

Unable to conclusively determine the history of the James Fraser in the Photograph.

Advertising

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 5 November 1858 p 1 Advertising

IRONBARK GULLY HOTEL.

AN Opening Ball and Supper will be given by the proprietor, Mr. James Fraser, on Friday, 12th November, when he trusts to see all his friends present on the occasion. Admission, for one gentleman and ladies, One Guinea.



Advertising

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Monday 20 August 1860 p 1 Advertising

TENDERS Wanted for Painting the premises of the Bird's Beef Gold Mining Company, Kangaroo Gully. Apply at the works for particulars.

JAMES FRASER, Manager

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Monday 6 October 1873 p 3 Article

GAZETTE NOTICES.

The following intimations appear in Friday's Gazette: —

Mr. James Fraser of Golden-square, has been appointed a magistrate for the Bendigo district.

OUR MAGISTRACY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Wednesday 6 January 1875 p 2 Article

Government Gazette announcement of appointment of James Fraser as a Police Magistrate of Victoria.

[\[?\]MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 20 November 1878** p 2 Article

..... Concert at Golden-square.—This evening a concert will be held in the Foresters Hall, Golden-square, in aid of the funds of the recently formed fire brigade in that locality.

The chair will be occupied by Mr. James Fraser

[THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER \(PUBLISHED DAILY.\) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, THURSDAY, DEC. 4, 1879. A UNITED OPPOSITION.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 4 December 1879** p 2 Article

New Insolvent.—James Fraser, of Golden Square, Sandhurst, quartz-crusher. Liabilities, £1,610 17s. 10d.; assets, £419. 0s. 7d.; deficiency, £1,182 17s. 3d. Causes: Losses in mining, depreciation in value of milling property, losses by bad debts for crushing, falling off in demand for crushing, and having to pay money for persons for whom insolvent was surety.

Attorney, Messrs. Brown and Ellison; assignee, Mr. John Hanker. Meeting under section 53, on Wednesday, the 10th December, 1879, at 11.30 a.m.

[EAGLEHAWK POLICE COURT. Saturday, 7th April. \(Before Mr. Webster. P.M., and Mr. Palmer, J.P.\)](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 9 April 1883** p 3 Article

STATISTICS OF THE BENDIGO BENEVOLENT ASYLUM AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL for the month ended 31st March, 1853:—

Death: James Fraser, aged 75, native of Armagh, Ireland, on 12th March, from diarrhoea. Admitted 8th March, 1880. Arrived in Sydney in 1840, per *Matilda*.

[Family Notices](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 19 August 1885** p 4 Family Notices

THE Friends of Mr JAMES FRASER. (late of Golden-square) are respectfully invited to Follow the Remains of his late DAUGHTER (Margaret Jane) to the Kangaroo Flat Cemetery. This funeral is appointed to move from the residence of Mrs Gray, Honeysuckle-street, This Day, at half-past two o'clock.

WILLIAM FARMER, Undertaker,
McCrae street.

BENDIGO SINCE '51. No. XXXV. 1873—The Education Act-First Board of Advice—Fires—Temperance Fire Brigade The Dismissal of the Head Teacher of the High School.—Death of Mr David Will...

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 1 June 1889** p 3 Article

The members of the first Board of Advice in Sandhurst were Messrs. H. Hattam, J. H. Abbott, J. McIntyre. R. Strickland, J. Stewart, James Fraser, and John Dawburn.

Family Notices

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Wednesday 14 June 1916** p 1 Family

Notices

FRASER.—On the 7th June, James Fraser, late of Bendigo, age 92. A colonist of 67 years. (Interred at Queenscliff.)

Further Research Required.

FRASER Lachlan (99)

Family Notices

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 14 December 1889** p 7 Family Notices

FRASER.—On Sunday, 8th December, at his residence, Lyttleton Terrace, Sandhurst, Lachlan Fraser, aged 68 years



THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11, 1889 OUR CITY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 11 December 1889** p 2 Article

THE LATE MR. LACHLAN FRASER. The funeral of the late Mr. Lachlan Fraser took place yesterday afternoon, and the high esteem in which he was held was fully shown by the very large number of persons who attended to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory. After a short service had been conducted in the deceased gentleman's late residence in Lyttleton Terrace, the mournful cortege, which consisted of a hearse, three mourning coaches and a long line of private vehicles, started for the place of interment, the Presbyterian portion of the Sandhurst cemetery, where the coffin was borne to the grave by his employees.

The Rev. Dr. Nish read the burial service in an impressive manner, and the deceased's eldest son then gave a touching address, in which he referred to the Christian and peaceful death of his father. Many of the mourners round the grave were visibly affected. Amongst those present were the Mayor (Mr. J. P. Carolin), Crs. Harkness and Hoskins, the Rev. R. Lewers, R. Thorn, A. Stoker, R. Keith Mackay and other ministers, Messrs. T. H. Henderson, Alex. Bayne and many other leading citizens. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Farmer, undertaker of McCrae-street.

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The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Tuesday 7 November 1899** p 2 Family Notices

FRASER At the Bank, of Victoria, Nhill, on Saturday. 4th inst., Eliza, widow of Lachlan Fraser, formerly of Bendigo, mother of Mrs. Lewis Harse, of Carisbrook; Rev. William Fraser, B.A., of Ballarat; Rev. C. A. Fraser, of Windermere, and Mr. Lachlan Fraser, J.P., Bank Manager, Nhill; aged 78 years.

Lachlan Fraser Jnr.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Tuesday 26 August 1913 p 4 Article

Mr. Lachlan Fraser, manager of the North Melbourne branch of the Bank of Victoria, has (remarks the Herald) strong claims to be considered the holder of the teaching record in Sunday Schools of Victoria.

Fifty five years ago Mr. Fraser first became a teacher at St. Andrew's I Presbyterian Sunday School, Bendigo. Since then he has taught, or superintended teaching in Sunday Schools in Lower Huntly (Bendigo), Fryerstown, Rutherglen, Wahgunyah, South Melbourne, Wodonga, Horsham and Nhill. He is still in harness, his present work being at the North Melbourne Presbyterian Sunday School.

Mr. Fraser, who is a son of the late Mr. Lachlan Fraser, of Lyttleton Terrace, began his business novitiate as a youth in the Bendigo branch of the Bank of Victoria. Even at that early period he was an ardent advocate of temperance, and has been so ever since. He is a brother of the Rev. W. Fraser. of the Ascot Vale Presbyterian Church.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Tuesday 21 December 1915 p 4 Article

A GOLDEN WEDDLNG.

In this morning's issue the golden wedding is announced of Mr Lachlan Fraser and Miss Emilie Marie Eastwood. It was celebrated on December 21, 1865, at Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo, by the Rev. Dr. Mercer, representing the Rev. James Nish.

The bridegroom is the eldest son of the late Mr. Lachlan Fraser.

The latter was one of the foundation members of the I.O.R. in Bendigo, and throughout his long life was identified with religious and temperance work.

Mr. Lachlan Fraser, junior, was a boy of 13 when he arrived in Bendigo. Born on Christmas Day, he will be 74 years old on the 25th instant. Starting work as a lad in the Bendigo Telegraph Office, then located on the present site of Denton's tailoring establishment in Mitchell street, he shortly entered the service of the Bank of Victoria as a junior clerk. From an early age he was an ardent temperance worker, and as a vocalist and organiser of public gatherings and entertainments did much to establish the cause in Bendigo and in other districts in which he has since lived. There are many old Bendigonians who will remember his choir at the Temperance Hall and the effective aid which its members gave to the Matthew Burnett and other missions.

When teller of the Bendigo branch he was promoted to the management of the Epsom branch thence to different towns, including the South Melbourne branch, and lastly to the North Melbourne branch, his present location.

His bride was the youngest daughter Mr. Thomas Traton Eastwood, of Brighton, England. Brothers of Mr. Lachlan Fraser are the Rev. William Fraser, of Ascot Vale, who recently left Melbourne as a chaplain on one of the troopships, and the Rev. Christopher Fraser; whilst a sister was married to Mr. L. Harse of Maryborough, and their son the Rev. Lewis Harse of Tasmania. All old Bendigonians who were acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan Fraser will join in congratulations on their golden wedding, and wishing them many returns of the day.

FREEMAN Frederick Francis (406)

Francis Frederick Freeman died in 1886 at Kangaroo Flat Aged 54.

Buried 1.3.1886 Kangaroo Flat cemetery C of E South

[Advertising](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 18 June 1867 p 3 Advertising

THE Friends of Mr FREDERICK FREEMAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late WIFE from his residence, Kangaroo Gully, to the Kangaroo Flat Cemetery. To move at three o'clock on the 18th inst.

FARMAN BROS, Undertakers.

Catherine Freeman (nee Harrington) died 1867 aged 27.

Frederick Freeman then married Eliza Brown in 1867



[SANDHURST POLICE COURT. Friday, 9th September. \(Before Mr L. M'Lachlan, PM, and His Worship the Mayor.\)](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Saturday 10 September 1870 p 2 Article

SETTING A SPRING GUN

Anthony Stevenson was charged with setting a spring gun on the 30th inst. so as to cause bodily injury to one Frederick Freeman. Mr Martley appeared for the defence, and Detective Alexander conducted the prosecution.

Frederick Freeman deposed that he was manager of the Alpine Company, Crusoe Gully, and he knew prisoner, who was working at Dressler's machine. On Tuesday, the 30th inst, witness went to the machine, and had occasion to go to a particular part, when, on lifting up a door to look at a table, he heard the report of a gun, and was immediately shot. He sang out for assistance, and on getting outside he fainted. When he recovered, a number of miners were around him, among whom was the prisoner.

They were all very sorry, and prisoner said he would rather it had happened to himself. Dr O'Donnell deposed to having attended prosecutor, and found forty gunshot wounds in his right, and thirteen in his left thigh; they were not dangerous wounds.

Constable Clarke, stationed at Kangaroo Flat, deposed that from information received, he proceeded to the machine, where he saw prisoner, who admitted having set the gun, and accordingly witness arrested him the prisoner was committed to take his trial at the next General Sessions to be held on 5th October.

[ANGAROO FLAT. \(FROM OWN OUR CORRESPONDENT.\) Wednesday, 10th November.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 11 November 1886** p 2 Article

KANGAROO FLAT.

From Our Own Correspondent

Wednesday. 10th November.

The inhabitants of the flat were startled at about half past twelve by the ringing of the fire-bell. A four-roomed weatherboard cottage belonging to Dominico Benola, was burnt to the ground with all its contents. It was not insured. Mr Benola was not at home at the time.

An amateur fire brigade turned out, the R.F.V.F.B. being in Sydney, with an old reel, and saved an adjoining stable. The home of Mrs Freeman (nee Eliza Brown), widow of the late Frederick Freeman was at one time in great danger, and Mrs Freeman had a fright. However, thanks to the exertions of those present, the fire did not extend beyond the first house. There is a large family of Benolas, and it is hard that they should be deprived at one blow of nearly all they possessed.

The cause of the fire is not known.

FRENCH William Henry (329)

BUSH FIRES.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 7 November 1885** p 2 Article

DEATH OF ANOTHER OLD BENDIGONIAN.

Another gap in the fast thinning ranks of old Bendigonians (writes our Long Gully correspondent) has to be reported, Mr William Henry French, licensee of the Manchester Arms, Long Gully, having breathed his last, last evening between six and seven o'clock, after a protracted and painful illness from chronic bronchitis.



The deceased, who was a native of Penzance, Cornwall, and about 65 years of age, arrived in the colonies in 1849, came to Long Gully in 1850, and in 1852 opened the Manchester Arms Hotel, the license of which he held up to the time of his death. He was unassuming in his manner, and was universally respected and noted for his charitable and affable disposition, winning the affections of all with whom he came in contact.

Mr French has been closely identified with Northcott's Premier Brass Band and Long Gully Fire Brigade, since their formation, and during his connection took great interest in their welfare, he always being to the front to assist either pecuniary or otherwise. Of late years the deceased has only been on the honorary list of the brigade, and was generally liked by his comrades. He was also a member of the Loyal Albert Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., and up to his death acted in the capacity of treasurer, the duties of which position he carried out in a very acceptable manner, displaying much tact and ability.

Mr French leaves behind him a widow and four daughters, married, to mourn his demise. The funeral of deceased has been fixed to take place tomorrow afternoon, at half-past three o'clock, the place of interment being the Sandhurst Cemetery. Northcott's Brass Band, the Loyal Albert Lodge, and the Long Gully and sister brigades will take part in the funeral. Members of the Long Gully Fire Brigade are requested to meet at their depot at 2.30 p.m., also members of sister brigades.

THE NORTH-EAST AND THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

Ovens and Murray Advertiser (Beechworth, Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 17 November 1885** p 2 Article

Funeral of Mr W. H. French.— On Sunday afternoon, 8th inst., the funeral of the late Mr William Henry French, whose death took place at Long Gully, Sandhurst, the previous Friday, took place, and the high esteem entertained for the deceased was demonstrated by the large attendance, the cortege being nearly half-a-mile in length.

The procession, headed by Northcott's Premier Band, with which the deceased closely identified himself, left the Manchester Arms Hotel, his late residence, about a quarter to four o'clock, states the "Advertiser."

After the band came several members of the No. 1 Fire Brigade, with their hose-reel. Then came almost a full muster of the Long Gully Brigade, of which deceased was an honorary member; a large number of members of the Loyal Albert Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F.; the hearse and pallbearers, three mourning-coaches, containing the mourners, followed by several private vehicles and cabs. Amongst those present were the mayor (Cr S. H. McGowan), Cr Bailes, and the Hon. R. Burrows, M.L.A., besides a large number of leading citizens and businessmen.

At the grave the Rev. J. P. McCann, Wesleyan minister, impressively read the service of the church named, whilst Mr G. H. Hobson, P.G.M. of the Oddfellows, did similar duty for the Loyal Albert Lodge, of which deceased had been treasurer. Northcott's Band during the march rendered very solemnly "The Dead March" and "Rock of Ages."

The route of the procession was thronged with spectators. Lieutenant Keam was in command of the No. 1 Brigade, Captain Deeble Long Gully, and Mr J. A. Hall the Oddfellows. Mr French arrived in the colony in January, 1849, and came to Bendigo in 1855. He started business in 1857, and at the time of his death was 65 years of age. He was a brother of the late Mr Geo. E. French, of Beechworth.

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FRENCHAM Henry (195)

Family Notices

The Australasian (Melbourne, Vic. : 1864 - 1946) **Saturday 10 July 1897** p 51
Family Notices

FRENCHAM.—On the 3rd July, at his late residence, Berry-street, Richmond, Henry Frencham, beloved husband of the late Alicia Frencham, in his 82nd year. A pioneer colonist of 57 years. At rest.



DEATH OF MR. H. FRENCHAM. A PIONEER GOLD DISCOVERER.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 6 July 1897** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. H. FRENCHAM. A PIONEER GOLD DISCOVERER.

On Saturday Mr. Henry Frencham, who claimed to have been the first gold discoverer in Bendigo, passed away at his residence, Berry Street, Richmond, at the age of 82 years, after a residence in the colony of 57 years.

Our readers will remember that the deceased gentleman paid a visit to the scene of his early experiences in March, 1895, he then being hale and hearty. Prior to the City Council meeting on the 1st March of that year Mr. William Welch, of View-street (who, by the way was an old friend of Mr. Frencham's), introduced the veteran to the mayor (the late Cr. Heinz) and councillors in the mayor's room.

Mr. Welch's remarks in introducing his old friend on that occasion may be appropriately quoted here:— "I beg most respectfully to introduce to you my old and esteemed friend Mr. Henry Frencham, of Richmond, as the first discoverer of gold in Bendigo in November, 1851. We were shop mates in the daily newspaper offices in Melbourne during 1850 and part of 1851. In July of the latter year he went alone on a pack horse to the Plenty Ranges, about 20 miles from Melbourne, to try and find gold, in the honest endeavor to stop the rush of people from Port Phillip to New South Wales after Mr. Hargreaves' discovery at Bathurst. He was unsuccessful in his first attempt, but soon after he went to found real goldfields in this colony until he reached Ballarat.

On and on he went across the Jim Crow Ranges to Forest Creek and on to Bendigo in November, 1851. When there he discovered gold, and as a faithful representative of the press, he made known the facts immediately to the Commissioners at Forest Creek, and thence to the Argus. The finding of gold at Golden-square has led up Bendigo to the premier goldfield of the world, wherefrom nearly 70 million pounds worth of the precious metal have been obtained – over a third of all the gold raised in Victoria.

In conclusion gentlemen, this grand old pioneer, Frencham, dates back to 1840, and has now children and grandchildren numbering over 50. He is in his 80th year, and never has occasion to call in a doctor. Mr. Frencham has not been in Bendigo since 1854, and in showing him round the city and suburbs he has been amazed with its wonderful growth in substantial buildings, wide streets and tree planting. He exclaims that it is really the model city of the colony. He was also delighted with Eaglehawk, which had grown apace."

Then *The Advertiser* report of the proceedings proceeded: - "The mayor heartily welcomed Mr. Frencham back to Bendigo after such a prolonged absence, and said everyone was pleased to see such an old and worthy pioneer amongst them. (Applause.) Mr. Frencham returned thanks for the cordial welcome extended to him, and expressed his admiration of the magnitude of the city. In his opinion Bendigo was one of the most marvellous cities of Australasia. He was fairly astonished at the great progress that had been made by the city, which, he sincerely hoped, would continue to grow and prosper. On the motion of Cr. Carolin, seconded by Cr. McGowan, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Frencham for honoring the council and the city with a visit."

The deceased gentleman gave evidence before the select committee appointed by Parliament at the instance of Mr. A. S. Bailes, and his portrait appears amongst the large group of photos, of Old Bendigo Pioneers to be seen in the mayor's room to-day – the interesting group having been presented to the mayor and citizens by Cr. Bailes, who was chairman of the committee.

DEATH OF A PIONEER DIGGER.

Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Wednesday 7 July 1897 p 2 Article

DEATH OF A PIONEER DIGGER.

The death is announced of Mr. Henry Frencham, a colonist of 57 years standing, and one of Bendigo's earliest gold-diggers. He died at his residence, Berry-street, Richmond, on the 3rd inst, aged 82. He came to the colony in 1840, when only 25 years of age.

He worked on the daily papers in Melbourne during the very early days. In the latter part of 1851 he set his mind on finding gold. He took a pack horse and went as far as the Plenty Ranges, but met with no success. He made another start, however, and came to Forest Creek (Castlemaine) and on to Bendigo in 1851. Gold-digging was just then commencing in Bendigo, it having been discovered by some station hands near Golden Square.

He left Bendigo in 1854, and was not again there until March 1895, when he visited Mr. William Welch. He claimed to be the first discoverer of gold, and some years ago Mr. Bailes got a Parliamentary select committee appointed to inquire into the matter. The board found that although he was one of the earliest diggers, he was not the original discoverer of gold.

Australian Dictionary of Biography

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/frencham-henry-3577>

THE FIRST GOLD DISCOVERY AT BENDIGO MR. H. FRENCHAM'S CLAIM.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Friday 12 September 1890 p 7 Article

THE FIRST GOLD DISCOVERY AT BENDIGO.

MR. H. FRENCHAM'S CLAIM.

The select committee appointed to inquire into the petition of Mr. H. Frencham, who claims to have been the first discoverer of gold at Bendigo, commenced the taking of evidence at Parliament house yesterday. There were present — Mr. Bailes, M.L.A. (chairman), Messrs. Cameron, Bennett, Burrowes, Gordon, A. Young, and Foster, M.L.A.s.

Harry Frencham, who was the first witness called, said he was agent and correspondent for *The Argus* at Ballarat in 1851. He wrote to Mr. Edward Wilson resigning his position, and went to Castlemaine, or Forest Creek as it was then called, where on November 7, 1851, he received a reply from Mr. Wilson.

He stayed about a week at Forest Creek, and then set out to prospect at a place where he thought it was likely gold would be found— the place which afterwards developed into the Bendigo goldfield. The only people witness saw at the creek where he commenced operations were two women, Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Farrell, who, he supposed, were washing for gold, although he never saw any.

Mr. GORDON.—Someone must have got gold there to induce them to set to work.

Witness said they did not tell him anything about that. He saw them two or three days after his arrival there, and a day or two later he saw two men in the creek who, he supposed, were the women's husbands. Witness was able to report the discovery of gold to the commissioner at Castlemaine about 1st December, 1851, and on 9th December he wrote an account to *The Argus*, which appeared in the issue of the 13th December.

Mr. GORDON.—How many days were you in Bendigo before you discovered gold?

Witness was not there a day before he got gold, but not enough to satisfy him and cause him to bring up his party.

To Mr. FOSTER.—When witness reported the discovery he took down 36lb. of gold. The field at that time was called Gibson's Station. A shepherd, however, told witness it was known as Bendigo. The letter witness wrote to *The Argus* was carried by Captain Harrison, who was present at a meeting of miners held to protest against the increase of diggers' license fees. This was about 10 days after the discovery, and there were about 200 at the meeting.

To the CHAIRMAN.—The first man who told witness about Bendigo being a good place to prospect in was Frank McDonough, and it was on the latter's suggestion he went. There was a man called "One-armed Byas" staying at the station, but witness remembered nothing particular about him. Ross and Atkinson, two of witness's mates, went to bring up the party after the discovery, and they were all together on the creek at White Hills on 30th November, 1851. A day or two later a black trooper showed Ross where he had got gold in the grass, in what was afterwards known as Golden Gully. They were on good payable gold at the creek, about half a mile from the gully, but some of the party went off prospecting elsewhere.

The CHAIRMAN.—Which was it you reported in The Argus, the gold you were getting in the creek or that you were getting in Golden Gully?

Witness reported to The Argus that Frencham's party were doing best on the field, none of the men getting less than 6½oz. a day. It was the creek gold that was referred to.

To Mr. GORDON.—The others with witness at the time were equally entitled to the honour of the discovery. Witness's claim was made for himself alone, but he mentioned Ross and Atkinson in his statement. They were dead, however, and a reward would be no good to them.

Mr. FOSTER.—I suppose they have representatives?

Witness did not know. His application was not made until 1867 owing to his being unable to find Atkinson.

Benjamin Dodds, engineer, gave evidence that at the latter end of November, 1851, he was working at Specimen Hill, at the head of Barker's Creek, when he and his mates were advised to get away to Bendigo as quick as they could and ask for Frencham's claim. They started the next day, and following the dray tracks came upon Frencham's party working at the rocks near the mouth of Golden Gully.

A man named Tom Morrah and his mates, who were working near, took out 36lb. weight of gold from one dish. Witness pegged out a claim just below, which was called Boxtree claim. It was a beautiful creek where Frencham was working, fringed with wattles, and everything in a virgin state. Frencham was looked upon there as the first discoverer. The rocks where he was working were about three miles from the White Hills.

At this stage the committee adjourned until Thursday next.

Report from the Select Committee upon the Claims of Henry Frencham as Discoverer of the Bendigo Goldfield at link below.

<https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/papers/govpub/VPARL1890NoD3.pdf>

FULTON William (379)

Probably William Fulton brother of Thomas Fulton but no record of a William Fulton in the Historic Rates Index.

Family Notices

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Friday 31 January 1879 p 1 Family Notices

FULTON - On the 30th inst., at his residence, Cobden street, Hotham, William Fulton, patternmaker, aged 54 years.

William Fulton was the Manager of mining claim No 1 South Nil Desperandum Gold Mining Company.



William Fulton's wife, Elizabeth, died in Melbourne in 1905 aged 83.

BENDIGO STOCK EXCHANGE.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 28 March 1879 p 3 Detailed Lists, Results, Guides

Probate.—The registrar has granted probate to the wills of the late William Fulton £229

William Fulton was the brother of Thomas Fulton of THOMAS FULTON and CO., Engineers, Founders, &c., Flinders-street, Melbourne.

The company had offices in Sandhurst.

Advertising

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Wednesday 11 July 1860 p 1 Advertising

Messrs. THOMAS FULTON and CO Engineers. Founders & co. Flinders-street, Melbourne and Harker's Chambers, Pall Mall, Sandhurst.

Advertising

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Wednesday 5 September 1860 p 1 Advertising

Messrs. THOMAS FULTON and CO., Engineers, Founders, &c., Flinders-street, Melbourne, and 3 Barnard Terrace, Barnard-street, Sandhurst.

Thomas Fulton (Ironmaster) died in Bendigo 18.2.1859 he when fell down a mine shaft.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Fulton_\(ironmaster\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Fulton_(ironmaster))

Fulton died on 18 February 1859 when he fell down a [Bendigo](#) mine-shaft while checking one of his machinery installations. His headstone was erected by his employees. His brothers **William** (1825-1879) a joiner and patternmaker, James a timber merchant, and Robert, inherited his estate. Robert continued to operate the foundry.^[1]

See ADB entry for Thomas Fulton

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/fulton-thomas-3583>

FATAL ACCIDENT TO THOMAS FULTON.

The Kyneton Observer (Vic. : 1856 - 1900) **Thursday 24 February 1859** p 3 Article

FATAL ACCIDENT TO THOMAS FULTON.

A most painful sensation was caused in Sandhurst on Friday, by the report that Mr Thomas Fulton, of Melbourne, the well-known engineer and founder, had met with a dreadful accident while being lowered down Mr McDougall's water shaft at the Victoria reef, to which Mr Fulton was fitting the pumping apparatus.

It seems that Mr Fulton, anxious to inspect the fittings of the pipes in the shaft was being lowered down, accompanied by an engineer of the name of Anderson. They went down, not in the usual bucket, but standing upon a board, after the fashion in which miners are often accustomed to go up and down their claims. Two steady men were at the crab-winch, but by some accident it appears that the pinions got out of gear, and the barrel revolved with frightful velocity.

Anderson, becoming in a moment sensible of the danger, sprang and caught hold of the man-rope at the side of the shaft, and escaped with little injury. Mr Fulton, however, was precipitated on to a stage, which is at the depth of about 90 feet down (the total depth of the shaft down to the water is about 170 or 180 feet.)

The alarm was immediately given, a bucket rigged, and with as little delay as possible the unfortunate gentleman was raised to the surface. It was evident that he had sustained very severe injury, his lower limbs were shattered, and his face was livid. He was, however, perfectly sensible and able to speak. In this condition he was removed with all possible tenderness to Mr Bannerman's, at the Bank of New South Wales, with whom he has been staying.

Medical advice was at once called in, and Dr Hutchinson, and subsequently Dr Smith, Dr Stewart, and Dr Boyd were soon in attendance upon the sufferer. It was found upon examination that the left leg was fearfully shattered at and about the knee joint, and amputation was at once found to be necessary, which was performed last evening by Dr Stewart, assisted by Dr Hutchinson and Dr Boyd. The operation was performed at about half past 8 o'clock. Shortly afterwards the unfortunate gentleman began rapidly to sink, and between nine and ten o'clock he expired.

The District Coroner, Dr Roche, proceeded on Saturday last, to hold an enquiry into the cause of this melancholy catastrophe. About one o'clock a jury was summoned and sworn, and immediately proceeded to visit the shaft where the accident occurred. After the jury had viewed the body of deceased, and heard all the evidence the Coroner briefly charged the jury who having retired for about a quarter of an hour, returned with the following verdict:

"That the deceased, Thomas Fulton, came to his death at View place, Sandhurst, on the 18th day of February, a.d. 1859, from the effects of severe injuries received on his person in falling down a shaft on the Victoria Reef, whilst he was in the act of being-lowered down the said shaft, on the afternoon of the said day.

We are also of opinion that great blame is to be attached to the parties who superintended the erection of the winch, by which the deceased was lowered down the said shaft, as we consider that it was perfectly unfitted for the use for which it was erected."