

N Surnames

Pioneers of Bendigo

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NEAL Jonathon (238)

DEATH OF MR. J. NEAL.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 3 September 1895** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. J. NEAL.

The news of the death of Mr. Jonathan Neal, of Pall Mall, will be received with sincere regret by his numerous friends in this city. For some little time past it was apparent that he was failing, but not even his most intimate acquaintances thought that his end was so near. About a week ago, however, he had an attack of bronchitis, and on Wednesday last he was compelled to take to his bed. Dr. H. L. Atkinson was called in, but the disease had obtained a strong hold, and Mr. Neal gradually sank and expired quietly about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.



The deceased gentleman was 66 years of age, and was a native of Berkshire, England. He was connected with the detective force in the old country, and with Inspector Pewtress, Mr. Nicholson, P.M., and the late Detective Alexander, left Scotland Yard and came out to this colony under an engagement to the Government in 1852. Shortly after his arrival, however, he severed his connection with the department, and, like many others, started off to seek his fortune on the goldfields.

He first went to Avoca when the rush broke out there. Subsequently he came to Bendigo, and pitched his tent in the neighborhood of Long Gully, where he became associated with the late Mr. W. H. French, and other well-known old residents of that locality. He had an interest in the Iron Duke claim on the Elizabeth line of reef, which was situated on Rae's hill, running down towards the Manchester Arms hotel. He was also interested in a number of other mining ventures subsequently.

About eight years ago he purchased the colonial wine business of Mr. Kræmer, of Howard Place, and afterwards removed to the Centre Block, Pall Mall, where he carried on a good business up to the time of his death. He was of a retiring disposition, and never took any very prominent part in public matters, but he was held in the highest esteem by all who came in contact with him. In his business transactions he was honorable and straightforward, and of him it may be truly said "his word was his bond."

He leaves a widow and grown-up family of two sons and two daughters. The eldest son, Mr. Bris. Neal, is well known in the city, and the younger is at present in West Australia. One of the daughters is the widow of the late Mr. J. Hall, of Long Gully, and the other is Mrs. Bliss, of St. Arnaud. Deep sympathy is felt on all sides for the widow and family in their bereavement.

Deceased was one of the oldest members of Loyal Albert Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., and he used to delight in entertaining his friends by relating his early experiences on this goldfield, when, among other disabilities that he and other old pioneers had to put up with, they had to come from Long Gully through the bush to attend the meetings of the lodge, which were then held at Harney's Bendigo hotel. He was also an old and highly respected member of Court King of the Forest, A.O.F., B.U.D.

The funeral will take place at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Bendigo Cemetery MON M7

NEAL J P. (217) / NEAL William Pinnock

Transcribed as J. P. NEAL.

Extensive research could not find a person with these initials. The most probable candidate is William Pinnock Neal. Another photograph has not been located to confirm the identity.

NEAL William Pinnock

DEATH OF MR. W. P. NEAL.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 9 December 1881** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. W. P. NEAL.

Again a loosing of the silver cord; again a breaking of the golden bowl. Another snapping of a link in the crumbling chain which binds us to Bendigo in its early youth. That worthy man, our old fellow citizen, William Pinnock Neal, has gone to his rest, and earthly cares no longer "Mar his slumbers—he is dead!"



How can we express the feelings of deep regret with which we record the death of a gentleman who was one of the best known and most generally respected of our pioneers, and whose name for many years has been intimately connected with the history of this goldfield, He succumbed yesterday morning, after a comparatively short illness, to a complication of ailments, expiring at his residence in Wattle-street.

He was at the recent meeting of the Bendigo Jockey Club, in which he always displayed the greatest interest, and of which he was one of the most energetic members. Though not in the best of health then, he appeared tolerably hale and hearty. Shortly afterwards, however, he took ill, and was confined to his residence. He was first attended by Dr. Hinchcliff, and afterwards by Drs. Penfold and McGillivray, but, despite the fact that everything possible was done to alleviate his sufferings and restore health, all efforts failed, and he steadily sank, and died at about eleven o'clock yesterday morning. The complication of disorders which resulted in his death were congestion of the lungs, inflammation of the kidneys, gout seizing the heart, and carbuncle on the spine.

The deceased gentleman bore up bravely under his sufferings, and was conscious almost to the last. Although for the past few days his condition had been very low, his friends, who frequently visited him, did not anticipate his end was so near; indeed on the other hand confident hopes were entertained that with the care he was receiving he would recover.

No one was better known throughout the whole district than Mr. Neal, and his name as one of the well-known auctioneering and agency firm of MacPherson and Co. was almost a household word.

His experience in the colony dates a long way back – from the year 1853. In that year he was a storekeeper at Gisborne, in which place for some time he carried on his business with success. Mining operations at Blackwood then attracted his attention, and he left for that goldfield, where he and Mr. Simpson, afterwards his partner in the firm of Macpherson and Co., entered into quartz reefing.

Mr. Neal whilst there was also engaged by the Bank of New South Wales to act as gold buyer. His operations at Blackwood did not prove so remunerative as he had anticipated, and finding that the prospects of gain were becoming less and less as time went on, he relinquished work there and went to Black Forest, where he entered into business as a road contractor. It was from this place that he came on to Sandhurst. On arriving here he engaged in the produce trade, which until recently used to attract a great deal of his attention.

As time advanced he extended his business connections, and devoted a good deal of attention to another branch of trade, viz., that of stock, which up to the time of his death was one of the principal branches of his extensive business. In this branch his first partners were Messrs. Ganly and Wait, but he severed his connection with them and entered into business with Mr. Lewis Macpherson, the founder of the well-known and prosperous firm, which, after the death of Mr. Macpherson, has up to the present been carried on under its old title by Messrs. Neal and Simpson.

The deceased gentleman was born in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, where he was for some time engaged in the office of his uncle, a solicitor. Afterwards he held an appointment as clerk on the London and Birmingham Railway, and subsequently took his departure for Australia. He was great nephew to Mr. John Camden Neild, who many years ago made himself famous by bequeathing to the Queen his magnificent fortune of £350,000. It is stated that although this relation had frequently promised to provide for the subject of this obituary notice, he failed to do more for him than present him with a copy of the scriptures on his departure from England.

Mr. Neal was regarded as the father of horse racing in Sandhurst, and besides which he endeavored to encourage all kinds of athletic sport. His genial face was ever to be seen at the local race meeting and sports gatherings, and no opinion on the merits of either horseflesh, or athletics, was more respected. He was one of the earliest members of the Bendigo Jockey Club, and took a most active part in its management. The fine condition in which our racecourse at Epsom has been placed, is mainly due to his influence and energy.

He was about 58 years of age, and is believed to have but few relations in the colony. A cousin resides at Romsey, and will arrive in Sandhurst today to attend the funeral. The familiar name by which he was known, viz., "Boss Neal", was given to him by one of his most faithful and attached employes, an American, who worked for him at Gisborne.

Mr. Neal was a member of the Masonic order, being connected with the Golden and Corinthian Lodge. He was greatly liked throughout the district for his geniality and kindly disposition, and when the news of his death gained currency yesterday the deepest regret was expressed on all sides.

Messrs. H. Grattan and J. Gould have been appointed executors to his estate. The funeral this afternoon will leave Wattle-street for the Back Creek Cemetery at three o'clock.

Bendigo Cemetery MON A3

THE LATE MR. W. P. NEAL.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Saturday 10 December 1881 p 2 Article

THE LATE MR. W. P. NEAL.

In closing the grave over the remains of a kind, good, and honorable citizen, we are not to ask "was this a man of eminence, an ambitious man, who was successful in attaining public honors?" We have simply to reflect whether in that state of life to which it had pleased God to call him, he had so acted as to merit the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. Above all, any attempt to make business capital out of his death should be avoided, or if not avoided, should be strongly deprecated. On the brink of the grave, all old rivalries, and commercial or personal differences should be forgotten.

Mr. William Pinnock Neal was a man not only of great ability in the line of life to which he especially devoted himself, but one of strict and unimpeachable integrity. If he had opposition to contend with, the contest was carried on by him in a fair and manly way; and we are quite sure there were no more sincere mourners at his funeral yesterday than those gentlemen whose lot it has been to be placed in positions of business opposition to him,

Mr. Lewis Macpherson, who established the firm, of which Mr Neal has for many years been the head, was a thoroughly upright and honorable gentleman, and it was the proud and just boast of the lamented deceased that the business had been conducted, since death took it out of the hands of the former, in as scrupulous and irreproachable a manner as he could have desired, It were simply a mockery of the dead man to place him on a pedestal he never desired to attain.

He would have laughed to scorn the idea of being written down "a great man", leaving behind him transcendent "footsteps in the sands of time", and would have been deeply grieved had he thought that on the day after his death he would be either extolled or blamed for any part he had taken in supporting or opposing local journalism.

He was a man full of human kindness and benevolence, and one who might conscientiously have asked to have his trespasses forgiven as he had forgiven those of others. As a proof of the great esteem in which he was held in this community, his burial yesterday was attended by a numerous assemblage of the leading citizens, of whom, as nearly as could be estimated, about 300 stood around his grave whilst his body was being committed to the earth. Regret on all sides was expressed for his decease, and it was universally agreed that the community has suffered a sad, if not irreparable, loss.

NEESON John (403)

DEATH OF MR. JOHN NEESON.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 20 April 1901** p 5 Article

DEATH OF MR. JOHN NEESON.

This morning, at 10 minutes to four o'clock, another old resident in the person of Mr. John Neeson passed away, at his residence, High-street, after an illness extending over about three months. The cause of death was a complication of diseases.

A family of seven and a wife are left to mourn his decease.

The late Mr. John Neeson was a native of Randalstown, County Antrim, Ireland, and was born in the year 1836.

He was the eldest son of Dr. Horace Neeson, who for over

60 years was physician to the family of the Earl of O'Neil, of Shanescastle.

Receiving his education at the Belfast Academy, he entered at the age of 20 the Ulster Bank, Belfast. He remained in Ireland until 1854, when the dawn of the golden era lured him to Melbourne. He almost immediately came to the Bendigo district, and entered into the employment of the Ravenswood run proprietors.

About three years later he joined in the search for gold, and commenced digging at Kangaroo Flat. Subsequently he worked on the tribute system on the Bird's Reef in conjunction with Mr. Thompson Moore. He thus gained a good insight into mining operations. After about two years he accepted a position as mining manager at Gaffney's Creek, near Woods' Point. Soon after he became associated with the old Hustler's Reef mine, and was subsequently appointed manager of the Duke of Edinburgh mine at Redbank.

After a year at this mine he returned to Bendigo, and secured the managership of the Grassy Gully Company, near Rokewood. Obtaining an interest in the Bird's Eye Reef, he returned to Bendigo, and a company known as the Bendigo and Melbourne Gold Mining Company being floated, he undertook the supervision of the workings. After remaining associated with practical mining for several years, Mr. Neeson started as a legal manager, and, as he was a member of the Federal Institute of Accountants, he found the work congenial.

In 1888 he was appointed secretary to the Sandhurst and Northern District Trustees Agency and Executors Company, and the work entailed such a heavy strain on his time that in 1894 he relinquished the legal managership of mines. He devoted himself to the business of the company until some two years ago, when he entered into business as an estate and commission agent on his own account, which continued up to the time of his death.



The deceased citizen was a member of the Golden and Corinthian Lodge of Freemasons, and was the first Grand Master of the M.U.I.O.O.F. to be elected from the Bendigo district. For many years he was on the board of directors in association with Messrs. G. D. Langdrige. E. L. Zox, E. J. Dixon and Dr. Greaves.

He was on the original directorate of the Electric Light and Tramway Co., and in other ways made himself very useful and greatly respected as a citizen of sterling integrity. He displayed his philanthropic spirit during the Irish famine relief movement, when, he acted as secretary of the fund in Bendigo. The result of the Bendigo effort was the collection of £1624. The committee, of which Cr. J. A. Woodward, the mayor, was chairman, presented him with an illuminated address, as follows:

"On behalf of the committee of the Irish Relief Fund of this city, we beg to tender you on the conclusion of your labors as honorary secretary, our warmest thanks for the very energetic and efficient manner in which you conducted the arduous duties of the office, which you voluntarily undertook. We are fully aware of the great tax it was upon your time, and have to congratulate you on the fact that what you undertook as a labor of love has been (owing in a very great measure to your untiring exertions) one of the most successful movements of the kind that has been inaugurated in Sandhurst, at having realised the magnificent sum of £1624/6/5, which amount, less advertising expenses, has been duly transmitted to the Lord Mayor of Dublin, to be by him distributed amongst the suffering poor in the various districts of Ireland, where distress most prevails. While congratulating you on the successful termination of your labors, we beg to assure you that we only express the sentiments of the general body of subscribers."

Kangaroo Flat Cemetery C of E South

NEILL Ebenezer (283)

DEATH OF MR. EBENEZER NEILL.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Thursday 9 May 1878** p 6 Article

DEATH OF MR. EBENEZER NEILL.

We are sorry to record that Mr Ebenezer Neill, the ex-mayor of Sandhurst, has come to a melancholy end. The deceased gentleman came to Melbourne on business last Tuesday week, and took up his residence at the Imperial Hotel, Bourke street, which, with some adjoining premises was his own property. On the following Thursday he expressed an intention of visiting the Opera house to a lady member of the Soldene troupe who also resides at the Imperial Hotel. He left in the evening and never returned.



The lady referred to stated that she had not seen him at the Opera house, and subsequently a gentleman whom he had arranged to meet on Friday reported that the deceased had failed to keep his engagement. His friends then becoming alarmed at his continued absence, gave information to the detectives that he was missing. Inquiries were instituted by Detective Hayes, but nothing was learned until yesterday morning, when his lifeless body was found floating in the Yarra near the gasworks.

The discovery of the body was made by a man who pointed it out to a constable, and the latter removed it to the morgue. The cause of death appeared to be drowning, but that will have to be determined by a post mortem examination. There were no external marks of violence, neither were the clothes disordered in any way, and £60, a watch and chain, which were in his possession when he left the hotel, were found in his pockets. Consequently no foul play is suspected.

Nothing definite is known as to how he got into the water, but it is supposed that instead of going to the Opera house on Thursday evening he had started for Emerald hill to visit a gentleman with whom he was in partnership and that he had accidentally fallen into the river about the wharves. An inquest will be held by Mr Candler today.

Mr Neill was a native of Ayrshire and he came to this colony in 1852. After remaining in Melbourne for about a year he went to the Bendigo goldfields where he was very successful, and ever afterwards he resided in Sandhurst. For the past six years he has been a member of the municipal council of that place, and he occupied the position of major last year. He leaves a widow and one son, who, owing to his success in business, are well provided for.

THE DEATH OF MR. EBENEZER NEILL.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Friday 10 May 1878** p 6 Article

THE DEATH OF MR. EBENEZER NEILL.

A coronial inquiry was held at the city morgue by Mr Candler yesterday, concerning the death of Mr Ebenezer Neill, the ex-mayor of Sandhurst, whose body was found in the Yarra on Wednesday morning.

Robert Whanie, a shipwright residing at Emerald hill, deposed that on Wednesday morning, at about 20 minutes to 8 o'clock, he saw the body of the deceased floating down the river, five or six chains above McCallum's ferry. He was crossing the river at the time in a boat, and taking the body in tow he made it fast to the ferry, and gave information to the police.

Constable Hede said that in consequence of information he received he went to McCallum's ferry, and found the body of the deceased made fast there with a rope. He conveyed the body to the morgue, and on searching the clothes of the deceased he found a pocketbook containing £60 in notes, a gold watch and chain, some papers, a knife, spectacles, pencils, and other articles. The clothes were not disordered in any way. There was nothing in the papers found referring to the deceased's death.

Dr James Edward Neild, having made a post mortem examination of the body, deposed that 1 ½ in above and a little in front of the right ear there was an incised scalp wound 1 ½ in length, from which a considerable quantity of blood had flowed. In the neighbourhood of the wound there were also some contusions. There were no other marks of violence. Internally there was extravasated blood about the wound, but there was no fracture of the skull. The brain and lungs were congested, and the air tubes were full of frothy fluid. The cause of death had been drowning.

The scalp wound was probably caused by a fall on some sharp edge – not by a cutting instrument – and it had nothing to do with the death. The clothes were in order, and showed no sign of any struggle. The fall which had probably caused the wound would have occasioned insensibility. There was some food in the stomach which had been taken about two hours before death, but no sign of alcohol. The deceased had been dead five or six days. He (Dr Neild) found £2 10s in the trousers pocket of the deceased.

John Hyams, licensee of the Imperial Hotel, Bourke Street, stated that the deceased came to that hotel, which was his own property, on the 30th ult, and stayed there until the 2nd inst. Witness last saw him alive on Thursday, the 2nd, at the dinner table. He was then in good health and cheerful. He left the hotel at about a quarter to 7 o'clock by himself, to go, as he said, to the opera. Witness sat up for him until half past 2 o'clock in the morning, but he never returned, and as he did not come back on the following day, witness thought he had returned to Sandhurst. Two or three days afterwards a telegram was received for the deceased, and witness gave it to a Mr. Walker, who opened it, and witness then learned that the deceased had not returned to Sandhurst.

There was nothing about the deceased to indicate that he contemplated suicide, and when he left the hotel he was quite sober. William B H Neill, son of the deceased, said his father was about 54 years of age, that he was a quartz miner, living at Sandhurst, and that he was mayor of Sandhurst last year. Last Tuesday week he left home to visit Melbourne on business. On Thursday last he telegraphed to say he would not be home that day, but would see on the morrow. Witness had no further communication from him. The deceased was of a perfectly sound mind, in good circumstances, and witness had no reason to suppose that he would take his own life.

John McWhirter, Daily Telegraph reporter, gave evidence that he knew the deceased, and had seen him two or three times last week. He made an appointment to meet him on Thursday, and saw him that night, about 9 o'clock, by himself in Bourke street The deceased referred to having settled some business satisfactorily, and he was quite cheerful. After conversing for about 10 minutes they parted, and the deceased went down towards Swanston street. He did not state where he was going, but said he would see witness next day at Fitzroy. Witness, however, saw no more of him. The deceased was a temperate man, and was perfectly sober when he parted from witness on Thursday night.

Robert Walker, an investor living at Emerald hill, said he knew the deceased well, last saw him alive on Thursday, in Melbourne, 2nd inst. He was to have seen witness next day on business, but he did not attend at the place appointed for their meeting. Witness received a telegram from the witness Hyams on Tuesday, the 7th inst, addressed to the deceased and having learned that he had returned home he (witness) opened it and found that it was from the deceased's son, asking when he would be home, and whether he was well. In consequence of this witness gave information to the detectives.

The coroner having summed up the jury gave the following verdict:

"The deceased was found drowned in the river Yarra but there is no evidence to show how he became drowned."

Bendigo Cemetery MON D2 Aged 52

NEWBOLD Robert Jnr. (142)

[THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER \(PUBLISHED DAILY.\) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1886 A STRANGE COINCIDENCE.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Monday 12 April 1886 p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. R. NEWBOLD, JUNR. It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr Robert Newbold, junior, of this city, and son of Mr R. Newbold, an old and respected citizen of Hargreaves-street. The sad event occurred at Sydney, at noon on Saturday. The deceased went to Sydney about three weeks ago for the benefit of his health.



Some days ago his father learned that he had been taken ill in Sydney, and on receipt of a telegram on Friday, stating that he was much worse, his father went to Melbourne with the intention of either going to Sydney himself, or inducing his sister, who lived in Melbourne to do so.

Another telegram was subsequently received from Mr R. C. Walker, of the Sydney Free Public Library, and a brother of Mr J. C. Walker, stating that Mr Newbold had died at twelve o'clock of typhoid fever. Mr Newbold, senr., had not heard of the death of his son when he left Melbourne for Sydney on Saturday. His sister came to Sandhurst on Saturday evening. Mr Newbold, junr., was 50 years of age.

He was the eldest of three sons, and came to the colony with them and his mother about 32 years ago, his father having preceded the rest of the family to see what the colony was like. They came to Bendigo where they have continued to reside ever since. The deceased has been engaged in cab driving for many years, and at this occupation was probably better known than any other cabman on the ranks. He was very much respected.

He was the only surviving member of the family besides the father, the other two sons having died on Bendigo, and his mother having died three years ago. He was unmarried. Much sympathy is naturally felt for the father, who thus survives his wife and children, and has only his sister left. It is not yet known what arrangements will be made for the funeral, but it is very likely that the remains will be brought to Sandhurst for interment beside his brothers and mother at the White Hills Cemetery.

White Hills Cemetery MON B1

NEWBOLD Robert Snr. (143)

[DEATH OF MR. ROBERT NEWBOLD.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 28 May 1896** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT NEWBOLD.

The death of Mr. Robert Newbold is announced in our issue this morning. In him Bendigo has lost one of its oldest identities and pioneers. Mr. Newbold was born in Nottingham, England, in 1812, and had therefore reached the ripe old age of 84 years. He arrived in Melbourne by the ship *Miles Barten* in the year 1852, and at once made his way to Bendigo, his wife following him a year afterwards in the ship *Geelong*, when he had prepared a home for her. She brought with her their three sons, all of whom have pre-deceased their father.



The first son, Mr. Jacob Newbold, died in 1854. Another son, Mr. Abel Newbold, who carried on business as a chemist in View Point, died in 1865, leaving a widow and one daughter, both of whom are still alive, the former being with Mr. Newbold at the time of his death. His wife died in 1883, and the third son, Mr. Robert Newbold, junr., the late well-known cab proprietor of this city, died of typhoid fever in 1886, whilst on a trip to Sydney. He was a favorite son, and his demise was greatly felt by his father.

Shortly after Mr. Newbold's arrival in Bendigo he kept a store at the site of the present railway goods shed, known as the "Half Moon" store, but in 1855 he removed to Hargreaves street, where he has lived for 41 years continuously on the same spot, and where he peacefully breathed his last yesterday afternoon. It was in the same house that he celebrated his golden wedding in 1881. In the year 1871 he and his wife paid a 12 months' visit to their old home in Nottingham, England.

For very many years Mr. Newbold and his son Robert carried on business as cab proprietors, and in consequence of their well-known courtesy and punctuality their business grew to be the leading one of its kind in Bendigo, and Mr. Newbold acquired a sufficient competency to enable him to retire. So punctual was Mr. Newbold in all his engagements that it was a standing joke that the Post Office regulated its time by his clock.

In 1886 Mrs. Blackmore, the deceased's sister, came out from England at his request, and has lived with him ever since. Since then, during his various illnesses, she has assiduously and carefully nursed him, thereby helping to prolong his life. Ever since last Christmas Mr. Newbold has been gradually failing, but he was only compelled to take to his bed about a week ago, and retained his senses to the last. Dr. James Eadie, senr., attended him in his last illness, and did all that was possible for the old gentleman under the circumstances.

Mr. Newbold was always very particular in having his daily constitutional walk round the centre block of the Mall, chewing a green sprig, after the manner of Lord Palmerston, as represented in London Punch, and his well-known figure and kindly voice will be missed by his numerous friends and acquaintances.

He was of a very philanthropic and charitable disposition, and his generous donations to the poor every year will be sadly missed.

The funeral will take place on Friday.

White Hills Cemetery MON B1

NEWMAN George Martin (222)

George Martin Newman was called as a witness to the Select Committee formed to determine who discovered gold on Bendigo (Pages 16 – 17). He stated that he arrived on Bendigo on or about 10 November 1851 with three mates and found four men fossicking for gold. His group sank a 20-foot shaft nearby.

No evidence found that he remained in Bendigo.

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

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

Family Notices

Leader (Melbourne, Vic. : 1862 - 1918) Saturday 7 January 1893 p 47 Family Notices

NEWMAN. On the 31st December, at Melbourne Hospital, George Martin Newman, mining engineer, late of Ballarat, Avoca and Retreat Hotel, Brighton, aged 62.



His son George Martin Newman died in Bendigo in 1895.

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. BENDIGO, TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1895. THE TICHBORNE CLAIMANT.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 21 May 1895 p 2 Article

OBITUARY. Shortly before midnight Mr. George Martin Newman, son of the late Mr. George Martin Newman, one of the earliest discoverers of gold on Bendigo, passed away in the Bendigo Hospital from an attack of congestion of the lungs and pleurisy, at the age of 29 years. The deceased, who was unmarried, had been engaged in mining pursuits in Bendigo for several years past, and enjoyed good health up to a week ago, when he caught cold, and pleurisy and congestion of the lungs supervened. The funeral takes place at half-past three o'clock to-morrow.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D6

NICOLAI William Henry Edward (8)

[DEATH OF MR. W. H. E. NICOLAI.](#)

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Wednesday 29 March 1893** p 2
Article

DEATH OF MR. W. H. E. NICOLAI.

It will be learned with sincere regret throughout the district that Mr. William Henry Edward Nicolai, the well-known architectural draughtsman died yesterday afternoon at his residence in King street. The deceased gentleman was born at Marburg, Hesse-Cassel in Germany in Oct. 1831, and was therefore in his 62nd year. He studied at the Cassel University and Polytechnic School, and in 1849 was appointed assistant to the Cassel Public Works Department.



He arrived in this colony thirty-eight years ago. His first appointment in Victoria was as clerk of works at the Yan Yean water works, near Melbourne, but his then imperfect knowledge of English so militated against him that he resigned in a few months. He was next employed by Mr. Fred. Poeppell, architect of Melbourne, for about 18 months, and then like the majority of the young men of the period he turned his attention to gold digging, first at Forest Creek and then at the Jim Crow diggings, near Daylesford.

He had a considerable run of luck at Daylesford, but afterwards, lost his gains in other ventures. He then abandoned the diggings and started the Alexandra Vineyard, at Muckleford remaining there until 1872, when he came to Bendigo, entering the service of Messrs. Vahland and Getzschman, of Pall Mall, now Vahland and Sons, of View street. He was connected with that firm till October, 1891. He was instructor in mechanical drawing at the School of Mines for the last 14 or 15 years, and also for a number of years filled a similar position at the High School, and at both institutions was most successful with his pupils.

On December 21 last he was taken ill with typhoid fever, but progressed so rapidly as to be able to leave for a three weeks' holiday at the seaside on January 12. He returned apparently fully recovered, and resumed his duties at the School of Mines till about a fortnight ago, when he felt so unwell as to have to take to his bed on March 10 from a return of the former complaint complicated with influenza. His medical attendant, Dr. Hinchcliff, was unable to sustain his strength under this double infliction, death ensuing about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The deceased gentleman was widely known and respected, and his death will leave a void on the teaching staff of the School of Mines not easily filled. He was married 32 years ago, and leaves two daughters and one son surviving, out of a family of seven. One of the daughters is married to Mr. George Jackson, of H. Jackson and Co., while the son, Mr. Robert F. Nicolai, is employed in Messrs. Vahland and Son's office. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Bendigo Cemetery MON B1

NISH James Neston Rev. Dr. (228)

OBITUARY. DEATH OF THE REV. DR. NISH.

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

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF THE REV. DR. NISH.

There died last evening at his residence Armidale, a suburb of Melbourne on the Caulfield railway line, the Rev. Dr Jas. Nish, one of the oldest and most respected Presbyterian clergymen in Australia, and one of the very first clergyman who ever entered upon Christian work on the Bendigo goldfield. About a fortnight ago Dr. Nish, who had reached the advanced age of 66, was attacked with influenza, which subsequently developed into a bronchial affection, and greatly to the sorrow of those who had for many years, received his ministrations, caused his death.



The rev. gentleman's career is one of striking interest and incident, and it has throughout been marked with an untiring zeal and energy in the cause of the Presbyterian church. He was born at Newtown-Stewart, Galloway, in 1825, but soon after his birth his parents removed to the County of Kircudbright, and, as a boy he attended the Academy at Borgne where, it was proudly told in after years, he was dux of the school. At the age of 16 young Nish, who even at this early period displayed the possession of a mind far in advance of his years, was made assistant master at the same school and subsequently studied at the University of Edinburgh for classics and at the New College there in philosophy and theology.

While studying divinity he acted as missionary for a time at Leonhead, and then as tutor to the Hon. Roden Noel the youngest son of the Earl of Gainsborough. His brilliant university career gave him a position among the scholars of his county and in 1851 he was licensed to preach. His first appointment was to the parish of Inchinnan, a beauty spot on the banks of the historical old Clyde, where he labored in the Christian cause for 3 years.

In 1864 he determined to sail for Victoria, the exodus to the diggings being then at its height. Several ministers of the Free Church of Scotland had previous to this set sail for the new land, and on July 31, 1854 Dr Nish arrived to assist them in their labors. On the day immediately after he landed he was appointed by the Presbytery to take charge of the parish of Bendigo, a district which had been visited previously by the Rev. A. Simpson, who reported that the Presbyterians then resident here were very desirous of securing a clergyman. After a long, tedious, and expensive journey to Bendigo – it was radically different travelling in those primitive days – Mr. Nish arrived to take possession of his new charge.

He preached his first sermon in an old smithy – constructed of slabs – with a calico roof and without a window. The seats were slabs nailed to posts driven into the ground. and the building in addition to serving the purposes of a church was also used as a day school although at that time there were but few children here.

In Sept. 1854 the first Industrial Exhibition was opened in Bendigo and on its closing the building was rented by the Presbyterians, and in February 1865 the foundation of what is now St. Andrew's School was laid and the church was opened on the first Sabbath in July by the Rev. Jas. Bailey. A cottage manse was afterwards erected, and under the guidance of Mr Nish.

At this time, he also conducted services in the outlying districts, and the church prospered exceedingly. Amongst other good works the rev. gentleman delivered a series of lectures on behalf of the Benevolent Asylum of which institution he was a life governor. He was the first moderator of the Presbytery at Castlemaine, and afterwards was clerk of that body.

In 1864 he was elected moderator to the General Assembly, an honor which shows the position which he then occupied amongst them, and how highly esteemed he was by his fellow ministers. In 1875 he was chosen as clerk to the General Assembly, and in 1880 was appointed delegate to the Presbyterian General Council at Philadelphia, where he received in the same year the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

In 1889, after nearly 36 years work in Bendigo, Dr. Nish removed to Armidale, but before leaving the city in which his life work had been accomplished, he was made the recipient of a handsome testimonial from the citizens. He continued to take an interest in church work, and at the time of his death held the position of moderator to the Federal Assembly, to which he was elected in 1886. Dr. Nish was regarded as one of the pillars of his church, a fervent preacher, an earnest evangelist, and an able controversialist when attacks upon his faith required him to exercise that talent.

He leaves a widow and eight children – three sons and five daughters. The oldest daughter is the wife of the Rev. Mr. Thom, of Mansfield, and other daughters are married to Mr. George Mackay, one of the proprietors of our morning contemporary, and Mr. Robin, State school teacher of this city. The eldest son, Mr. J. H. Y. Nish, is at present the Sydney correspondent of the Argus, while Mr. Samuel Nish is studying for the engineering profession, and the other son is still at school.

It is probable that the remains of the deceased gentleman will be brought to Bendigo for interment at Back Creek, where several of the children already lie.

Bendigo Cemetery MON E2

Mrs Margaret Nish

OBITUARY.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Wednesday 13 January 1915** p 6
Article

OBITUARY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Nish widow of the late Dr Nish, for so many years of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, in Bendigo, took place yesterday afternoon after the arrival of the afternoon train from Melbourne.

The interment was in the Bendigo cemetery in the presence of a large number of friends, including Pastor Leypoldt, Messrs. J. B. Young, R. Henderson, F Bush, J Henderson, R Mackay, F. Cohen and A. T. Crook. The Revs. Thorn and J. Crookston officiated. The pall bearers were Messrs J. H. McColl, J S. McIlroy, B. Hyett and G. S. Rule. Mr. W. H. Oakley had charge of the arrangements.

NISSEN John (171)

THE LATE MR. JOHN NISSEN.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 4 December 1886** p 2 Article

THE LATE MR. JOHN NISSEN.

As briefly reported in our last issue, Mr John Nissen, the well-known and highly respected licensee of the European Hotel, in High street, expired at his late residence shortly after one o'clock yesterday morning. The deceased gentleman was born in Kellinghusen, Holstein, Germany, in 1841.

When about 19 years of age he came out to the colony, and at once made his way to the Bendigo goldfields.



After working for about a couple of years at a puddling machine, he joined his brother-in-law, Mr Harry Bockleman, in the hotel business, and bought the European Hotel, in High-street, which was then owned by the late Dr. M. O'Brien. After being in the hotel for two or three years, Mr Nissen took the Hamburg hotel, which was situated in High-street, on the site now occupied by Mr Richardson's store. After that he followed the rushes to Myers Creek, Bullock Creek and the Whipstick, and in 1868 he went to Spring Creek, where he remained for about four years.

In these ventures he was pretty successful, and in 1872 he returned to Sandhurst, and rejoined Mr Bockleman at the European Hotel, the partnership existing up to the time of his death. While in the Hamburg Hotel, Mr Nissen had a severe attack of liver complaint, from which he never properly recovered. About the end of July last, after doctoring himself up for some months with various patent medicines, the deceased gentleman consulted Dr. Hinchcliff, who advised him to take a trip to the seaside. In the following week Mr Nissen proceeded to Melbourne.

At the time, Dr. Hinchcliff informed the deceased's friends that nothing could cure him, but it was not considered advisable to inform him of this fact. After remaining in Melbourne for about six weeks, during which time the disease assumed a very serious aspect, the deceased was brought back to Sandhurst.

After his return, he appeared to rally slightly, but although Drs Eadie, senr. and junior, and Dr MacGillivray did all that human skill could suggest, he gradually sank, and eventually expired as above stated yesterday morning. He remained quite conscious up to the last, and evidently knew that his end was approaching. In fact, on Thursday evening an intimate friend called to see him, but when he was leaving, Mr Nissen remarked that they would never meet again on this side of the grave.

The deceased was well known and highly respected in this district, his gentlemanly bearing, unassuming nature and charitable disposition rendering him a general favorite with all who knew him. He had no brothers living, and Mrs H. Bockleman was his only sister out here, there being three sisters in Germany.

He was a member of the Bendigo Deutscher Verein and the Loyal James Rowe Lodge, M. U. I. O. O. F. and the flags at their respective places of meeting were yesterday flying half-mast in respect to his memory.

The funeral takes place at four o'clock this afternoon.

Bendigo Cemetery MON B4

NOBLE J (410)

In the Historic Rates Index (Bendigo Library) there are several entries for John Noble including John Noble (Miner) and John Noble (Blacksmith) – died 1919.

Noble, (John) Chessell, and Wood were trading in 1870s as Agricultural Implement makers in High Street.



More research required to identify J Noble in the Photographic Picture.

John Noble (Carpenter) died in 1891.

No title

*The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Saturday 29 August 1891** p 2 Article*

Sudden Death. Last evening an old man named John Noble, aged 72 years, died at his residence in Queen-street. He was a carpenter, and in apparently good health was working yesterday at Mr. Whitehead's house in Wills-street. About five o'clock he was seized with a fit and was taken to his home where he died in about half an hour. He was an old and respected identity of the district and leaves a widow who is also well up in years.

No title

*The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Monday 31 August 1891** p 2 Article*

Magisterial Enquiry. Mr. J. Illingworth, J.P., on Saturday afternoon held an enquiry into the cause of death of the old man John Noble, who died suddenly at his residence in Queen-street on the previous day after being seized with a fit whilst at his work. After hearing the evidence a verdict of from sanguinary apoplexy was returned.

Bendigo Cemetery MON L3

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. | SANDHURST, FRIDAY, SEPT. 27. 1878. MR. WILLIAMS'S AMENDMENT.

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 27 September 1878

Dissolution of Partnership.

By an advertisement in our columns it will be seen that the partnership hitherto existing between Messrs Noble, Chessell, and Wood, trading under the style of Noble, Chessell and Co., has been dissolved by mutual consent, and that Messrs. Noble and Chessell will for the future carry on the business of agricultural implement makers, as before.

NORRIS Joshua (194)

Transcribed as MORRIS Jos.

Family Notices

The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) **Thursday 7 September 1893** p 8
Family Notices

LOYAL GOOD INTENT LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.—

The Members of the above Lodge are requested to follow to their last resting place, the St. Kilda Cemetery, the remains of our late brother, JOSHUA NORRIS.

The funeral to leave his late residence, 16 Albion-street South Yarra, THIS DAY (Thursday), 7th September, at 3 o'clock.

JOHN M. SCOTT,
Secretary.



THE DISCOVERY OF GOLD AT BENDIGO. CONCLUSION OF THE EVIDENCE.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Friday 10 October 1890** p 10 Article

Conclusion of the Evidence

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Joshua Norris, South Yarra, said that in October, 1851, he was in company with William Stuart on the Bendigo goldfield. He there met Graham and Bannister, who said they had found gold. That was about the middle of October. Frencham came about a week afterwards.

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PEOPLE WE READ ABOUT.

The Herald (Melbourne, Vic. : 1861 - 1954) **Thursday 30 October 1890** p 1 Article Illustrated

PEOPLE WE READ ABOUT.

Mr. Joshua Norris. One of the witnesses examined by the Frencham Parliamentary Committee, and at the time of the Bendigo gold discovery, a shepherd on the Ravenswood Run.



NORTHCOTT James (9)

DEATH OF MR. JAS. NORTHCOTT. A VETERAN BANDSMAN.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 19 December 1904** p 5 Article

A VETERAN BANDSMAN.

Regret will be widespread at the announcement of the death of Mr. James Northcott, of Lily-street, Golden-square, the veteran bandsman, which event occurred at Middle Brighton yesterday morning. Mr. Northcott had been suffering from chronic bronchitis for the past two years, and about a month ago he left for Middle Brighton, where he had taken a house for three months. He passed away in the presence of his only daughter, Mrs. Albert J. Williams, of Golden-square, who proceeded to Middle Brighton to attend him when his malady became serious.



The late Mr. Northcott's career was a most interesting one. He was born at South Taunton, in Devonshire, in 1836, and was, therefore, 68 years of age at the time of his demise. When only a lad he entered the British navy, joining the warship *St. Jean d'Acre*. He remained in the navy for several years, and his vessel was lying off Copenhagen, when orders were received to proceed to the Crimea, which was the sole topic of interest in England at that period.

Mr. Northcott served all through the Crimean war, and obtained three service medals. He was most fortunate, as he did not even receive a scratch. While fighting in the trenches one day he happened to glance round, and was surprised to discover that his brother was by his side. They had not seen each other for a long time, and the meeting under such circumstances can be imagined. Two of his brothers, John and William, served throughout the war. At its close he came to Victoria, the gold fever being then at its height.

His stay in Bendigo was brief, as the New Zealand rush attracted his attention, but he returned in 1858 to Bendigo, and as the outlook was quiet, he went back to New Zealand in 1859. Finally, in 1860, he settled in the Bendigo district with his father and mother and brother William. They took up some land at Leichardt and remained there for some years.

It was about this time that he became prominent in musical circles. He came of a musical family, as his oldest brother, John, was one of the musicians to the Royal Family, and was pensioned by the late Queen Victoria. His younger brother, William, is at the present time one of the leading cornet players in the United States. In 1867 the late Mr. Northcott married Miss Lansell, sister of Mr. Geo. Lansell, her demise having taken place about three months ago.

When he left Leichardt, Mr. Northcott became Mr. Lansell's general manager, and continued in that capacity for 26 years. While he was manager of the 180 Mine it is estimated that gold to the value of a million sterling was taken from the mine.

It is, perhaps, in his capacity as a bandsman, that Mr. Northcott was best known, as he became a familiar figure not only in the chief centres of Victoria but throughout Australia. He first became leader of the old Volunteer Band, and he was subsequently leader of the Battalion Band at Castlemaine. It was when he became leader of the musical combination known as Northcott's Brass Band that his fame and the fame of the band became widespread, as some 25 years ago it was one of the finest bands in Australia, and held that distinction for many years.

Although many changes in the personnel of the band have taken place, it still retains its old name. Mr. Northcott was a cornet player of high ability, and in 1871 he was presented by the citizens of Bendigo with a handsome silver cornet, in recognition of his services as a musician. His home contains a great array of trophies, photographic groups of bandsmen etc., which serve to indicate in a sense the reputation he enjoyed as a bandsman.

During his career in Bendigo he invested in mining a good deal, but was not very fortunate in this respect, as he lost a good deal of money on the New Chum line. Naturally he was well known and warmly respected, especially by bandsmen, who have, however, not seen him about much for some time, owing to ill-health. He was a genial citizen, and made a large circle of sincere friends.

Owing to the desire of bandsmen from all parts of the State to attend the funeral, it will not take place until Wednesday.

The deceased gentleman was a member of the Zenith Lodge of Masons, having passed through the chairs twice. He was also a member of the A.O.F., and formerly a member of the School of Mines Administrative Council.

Bendigo Cemetery MON B7

Mrs Annie Northcott

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 23 September 1904 p 3 Article

OBITUARY.

The numerous friends of Mrs. Annie Northcott, wife of Mr. James Northcott, the well-known ex-bandmaster, will regret to hear of her demise, which occurred yesterday evening at her residence, "Tivoli," Lily street. The cause of death was general debility.

The late Mrs. Northcott, who was 73 years of age, was the youngest sister of Messrs. George and Wootton Lansell.

She was born in Margate, Kent, England, and came to Victoria in 1863, in company with her sister, Mrs. George Budds, of Back Creek. In 1866 she was married to Mr. James Northcott, and after residing for two years at Leichardt, Mr. and Mrs. Northcott came to Bendigo and took up their abode at "Tivoli", Lily street. Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. Northcott, who himself has been ill for the last three years from chronic bronchitis. One daughter, Mrs. A. J. Williams, is also left. The funeral will move to the Bendigo Cemetery at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Bendigo Cemetery MON B7