

A Surnames

Pioneers of Bendigo

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ABBOTT Joseph Henry (1)

THE BVENDIGO ADVERTISER. (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS AND OUR RESOURCES. BENDIGO, FRIDAY, NOV. 11, 1901. THE LATE MR. J. H. ABBOTT.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 11 November 1904 p 2 Article

BENDIGO, FRIDAY, NOV. 11, 1904. THE LATE MR. J. H. ABBOTT. A very prominent figure in the history of Bendigo passed away early yesterday morning. Mr. Joseph Henry Abbott was identified with the public life of this community almost from the infancy of the goldfield, having arrived on Bendigo within two years of the discovery of gold, and no man was more widely or generally known throughout the district.



He was chairman of the municipality 44 years ago, before Bendigo had obtained the rank even of a borough, and he also had the experience of being elected as Mayor for two successive terms in recent years. Though his total length of service as a councillor was exceeded by that of ex Councillor Harkness, his connection with civic life dated back far beyond that of any of his colleagues.

He was the only councillor of the early days who was privileged to remain in office till the celebration of the jubilee of Bendigo's birth, and had he lived till next year would have witnessed the jubilee of the inauguration of municipal government.

Acquainted as he was with the difficulties, which confronted our early civic fathers in connection with the formation of streets and channels, and in generally restoring order where the surface had been mutilated by the operations of the diggers, Mr. Abbott, in viewing the city in its fairer 20th century aspect, was able to look back with a considerable degree of pride upon the achievements of the intervening years. In view of Mr. Abbott's early connection with the municipal life of Bendigo, it was well that he should have died in harness.

In civic life he was a connecting link between the early days and the present time, and it spoke well for the constancy of the citizens that they should have retained as their representative one who had grown old in their service.

Since 1889 - for a period of 15 years - Mr. Abbott represented Bendigo in the Legislative Council, and in this capacity also he rendered sterling service. In his politics he was decidedly more liberal than the majority in that branch of the legislature, and his influence was generally exerted in favor of liberal legislation, although at the same time he did not favor the crude and ill digested schemes which are sometimes put forward as a step towards the political millennium.

Mr. Abbott was Democratic enough, however, to perceive that the crusted Conservatism which distinguished so many members of the Upper House was distasteful to the great majority of the people, and a hindrance to the State's advancement. Hence his vote was generally recorded on the more popular side in connection with the work of review which the Council was called upon to perform.

Mr. Abbott was for many years a member of the Railways Standing Committee, and in that position performed good work, which was recognised by his frequent re-election as a representative of the Council on that committee by his fellow members.

It is certain, however, that Mr. Abbott will be best remembered, not so much for his civic and Parliamentary services - meritorious as they undoubtedly were - as for the work he performed in connection with our local institutions, and more especially the Hospital Sunday movement. He was identified with the Bendigo Hospital board of management for a far longer period than any other citizen, and the work he has done for that institution alone would entitle him to grateful remembrance.

He was also a prominent member of the administrative council of the School of Mines, a member of the committee of the Art Gallery - in fact, there is scarcely an institution in our midst with which he was not at one period of his career associated. The Hospital Sunday movement in Bendigo, and, indeed, in Australia, was inaugurated by Mr. Abbott thirty-one years ago, and he continued to be the guiding and controlling hand so far as Bendigo was concerned right down to the day of his death. To initiate what has become an important established institution in our midst was an achievement of which Mr. Abbott had reason to be proud.

The Hospital and Asylum have benefited largely by the Hospital Sunday movement, and it is no light tribute to the earnestness and thoroughness which characterised Mr. Abbott's large-hearted efforts as honorary secretary when we point out that the movement has been carried through for thirty-one years almost entirely without expense.

Mr. Abbott will be remembered with gratitude for his lengthy public services; but there can be no greater or more enduring memorial of his life than the Hospital Sunday movement, which, perhaps, more than anything else, has stimulated the springs of benevolence in our midst, and aroused an earnest interest in our charitable institutions.

Taking him all in all, Mr. Abbott was a sterling, upright and honorable citizen, who in his day recognised to the full his duty to the community in which he lived, and strove manfully to discharge it, and he must have experienced the satisfaction of knowing before he died that the place in which he had spent more than half a century of his life had benefited largely by his exertions.

White Hills MON C3

OBITUARY. THE HON. J. H. ABBOTT, M.L.C.

The Riverine Herald (Echuca, Vic. : Moama, NSW : 1869 - 1954; 1998 - 2000)
Friday 11 November 1904 p 2 Article

OBITUARY.

THE HON. J. H. ABBOTT, M.L.C.

Word was received in Echuca yesterday of the death of the Hon. J. H. Abbott, M.L.C., who for so many years represented this district in the Legislative Council. The deceased gentleman was well known in Echuca, more especially, apart from his public office, as for so long the popular boot emporium had been managed here for him.

Wiring last evening our Bendigo correspondent says: The late Mr J. H. Abbott was born at Birmingham in 1830 and arrived at the Bendigo diggings in 1858. For some years he followed gold seeking life and in 1858 was elected a member of the Sandhurst Borough Council. He was appointed chairman of the municipality in 1860 and at the end of his term retired from the council.

He failed to gain a seat in the Legislative Council in 1876 but entered the city council in 1888. In 1891 and 1892 he was Mayor of Bendigo. In 1889 he was returned unopposed to the Legislative Council and occupied the seat for the Northern Province until June last, when he was defeated by the late Mr W. B. Gray, but on Mr Gray's death was again returned unopposed. He remained in the city council till his death, and in 1893, when the Patterson Ministry was formed, he was elected an honorary minister.

He was a member of the Railways Standing Committee since 1892. His chief charitable work was in connection with the establishment of the Hospital Sunday movement the first in Australia at Bendigo, in 1873. He was connected with all the leading institutions in Bendigo, and enjoyed the respect of the whole of the citizens. The cause of death was heart failure.

Melbourne Thursday.

A telegram received from Bendigo today announces that Mr. J. H. Abbott, M.L.C., for the Bendigo Province, died suddenly, from heart failure, at his home this morning.

Mr. Abbott, who had sat in the old Legislative Council, was unsuccessful at the general election held under the reformed constitution, but was returned unopposed on the death of Mr. Gray, M. L .C.

The deceased gentleman, who was very popular, occupied several posts of high responsibility.

OBITUARY. MRS. J. H. ABBOTT.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 1 December 1917** p 2 Article

OBITUARY.

MRS. J. H. ABBOTT.

At the ripe age of 81 years, Mrs. Ann Abbott, widow of the late Mr. J. H. Abbott, M.L.C., passed peacefully to her rest yesterday morning. The deceased lady was one of the oldest Bendigonians. She was born at Cheltenham, England, and arrived on Bendigo in 1857, and has been identified with the life and growth of the city and its religious and charitable institutions.

She occupied the position of Mayoress on two occasions, and assisted the late Mr. J. H. Abbott through his long and useful public career as a city councillor and legislator. She leaves two sons and two daughters and 12 grandchildren. The eldest son, Cr. R. H. S. Abbott, is at present Mayor of the city and a director of seven important financial companies, whilst Mr. J. H. Abbott is chairman of the Sandhurst and Northern District Trustees Co. and numerous mining companies and is well known in golfing and bowling circles. The daughters are Miss Eva Abbott and Mrs. A. M. Maling, wife of Mr. D. H. Maling, of the "Argus."

Of the grandchildren, five are at the front fighting for the Empire in Europe and German East Africa, viz., Captain R. H. S. Abbott, Captain W. N. Abbott, M.C., Lieutenant K. C. Abbott, Bombardier H. A. Abbott, Gunner G. Maling. The other grandchildren are G. J. Abbott, electrical engineer, Adelaide, J. C. Abbott, Commonwealth Bank, Melbourne, H. Maling, Miss N. and M. Maling, and Miss Inez and Master Alex. Abbott.

The deceased was one of the founders and a continuous supporter of the Congregational Church, and was for many years district visitor in connection with the boarding out of children taken over by the State. She had many, varied, interesting, and amusing experiences. She used to relate the conditions of early Bendigo. She was present at the memorable picnic at Bullock Creek, immortalised in one of Thatcher's songs. She used to relate what a valuable commodity water was at times when it had to be brought from water holes at Marong, and was sold at 10/ a small barrel.

Although confined to her residence during the last two years, she maintained a keen interest in political and social happenings, and was especially bright and cheerful as late as Thursday, passing peacefully into the "great beyond," while sleeping, early on Friday morning. During yesterday the flag at the Town Hall was flying at half-mast as a mark of respect and esteem.

As indicated above, the late Mrs. Abbott was one of the oldest and most respected members of the Bendigo Congregational Church, Forest street. Until failing health compelled her to remain at home, she was most regular in her attendance at the services, and took the keenest interest in the work of the church and Sunday school. She was beloved by all who knew her, and rich and poor alike felt that in her they had a true friend.

Those who came into closest touch with her during recent years spoke of her splendid Christian faith and her thoughtfulness for others. Weakness of body seemed to fan into a brighter flame the Christian virtues which had always made her life beautiful. She will be sadly missed by relatives and friends, and by the large number of institutions and individuals, who have so richly benefited by her unassuming generosity.

Special reference will be made to the death of Mrs. Abbott at the Forest street Congregational Church tomorrow evening.

ADAMS John (327)

DEATHS OF OLD RESIDENTS.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 24 January 1884** p 2 Article

The death of another old identity in the person of Mr. John Adams, of Adams' road, at the age of 63 years, is also announced. He had been ailing for about six months past from asthma, but his death was quite unexpected. On Tuesday evening he was in excellent spirits, but was suddenly taken ill, and died at 10 p.m. Dr. Penfold had been his medical attendant. Mr. Adams was an old Bendigonian, having arrived on the diggings in 1851.



He was born at Edinburgh, and arrived in Tasmania in 1850 under engagement to a coal company. He had previously been an experienced coal miner in the old country. After some time he left the company, having advised the discontinuance of operations in consequence of non-success.

On coming to Sandhurst he started puddling at Golden-square, which was in those days exceedingly rich. He was fairly successful and subsequently in company with three others worked a very rich claim at Sheepshead. From this claim large yields were obtained, equal to 50 ounces to the ton, and Mr. Adams being the principal partner reaped rich benefits. The company was subsequently known as the Red, White and Blue. Mr. Adams has also been the manager of various mining companies. Since his early successes he met with many reverses, and has not been so well off latterly.

He was one of the St. Andrew's Society's oldest members, and he took a deep interest in its affairs. He was also connected with St. Andrew's Church. He possessed a truly genial disposition, was everywhere a favorite, and his long residence in the district secured for him troops of friends. His unexpected death creates but one more gap in the rapidly thinning ranks of the pioneers of the goldfield.

He left no family, but the children of his sister-in-law, whom he brought up, are all grown. The funeral is announced to move from his late residence at 3.30 p.m. to-day. The members of the Order of St. Andrew are invited to attend.

Bendigo Cemetery MON C2

ALBERT Simon (180)

[DEATH OF MR. SIMON ALBERT. A MINING PIONEER.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 19 May 1896** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. SIMON ALBERT.

A MINING PIONEER.

One of the very earliest of Bendigo's mining men, Mr. Simon Albert, died yesterday morning at his residence at Kangaroo Flat. The deceased gentleman, who was 70 years of age, had been in failing health for some months past. He was well known among the older residents of the district, having taken a prominent part in mining in the fifties.



He was a native of Weiberg, Finland, and when a young man went to California. Attracted by the accounts of the greater riches being unearthed in Victoria, he sailed for Sydney, and arrived in Bendigo early in 1852. He mined on the Victoria reef when it was first worked, before the days of Ballersted and other reefing pioneers, and started one of the first crushing batteries in the district – The Perseverance – at Long Gully, near where Koch's Pioneer now stands. His ventures were afterwards floated into public companies, and he was generally very successful.

About 1865 he owned a mine at Eaglehawk, which afterwards became the claim of the Duchess of Edinburgh Company. He also erected a battery on the lease, and did very well. The battery, which was subsequently taken under lease by the late Mr. J. Mathieson, was eventually sold to the company. Mr. Albert, having gained a competency, gave up an active interest in mining about 12 years ago, and went to live by the sea at Brighton. He, however, again returned to Bendigo, and up to the time of his death lived in retirement at Kangaroo Flat. He leaves a widow, but no family.

The funeral will take place tomorrow, leaving the late residence of the deceased gentleman for the Bendigo Cemetery at 9 o'clock a.m.

Bendigo Cemetery MON F3

ALDWORTH Frank (474)

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[THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER \(PUBLISHED DAILY\) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. BENDIGO, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13, 1895. MINING CONFERENCE IN TASMANIA.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Wednesday 13 February 1895 p 2 Article

DEATH OF Mr. Frank Aldworth. — An old identity, in the person of Mr. Frank Aldworth, breathed his last in the Mooroopna Hospital early on Friday morning. He was a very old colonist, having arrived in the fifties. He embarked in mining and accumulated a good sum of money, invested in business as a butcher and cattle dealer, having as at one time no fewer than four shops in Bendigo and here again fortune smiled on him. Mining speculations however resulted in the loss of his money and in this respect, he was by no means singular.

Eighteen years ago he came to Shepparton, and opened a butcher's shop near the old punt in premises now used by Messrs. Bryant and Sheil as a storeroom. For a number of years past he resided in Wyndham-street, and was employed by Messrs. McBride, Martin and Co. at the produce market. Mr. Aldworth was a very old Freemason, holding for many years the position of tyler of the Goulburn Valley St. George Lodge.

ALLEN John (288)

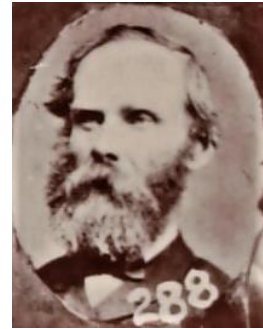
[DEATH OF A HENDIOO PIONEER.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 3 November 1904** p 5 Article

DEATH OF A BENDIGO PIONEER.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. John Allen, of Crusoe, passed away at the great age of 91 years and two months.

His death removes from the Bendigo district a pioneer who first reached this goldfield 52 years ago. He took part in the memorable scenes of the goldfields' life with varying success, but will be best remembered as the licensee of the Crusoe Inn, which was occupied by him and his late wife for many years.



They planned the fine gardens which thrived there, substantial evidences of which remain today. The place grew into a very popular resort for citizens, and in consequence Mr. Allen became widely known and extremely popular.

When he left the hotel he went to reside with his son, Mr. G. E. Allen, the caretaker of the No. 7 reservoir, with whom he remained till his death.

The deceased gentleman once took an active part in the cricketing life of the district, and was associated with the earliest players here. He was born in Lincolnshire, and lived practically the whole of his colonial life in the Bendigo district.

He was probably the oldest voter who exercised the franchise at the last State election in this district, but latterly he grew very feeble. Mr. G. E. Allen is the only member of the family left. The funeral will take place to-day at 4 p.m. to the Kangaroo Flat Cemetery.

ALLEN Joseph (475)

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[THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER \(PUBLISHED DAILY\) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. | BENDIGO, TUESDAY, JAN. 19, 1892. SUBSIDIES.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 19 January 1892** p 2 Article

The friends of Mr. Joseph Allen will regret to hear of his death which took place at his late residence, Victoria-street, Eaglehawk, yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, after a long and painful illness.

The deceased was a native of Redruth, Cornwall, England, and came to this colony in 1853. After spending a short time in Melbourne he came up to the Castlemaine diggings and remained there till 1855, when he tried his luck digging at Bendigo until 1882, when through miners' complaint and other ailments he discontinued mining pursuits.

He was appointed railway gatekeeper at Brighton, where he remained two years, from which place he was transferred to Eaglehawk where he died. He was 59 years of age, and a general favorite, and made many friends. Much sympathy is felt for his wife and only daughter, Mrs. Jolly. The funeral will move from his late residence this afternoon at 4 o'clock to the Eaglehawk Cemetery.

Eaglehawk Cemetery MON L

ANDERSON Joseph (Captain) (391)

THE COUNTRY PAGE CONTINUED COUNTRY NEWS. BALLARAT AND DISTRICT.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Wednesday 14 July 1926** p 28 Article

Mr. Joseph Anderson, who died at Bendigo on Monday, was one of the oldest citizens. He was aged 89 years, and had lived in Bendigo for 70 years. In 1856 he joined the Bendigo "Advertiser," and was in charge of the machine-room, retiring after 53 years of service. He was one of the first members of the Bendigo Volunteer rifle corps, and held the rank of captain.



Family Notices

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Saturday 24 July 1926** p 13 Family Notices

ANDERSON-On the 12th July 12 1926 at Myers street Bendigo, Joseph Anderson Father of Mrs Pierce Butler and Mrs N Levy. In his 89th year.

At rest.

Bendigo Cemetery MON F5

ABOUT PEOPLE.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Friday 8 June 1906** p 3 Article

ABOUT PEOPLE

There was a unique gathering yesterday afternoon at the office of our morning contemporary. The occasion was the presentation of an illuminated address from Messrs. Mackay and Co. signed by the members of the firm and by present and past employees) to Captain Joseph Anderson, printer and machinist, on the completion of an unbroken term of fifty years' service. Captain Anderson entered their employ on May 13, 1856. At the presentation there was an assemblage of about 40 employees and ex-employees. Complimentary and cordial addresses were made, and reminiscences exchanged, and Mr. Anderson, was wished many more years of health and usefulness. Light refreshments, provided by Mesdames Mackay, were liberally enjoyed, and in conclusion a flash-light group was taken of the gathering.

ANDREWS Richard (130)

[DEATH OF MR. RICHARD ANDREWS.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 23 February 1887** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. RICHARD ANDREWS.

Death continues to make havoc amongst the ranks of the old Bendigonians, and the community will learn with feelings of deep sorrow that the latest who has been cut down is Mr Richard Andrews, late secretary of the Bendigo Gas Company. For some months he has been in failing health, and his demise, which took place at his residence, Quarry Hill, Sandhurst, yesterday morning at six o'clock, was not altogether unexpected.



The deceased gentleman was one of the prominent connecting links between past and present Bendigo, and his well-known face will be missed, for he was held in universal respect and esteem. We know very little of his early life.

He was born near London, in 1813, and for some time occupied a confidential position in a firm largely interested in the Spanish trade, and which took a chief part in laying the foundation of the present P. and O. Company. It has also been said that he was connected with the English Embassy in Spain.

He was remarkably well read in English literature, and spoke French like a native; his acquaintance with Greek was creditable, and few were better up in Latin, while he possessed an exceptionable knowledge of the Spanish language and literature. Having strong literary tastes it is not surprising that for years he was more or less connected with the press. As a writer he had a fine light style, brilliant and full of humor. The poetic fancy was strong in him, and several of his effusions published on Bendigo possessed great merit.....

In 1851 he arrived in Victoria, and for some months was employed at Hughes' Wharf, Melbourne. During that time he gratified his predilections by contributing a series of very interesting papers to the Argus under the nom de plume of "Peter Possum."

The gold discoveries attracted him to Bendigo in July, 1852, and he pitched his tent at Back Creek, then in the full blaze of its golden glory. As the diggings were shallow he worked by himself, but his disposition being of too genial a character for the lonely life of a "hatter," he soon found a mate, and for twelve months worked with Mr C. H. Collier, of this office, in the neighborhood of Sheepshead and New Chum. Though the pick and shovel were plied late and early, and deceased was quite an adept at the puddling tub, and rocked the cradle with care, fortune did not smile as anticipated, and he turned his attention to other pursuits.

In 1853 the "Bendigo Bank," the first institution of the kind on this goldfield was opened as a private speculation, and Mr Andrews became connected with it.

Two gentlemen were conspicuous in this venture, one of whom, Dr Hugh Smith – part proprietor – risked his money in erecting the bank building, and the other, the manager, Mr E. N. Emmett, who possessed a genius for financing, a lively imagination, and a hopeful disposition that no difficulties could daunt, contributed his experience. The erection of this bank was a memorable event, and in a city of calico tents and bark huts, it possessed the same relative grandeur of appearance, and dimensions that modern bank structures still do to the majority of neighboring business premises. Its walls were weatherboards, its floor clay, and its counter rough pine boards. On the counter stood the scales and weights used in buying gold, against the wall behind the counter were a couple of stretchers and blankets and a small iron safe, while above each stretcher on the wall, so as to be handy, was an old gun and a pair of ancient pistols.

This bank proved a grand idea and took immensely with the townspeople. Its erection was at a period in the history of Bendigo when there were a good many people from "the other side" in the district, for whose control or eradication "Bendigo Mac" was specially appointed; a time when it was the correct thing for everybody to fire off their pistols and guns each night and load afresh, not only to prevent mistakes through not going off when required but as a warning to all and sundry that there were protectors in the dwelling of a most effective kind.

As a commercial convenience and place of safety for valuables the bank had advantages – all the more on account of the "Treasury" – the little stone building on Camp Hill, now doing duty as police superintendent's office – not being considered altogether as safe as it might be, though guarded by soldiers of the gallant Fortieth, under the command of Captain O'Hara. This sense of insecurity probably arose from a story circulated that the commanding officer walking down one evening to see if all was well, spied, as he supposed, the guard standing in a corner of the portico, but on challenging and getting no reply he approached nearer, and found that the figure was only the sentry's coat and hat fixed on the point of his bayonet. Further inquiries discovered the sentry enjoying himself at Billy Heffernan's Shamrock Hotel, the then centre of musical attraction and good liquor.

As this incident seemed to indicate that the treasury was not the most secure lodging place for gold to the value of a quarter of a million every fortnight, and as "safe as a bank," was a well-known proverb, the rush to the new bank was tremendous. Never was an institution of the kind started under auspices so favorable to its promoters. Scotch banking was nothing to it. Capital was not required, for no sooner were the doors opened than capital was steadily poured in with the most confiding faith, and great quantities of gold were bought.

The method of managing the business was unique; it drew customers and became so popular as to be universally adopted. A customer on entering would most likely find the manager in a free and easy way sitting stride legs on the counter, and the orthodox salutation, "Good day" was immediately succeeded by a courteous invitation to "have a nip."

There being no teetotal societies in those primitive days to disturb the pleasant current of life's joys, the rejoinder, accompanied with a pleased smile, was invariably "I don't care if I do." Forthwith the brandy bottle, at a guinea a bottle, was produced together with a water jug without a handle, and tin nip, "good health" and business followed each other to the great satisfaction of all parties.

The cashier or teller was Mr Andrews, who in accordance with the prevailing æsthetic taste had a small black clay pipe in his mouth, and his time was pretty equally divided between chatting to the customer, cleaning and weighing gold, counting bank notes, and lighting his stump of a pipe with indifferent matches. In this position he continued until the bank and its site were purchased by Mr Henry Miller (Money Miller) for the Bank of Victoria in 1854. The present handsome and substantial structure now stands on the site of the Bendigo Bank.

Amongst Mr Andrews' pleasures at this time, and since, was that of snuff taking, a custom brought from the old country, where it was almost universal, owing to fashion and the high repute of those celebrated manufacturers, Taddy and Co, who by a happy inspiration had hit upon a pleasantly flavored article with exquisitely titillating powers. He always carried his snuff box with a Tonquin bean in it as a preservative of the fine aroma, and it was ever at the service of his friends at a pinch.

In this city it is not uncommon to see a snuff box on office counters for the benefit of clients, and it was through Mr Andrews's habit that Mr Tolmie, manager of the National Bank, first introduced the snuff box into the banks of the city, the deceased usually supplying the requisite bean.

When his banking career was cut short by the sale of the bank property Mr Andrews found an engagement with Mr Harris, of View Point, as gold buyer and bookkeeper, his duties also including the keeping of the local books of the Provident Institute of Victoria, for which society Mr Harris was Bendigo agent. This society, it will be remembered, went smash and caused great distress amongst many hardworking people.

Owing to his employer's bibulous propensities the whole burden of the business fell upon the shoulders of Mr Andrews. However he did not continue much more than a year in his situation, as in 1856 he succumbed to a severe attack of the gold fever, brought on by glowing accounts of discoveries in the Whipstick. Shouldering his swag he proceeded there to try his luck once more at the gold digging, but success did not attend his efforts, and in 1858 he had returned to town life, and gratified his literary and commercial instincts, by becoming manager and editor of the "Mercury" newspaper.

The office of this paper was in Williamson-street, Sandhurst, near the site of the present Gas Company's buildings, and the hon J. F. Sullivan, Mr John McIntyre, and Mr W. Bannerman, were shareholders. It supported the O'Shannassy administration, but the paper had only a brief existence of twelve months. At that time the accommodation provided by newspaper offices in Sandhurst was very inadequate, and editors very frequently had to write their articles elsewhere.

The Mercury and ADVERTISER exhibited much bitterness towards each other in their leading columns, and people expected to see the infuriated editors fly at each other's throats whenever they met. Mr Andrews edited the Mercury, but in his frequent meetings at the time with the editor of this journal there was no feeling whatever shown on either side. The astonishment of all beholders would have been tenfold had they been aware of the fact that the rival and apparently hostile editors actually wrote those fierce attacks upon each other at the same table, consuming the same midnight oil, and dipping out of the same ink bottle. Now and again they would pause in their work, and each would wonder what the other was going to say about him in the next issue. Mr Andrews was also connected with other journalistic ventures, and for some time was editor of this journal.

An incident in his career occurred about this time which brings out in strong relief his thorough honesty and honor. It appears that two friends desired to start storekeeping in Market-square, but as the sum of £300 had first to be obtained, the money was borrowed from a well-known medical gentleman, who is still hale and prosperous in the city. Mr Andrews and another backed the bill.

The storekeeping speculation having failed, the bill was not met by the borrowers. On learning of the dishonor, Mr Andrews, being the only solvent gentleman responsible, at once went to the lender and offered to pay the £350, but the worthy doctor, not to be outdone in generosity, refused to accept the money from him, and the bill remains in his possession unpaid to this day.

On the 11th March, 1860, Mr Andrews became secretary of the Bendigo Gas Company, and retained that position until a few weeks before the day of his death. He made himself thoroughly acquainted with all matters connected with the manufacture of gas, and under his direction the company prospered. The company's office was a model of neatness, and the appliances for testing the quality of the gas and ascertaining the pressure, etc, were perfect. The company's exhibit at the first Juvenile Industrial Exhibition in Sandhurst, arranged under his instruction, was one of the most interesting of the exhibition.

Like many literary people his gastronomical knowledge was far above the average, and had fortune placed him in circumstances requiring the full development of skill in this direction he might have become as famous as Soyer. As it was, he turned his acquirements to further the interests of the Gas Company by showing the benefits to be derived from the use of gas stoves.

Many ladies and gentlemen in Sandhurst will remember with pleasure the delicious little dinners – the legs and shoulders of mutton, the sirloins of beef, the chops, and the steaks all tender and juicy, and done to a turn, which he had cooked with accompanying vegetables by means of a gas stove in the office for their delectation and instruction.

Mr Andrews was the originator of the Society of Old Bendigonians. At his request a meeting of some of the oldest residents of Bendigo was held at the Bendigo Gas Company's office, Williamson-street, Sandhurst, on 26th October, 1869.

There were present – Messrs John McIntyre (chairman), G. Aspinall, J. P. Simpson; J. H. Abbott, G. Brown, John Stewart, and Richard Andrews, and it was resolved the Society of Old Bendigonians comprising all residents in Bendigo to 31st December, 1853, be established: that "the object of the society shall be to bring and keep together the old residents in Bendigo, and to encourage social intercourse amongst them, and so preserve the traditionary history of Bendigo; that "in the year 1871 the residents of Bendigo dating not later than 1854 be eligible as members of the society."

The annual subscription was fixed at one guinea, Mr John McIntyre was elected president, and Mr Richard Andrews hon sec. The embryo society continued to grow, and a meeting of members was held in September, 1870, at which the basis of the society and election of president and hon. secretary were confirmed, and the following committee of management was appointed:

Messrs E. Garsed, A. Bayne, R. R. Haverfield, J. H. Abbott, John Stewart, A. M. Lloyd, G. Brown, H. Jackson and G. Aspinall.

On 31st October, 1870, the members list numbered 81. At the annual meeting held on 31st October, 1871, Mr Andrews resigned office. Mr E. Garsed was appointed hon. secretary in his room, and the cordial thanks of the society to Mr R. Andrews, for his valuable and efficient services, were ordered to be inscribed on the records. He was also elected on the committee, and at the annual meeting held 6th November, 1872, he was elected president, but in 1873 he resigned, and Mr J. H. Abbott was appointed president; Mr G. E. Wells, hon. treasurer; and Mr S. G. Cole, hon. secretary, while Mr Andrews was again elected on the committee, and held office until 1874, when he ceased having official connection with the society.

The anniversary gatherings of the society varied in character, sometimes they took the form of a picnic, sometimes a banquet, and at other times a ball, and the happiest relations were thereby established between the members. It became a social power in the community of the best kind, while its benign influence extended far and wide.

Ballarat and Bendigo had regarded each other with jealous eyes, but through the hearty fraternization of the old Bendigonians with the old Pioneers of Ballarat the unfriendly feeling was killed, and a kindly and helpful spirit substituted, which has grown stronger every year since. It was always a source of pride to Mr Andrews that so much good had resulted from his happy idea of forming the Society of Old Bendigonians. The motto of the society – "Respice, aspice, prospice" – was suggested and adopted on his recommendation.

Though he never aspired to any leading position the deceased gentleman took a very lively interest in political and municipal affairs, and by his high intelligence, shrewdness, tact and intimate knowledge of the ways of the world, made his influence felt. When Messrs Grant and Benson sought to represent Bendigo in Parliament he spoke strongly in their favor.

In 1868 the Borough Council of Sandhurst under the Mayorship of Mr John Holmes, decided to borrow £11,000, to be repaid with interest in ten years by a special rate, and to be spent as follows: - Baths, £1,000; market, £2,500; tree planting, £1,000; Town Hall, £3,500. The announcement took the ratepayers by surprise, the matter not having been publicly discussed. A strong opposition was aroused. Cr J. McIntyre, the Hector of the Council, supported the loan through thick and thin, and Mr Andrews championed the cause of the opposing ratepayers. In this he was ably supported by Messrs J. H. Abbott, J. Heffernan, M. Moran and many other leading men of the borough.

A public meeting was called and largely attended, and Mr Andrews made a vigorous and telling speech against the loan, contending that the procedure of the council was illegal, inasmuch as between the preliminary action of the council in proposing the loan and its final confirmation a council election ought to have taken place to give the ratepayers an opportunity of expressing an opinion on the subject. He proposed the following motion: "That this meeting strongly disapproves of the proposition now before the Borough Council, for borrowing the sum of £11,000 upon the security of a rate of threepence in the pound, for the purpose of executing works mentioned in the Council's advertisement; it being the opinion of this meeting that with the exception of the market the works contemplated are not of urgent necessity, and that the proposed expenditure upon the Town Hall is especially objectionable."

Mr J. H. Abbott in a few pithy words seconded the resolution.

An amendment was proposed by Mr E. N. Emmett in favor of the loan, and this was supported by Cr McIntyre. Both these gentlemen by the tone of their remarks roused a perfect storm of indignation. The motion was carried, only eight hands being held up against it. Notwithstanding this decided expression of public opinion, the council, by a bare majority, confirmed the loan. Upon this the ratepayers formed a vigilance committee, and steps were taken to test the validity of the council's action.

Mr Andrews drew up a protest, and Mr Abbott and Mr J. Heffernan in a very short time had it signed by most of the leading people of the town. The opinion of eminent counsel – Mr Martley, Mr Higinbotham, and Mr Fellowes – was obtained, and they pronounced against the council. The protest and legal opinions were presented before the council, but unabashed at such an array of legal talent against them, the council majority determined to push on the loan, and strike the special rate. In the hopes of fortifying their position, they took the opinions of Mr Mackay and Mr Billing, but these lawyers cursed instead of blessed, and the loan was finally quashed, though Cr McIntyre maintained to the last, and probably does so still, that he was right.

Mr Andrews having triumphantly carried the day, subsequently applied to the council for £27 19s expenses he had been put to on behalf of the ratepayers.

Cr McIntyre protested against being dragged at the chariot wheels of his opponent, and the council majority declined to receive the application. However, money was raised by public subscription to pay all expenses, and enough being left for the purpose, the vigilance committee made Mr Andrews a life governor of the Bendigo Hospital in recognition of his public services on the occasion.

On another occasion he brought the council to its bearings though not appearing in the matter. The council had let the Bath Corner on a building lease for fifteen years, the full term allowed by the Act, but the same councillors in the conditions of the lease undertook to give a further extension of six years, making a twenty-one years' lease in all. When the fifteen years expired an attempt was made in the then council to deprive the lessee (Dr James Boyd) of the six years extension, but acting in a great measure under the advice of Mr Andrews the doctor succeeded in compelling the council to allow it.

Of the members of Mr Andrews' family, his son John, now dead, was chief clerk of the Mining department for several years. Another son is manager of the Bank of Victoria at Ballarat, and Mr E. R. G. W. Andrews is well known in Sandhurst musical circles. He leaves a widow and three daughters, for whom great sympathy will be felt.

The remains of the deceased gentleman will be interred in the Back Creek Cemetery this afternoon, the funeral taking place at four o'clock.

Bendigo Cemetery MON E4

Notes

Snuff is a smokeless tobacco made from ground or pulverised tobacco leaves. It is inhaled or "snuffed" into the nasal cavity, delivering a swift hit of nicotine and a lasting flavoured scent (especially if flavouring has been blended with the tobacco).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snuff_%28tobacco%29

The tonka (Tonquin) bean is a wrinkly, raisin-like legume from South America. The transcendent flavor and aroma of the bean (it's huge in the perfume world) has been described as having notes of vanilla, cherry, almond, spicy cinnamon, cloves, and probably the dust of unicorn horns. It's so potent that the shavings (how it's usually prepared for consumption) from one bean are enough to top 80 plates. BBC reports that tonka is "the most delicious ingredient you've never heard of."

<https://curiosity.com/topics/the-tonka-bean-is-revered-for-its-superb-flavor-but-its-illegal-and-might-kill-you-curiosity/>

APTED Arthur Caleb (Captain) (306)

Advertising

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 3 March 1870** p 3 Advertising

THE Friends of the late ARTHUR APTED are respectfully requested to follow his remains to the White Hills Cemetery. Funeral will move from the Hospital This Day (Thursday), at two p.m. MON G2

Listed as Wardsman in Historic Rates.

Referred to as Master Mariner.



Family Notices

The Riverine Herald (Echuca, Vic. : Moama, NSW : 1869 - 1954; 1998 - 2002)

Monday 15 August 1898 p 2 Family Notices

DEATH.

APTED - On the 13th inst. at Echuca, George Apted (railway department), second son late Captain A. C. Apted (formerly "H.M.S. Progress"). Aged 33 years. Funeral this day, White Hills cemetery, Bendigo.

White Hills MON G2

ARMSTRONG James (61)

DEATH OF MR. J. ARMSTRONG AN OLD BENDIGONIAN.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 31 May 1897** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. J. ARMSTRONG.

AN OLD BENDIGONIAN.

On Saturday morning there died at his residence, Rowan-street, an old Bendigo pioneer, in the person of Mr. James Armstrong, after a short attack of acute bronchitis. It was but a week ago that Mr. Armstrong attended on 'Change, so that when Dr. Atkinson, his medical adviser, announced on Friday evening that his condition was serious, surprise as well as deep regret was occasioned by his many acquaintances.



Deceased, who was in his 79th year, was a native of Ballygally, county Tyrone, Ireland, and when he arrived in Sydney, in 1837, squatting was engaging the attention of all who had funds to invest. Mr. Armstrong at once proceeded to Bathurst, where for three years he gained colonial experience on the station of Colonel Varnon in the position of overseer. Then he relinquished the overseership, and supervised the droving of cattle overland from Bathurst to Mount Gambier, South Australia, for Mr. Sturt, a well-known pastoralist.

After remaining with Mr. Sturt for 13 months, Mr. Armstrong settled down as a pastoralist on the L ... station, Mount Gambier, and there resided until the announcement of the discovery of gold in Victoria in 1851. He then proceeded to Ballarat, and after remaining there for a while went to Mount Alexander, where his efforts at gold digging were attended with much success.

Early in 1852 he reached Bendigo, and at Eaglehawk he obtained good results from several claims. With the exception of intervals caused by a few brief holidays, Mr. Armstrong continued his successful labors on the Bendigo goldfield, both at Dead Horse Flat and the White Hills, with the result that in 1854 he had achieved a handsome competency.

In partnership with Mr. Edward Emmett, another pioneer, he established the first brewery in Bendigo, the Bendigo Brewery, in Myrtle-street, near the present site of Horwood's foundry. After the expiration of 18 months, Mr. Armstrong sold his interest therein, and some time afterwards established another brewery, in Havelock street. His business transactions being most remunerative, Mr. Armstrong was enabled shortly to live in retirement, and confined his attention to mining.

While so doing he became associated with many mining men, and although not a public man was well known in the city. With the collapse of some of the banks Mr. Armstrong suffered heavily, but was still enabled to follow the pursuit of investor.

In 1868 the deceased married the youngest daughter of the late Dr. Barnett, of Bendigo, but formerly of London. Mrs. Armstrong pre-deceased her husband 18 years ago. Three children, two daughters and a son, were the result of the union. On Saturday and yesterday the flag of the Londonderry Company, of which deceased was a director, was half-mast, out of respect to his memory.

The funeral will leave deceased's late residence at 11.30 o'clock this morning.

Bendigo MON C3

ARUNDALE Thomas (375)

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 1 August 1910** p 5 Article

The death occurred on Saturday of an old Bendigonian, in the person of Mr. Thomas Arundale, at his residence, 52 Shamrock-street, Golden-square. The deceased gentleman, who had reached the advanced age of 86 years, and had been living in retirement for some considerable time, was well known and highly respected. He enjoyed remarkably good health until a few days ago, when he was compelled to take to his room. His wife predeceased him by 23 years.



He leaves an adult family.

The funeral takes place at 3 p.m. today to the Bendigo Cemetery.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D4

Occupation: Iron moulder, iron founder, engineer.

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Listed from 1861 in Shamrock St where the Golden City Foundry eventually moved into agricultural machinery. Thomas was in several partnerships owning the Golden City foundry. The foundry eventually became the property of Abraham Harkness.

From 1875 Thomas Arundale was listed as Gentleman.

ASHLEY William (112)

OBITUARY. MR. WILLIAM ASHLEY. A COLONIST FOR 57 YEARS.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Monday 12 April 1897** p 2 Article

OBITUARY.

MR. WILLIAM ASHLEY. A COLONIST FOR 57 YEARS.

Another of our very oldest identities Mr. William Ashley, has passed away. He died at a quarter past 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his residence, Mount Korong road, Ironbark. The cause was a general breaking up of the system. He was laid up with influenza some two years ago, and since then he was in very indifferent health. He was 83 years of age, and was a native of Cheshire.



At the age of 26 years, he sailed for Sydney with his young wife and child. He landed in Sydney in 1840 – 57 years ago – so he was one of the oldest colonials in Australia. He spent a few years in Sydney, and then travelled overland to Adelaide. He came to Bendigo in 1852 when the diggings were in full blast and with the exception of a few years spent at Toolleen he has resided here ever since.

He was fairly successful on the diggings, also at his trade of blacksmithing, and as a speculator in quartz mines. He held a good interest in the Garden Gully United mine throughout all its years of remarkable prosperity. He started the well-known smithy in Mount Korong Road, which is now being managed by his son Henry. In 1872 he took up land at Toolleen and after following farming pursuits for a few years, returned to Bendigo, and resided here up to the time of his death.

Since 1872 he took two trips to the old country. He was one of the founders of the Primitive Methodist Church, Rowan street, and was connected with it till his death. His first wife died some 23 years ago and he afterwards married Mrs Nesbit. Mrs Ashley and a grown-up family of six sons and three daughters survive him. They are well provided for. Three of his sons, William, Matthew and John, are landowners at Muskerry. His oldest daughter, Mrs Jones, resides at Wandong. The funeral takes place from his late residence, Ironbark to the White Hills cemetery tomorrow afternoon at 2.30.

White Hills Cemetery MON K3

ASPINALL George (13)

[DEATH OF MR. GEO. ASPINALL, J. P.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 19 May 1883** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. GEO. ASPINALL, J. P.

Another gap has been caused in the rapidly thinning ranks of the old Bendigonians, Mr. George Aspinall, who during his career on Bendigo has been a useful citizen in a variety of ways, having died at his residence, in View-street, last evening. His death was not unexpected, all hope of his recovery from the malady which resulted in his death – chest disease – having been given up some time since.



Mr. Aspinall was born at Whitworth, near Rochdale in Lancashire, in 1831, and was consequently 52 years of age at the time of his death. His father was manager of a cotton manufactory, and Mr Aspinall was then engaged in the counting office. Mr. Aspinall left home in 1852, and came to Victoria in the ship "*True Briton*," which was trading between Liverpool and Melbourne.

He came to Sandhurst in 1853 along with a party known as "Hux and Co." A portion of this party went digging, and Messrs. Aspinall and Hux started a butcher's establishment near the old escort barracks, Sheepshead, near where the Red, White and Blue mine is situated. This party was broken up after a time, and Mr. Aspinall started a butcher's establishment in Camp-street on the present site of Webb's tailoring establishment, next to the Shamrock Hotel.

He became acquainted with Mr. Robert Strickland, the present coroner, in 1854, and in the first week in February 1855 they commenced business together as butchers in Bridge-street. The partnership was very successful, and was subsequently joined by Mr. Richard Williamson, who was then carrying on business in View Point. They established another shop where the ironmongery portion of the Lyceum Store is now carried on. This place had previously been Scherff's store, and was connected with the Lyceum Theatre, which was built by Mr. J. H. Abbott.

The firm had also a cattle yard in the vicinity of the present abattoirs, and carried on a large whole-sale cattle trade, with a depot paddock at Harney's Barnedown station near Clare Inn. The business was remarkably successful, and in 1859 Mr. Aspinall took a trip home. He was supposed to have gone home by the "*Royal Charter*," which was lost at sea, but it afterwards transpired that he had not gone home by that vessel. Mr. Williamson retired from the firm about this time.

When he was at home, Mr. Aspinall was married and returned to the colony, bringing his wife with him, in May, 1860, by the ship *Norfolk*. The firm of Aspinall and Strickland continued to conduct the business until August 1862, when Mr. Strickland was returned to Parliament in the place of Mr. W. D. C. Denovan.

Mr. Aspinall continued to conduct the business alone for about five years, and in 1867 he relinquished it in favor of his nephew, Mr. Timothy Nelson.

Mr. Aspinall entered the council in 1868, and was re-elected for the Barkly Ward on every occasion till 1880, when he was defeated by Cr. Bailes. He twice occupied the position of Mayor during his long and serviceable tenure of office as councillor, and was for many years a justice of the peace. Mr. Aspinall was a very energetic councillor, and exhibited very great aptitude in financial matters. He was always a careful councillor and was guided by thorough business habits, acquired by private experience, in discharging the duties of his position. His absence from the council has been much felt.

For some time he was on the Hospital Board of Management, and for many years was president of the Asylum Board. He was one of the directors of the Permanent Building Society, and he and several other gentlemen subsequently formed themselves into the City Discount Company, of which he was managing director. He was also a local director, along with Mr. R. Burrowes, M.L.A., and Mr. Vahland, of the National Insurance Company, of which Mr. Von der Heyde is secretary. He was the chairman of directors of the Royal Princess Theatre Company, and was one of the originators of the Easter Fairs, which have resulted so satisfactorily for the charitable institutions.

During the last nine or ten months Mr. Aspinall has suffered very much from chest disease, which presented a serious aspect during the last three months, and since Christmas he has been seldom able to leave his house. He has not been confined to his bed, but it was apparent that he was gradually wasting away, and about a week ago Dr. James Boyd, who has been his constant medical attendant, said that his death was only a matter of a few days. Yesterday he did not get up as was his habit, and he sank gradually, and died at twenty-five minutes to six o'clock last evening.

Mr. Aspinall was a kind and affectionate husband and father, and leaves a widow and seven children, three sons and four daughters, to mourn their loss.

The eldest son, Herbert, who is 22 years of age, occupies a good position as clerk in the Savings Bank, and the youngest member of the family is six years of age.

The funeral will take place at 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

Bendigo Cemetery MON A3

ATKINSON Harry Leigh (3)

[PIONEER BENDIGONIANS. WELL-KNOWN CITIZENS' DEATHS DR. H. L.](#)

[ATKINSON.](#) *The Bendigo Independent* (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Thursday 15 July 1915**
p 3 Article Illustrated

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN'S DEATHS DR. H. L. ATKINSON.

Dr. H. L. Atkinson died at his residence, View Street, at 10.15 a.m. yesterday, in the presence of his wife and family. Friends noticed for many months that he was ailing, but he persisted in his desire to attend to patients and sit at mining meetings as a director.



The sudden death of his dispenser (Mr. Anderson) greatly shocked the doctor, who subsequently overtaxed his strength and ability as he did his own dispensing, and he broke down. A fortnight ago he was compelled to take to his bed, and gradually declined. Drs. O. Penfold, Long and Williams attended him, but his case was hopeless, death coming peacefully from old age and the exhaustion of a long, strenuous and useful life.

Harry Leigh Atkinson was born at Weaverthorpe, near Scarborough, Yorkshire, in 1831. He was, therefore, in his 84th year. The groundwork of his education was obtained at the Beverley Grammar School, founded in the times of the first or second Charles. At this ancient institution he continued until 1847, when he returned to Weaverthorpe, and for a short time studied medicine under his father (Dr. John Atkinson), whose forefathers included several notable medical men.

In January, 1849, he entered the fever hospital at Leeds. Fever was then a very hard problem, as people took it to be a visitation of God, rather than the results of bad sanitation. In this hospital and at the local school of medicines, he continued his studies until April, 1853, when he gained a diploma from the Royal College of Surgeons, London, and from the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries, a guild which reached back in its story to Shakespeare's lean apothecary in *Romeo and Juliet*.

At Scarborough he was almost immediately appointed resident surgeon of the hospital and dispensary, but in 1854 he began a practice in the ancient town of York. Until 1858 he remained in York and then followed 18 months of walking the hospitals of London and Paris, during which the young medical man gained a most useful experience in treating different cases.

In 1859 he decided to make his home in Australia, and securing the position of surgeon of the immigrant ship *Suffolk*, landed in Melbourne on November 19, of that year, after the then fast passage of 88 days. Almost immediately he was appointed resident medical man to the Melbourne Benevolent Asylum, which in those days had an hospital attached to it.

Thus he gained some colonial experience, and in April, 1860, was appointed resident surgeon of the Bendigo Hospital, at a salary of £500 a year. Another applicant for the post was Sir Thomas Fitzgerald, who afterwards was held in awe by medical students because of his skill.

Portions of the existing hospital buildings were there, and from 40 to 50 patients, but few of them were women, because there was only one female nurse. The other nurses were men. Florence Nightingale was just then starting in England a work which has filled the nursing profession all over the world with women - and driven out the men. He stayed at the hospital for two years and three months, and then commenced a private practice in View Street, where he has been ever since, though the position of the surgery was some years later removed to the corner of Mackenzie Street.

In 1862 Dr. Atkinson was made a Bachelor and Doctor of Medicine of the Melbourne University. His abilities built up for him a wide connection, and he continued to practise his profession until a few weeks ago.

Coming into a mining centre as a young man he soon became interested in mining. But the first big lift he got was as the result of lending money. A party of workers had borrowed money from the doctor, so as to work their claim. The end of their resources came before the gold, and they again approached the doctor, in the strong conviction that they were on the right track. They pointed out that the money was gone, and the only chance to get it back was to lend an additional sum. The doctor forwarded the amount, and soon the workers found gold - rich and abundant. It gave the doctor his first big lift, and he continued to invest in mines with varying results for the rest of his life.

He was a shareholder in a very large number of companies, director in others, and in short was one of the mainstays of the industry. An example of his loyalty to mining can be seen from the fact that he received £10,000 out of the Long Gully mine at Heathcote, but put every penny of it back into the Alabama.

He speculated freely, recently being more interested in the Johnson's Reef, Garden Gully, Virginia, Great Extended Hustler's, Carlisle, Ironbark, New Argus, Unity and Pearl companies. He was a member of the board of directors of the Virginia, Ironbark, Garden Gully. North Johnson's, Unity and Carlisle companies.

The doctor was a far-seeing man, and realised that Bendigo would be a great city because of being in the centre of a rich agricultural north. He demonstrated that he believed in his contention and purchased several estates in the district.

From Tandara to Mitiamo on the left, most of the land belongs to the Atkinson estate. Auchmore and Terrick Terrick West are well known, while to the south his Ravenswood Estate is known to almost everyone.

On these estates some of the finest sheep and cattle are raised, and much wool clipped. Barwon Leigh on the Barwon River also belonged to him. Roughly the acreage of these large estates is 89,000. Terricks West was purchased in 1883, 25,000; Auchmore purchased in the following year, 23,000; Ravenswood acquired in 1892, 1,000; Barwon Leigh secured in 1890, 25,000.

The doctor never entered into public life, but his loss to the community is a big blow, and causes a gap which can hardly be filled. He married on five different occasions, the last being in 1889, to Miss Saunders, daughter of a bank manager at Inglewood. She survives him, as do five children - two sons; Messrs. E. L. Atkinson, of Ravenswood, and Rupert Atkinson, of Kangaroo Flat; and three daughters, Mrs. A. F. Kelly, of Barwon Leigh Estate; Miss Atkinson, and Mrs. G. Nicolaus, wife of an engineer of London, who is with the British Army. Mrs. Nicolaus has been in Victoria for a year.

The messages of sympathy to the family were numerous, and all members are very grateful, especially to the old lodge patients, who were also sympathetic during the short illness. The funeral has been arranged for Friday morning at 11.30, to the Bendigo Cemetery.

Bendigo Cemetery MON G6

See also

<http://oa.anu.edu.au/obituary/atkinson-harry-leigh-37>

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, SATURDAY, OCT. 9, 1886 AUSTRALIAN EXHIBITS IN LONDON.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Saturday 9 October 1886 p 2 Article

Death of Mrs. Atkinson. The many friends of Dr H. L. Atkinson and Mr W. J. Boobier will regret to hear of the death of Mrs Atkinson, which sad event took place about 10 o'clock last night. Mrs Atkinson has been in delicate health for some time past, and she has been attended by Drs MacGillivray, Hinchcliff and Penfold, who have been unremitting in their attention to the lady, but their efforts were unavailing to save her life. The cause of death was peritonitis. Mrs Atkinson was married in December, 1884. She was the daughter of Mr W. J. Boobier, and was much esteemed by a large circle of friends, to whom the announcement of her death will be a great shock.

ATKINSON John Henry (325)

BENDIGO STOCK EXCHANGE.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 5 April 1879** p 3 Detailed Lists, Results, Guides

New Insolvent.—John Henry Atkinson, of Sandhurst, chemist. Liabilities, £704 10s.-, assets, £21; deficiency, £683 10s. Causes: Adverse verdict in case of Ladams v. Lansell and inability to pay the costs thereof. Attorney, Mr. J. P. Mottram; assignee, Mr. John Hasker. Meeting under sec. 53, on Wednesday, 16th instant, at 11.30 a.m.



AM OVER - CROWDED PARLIAMENT.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Friday 22 April 1892** p 2 Article

Return Of An Old Colonist. Mr John Henry Atkinson, brother of Dr. Atkinson, of View street, will arrive in Bendigo today on a trip, after an absence of about 13 years in the old country. Previous to going home he was well-known in Bendigo, having for a number of years acted as chemist for the doctor. He intends to remain in the city for a couple of months probably until July.

Family Notices

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 20 April 1898** p 2 Family Notices

ATKINSON. - John Henry Atkinson, chemist, late of View Point, at East Agron near Scarborough, Yorkshire, England.

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER. (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS AND OUR RESOURCES. BENDIGO, WEDNESDAY, APRIL [?], 1[?]8. | THE FEDERAL BILL.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 20 April 1898** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. JOHN ATKINSON.— The many friends of Mr. John Atkinson will regret to hear of his death which occurred quite unexpectedly in England just prior to the departure of the last mail. The deceased was well known in this district, he having carried on the business of chemist at View Point for nearly 29 years and during that period acted as dispenser to his brother, Dr. H.L Atkinson. He arrived in Bendigo in 1856, and thence went to the Rushworth rush, where he worked at mining for several years, until he returned to Bendigo in 1892. Subsequently he went to England. About five years ago he returned from the old country and spent a few months in this district, afterwards going back home with the charge of Dr. Atkinson's two sons.

NOTE *He was still listed in the Pharmaceutical Register of Victoria in 1905.*