

A Surnames

Pioneers of Bendigo

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OBITUARY.

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OBITUARY.

The friends of Dr. G. P. O'Donnell, who for a great many years practised his profession at Kangaroo Flat, will regret to hear of his death, which took place on Wednesday at a private hospital in East Melbourne. The late Mr. O'Donnell came to Kangaroo Flat in the early fifties, and practised his profession uninterruptedly up till about nine years ago, when he retired, and lived privately at Albert Park.



As may be expected from the late doctor's remarkably long connection with Kangaroo Flat, he became almost part and parcel of the life of the township. It was only natural therefore as the news of his death became known in the township yesterday that expressions of regret were heard on all sides.

The deceased old gentleman had reached the advanced age of 83, and had a family of two daughters, who both entered the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Abbotsford, as Sisters St. John and Berehmans.

Dr. O'Donnell, during his residence at Kangaroo Flat, was possessed of a good deal of property in the district, but most of it he sold on his retirement. He was also a successful mining investor, having invested largely in most of the local mines. It is stated that his estate should realise a good sum.

Advertising

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O'DWYER John Fitzpatrick (270)

[SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. J. F. O'DWYER.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 28 August 1900** p 3 Article

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. J. F. O'DWYER.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. John Fitzpatrick O'Dwyer, the well-known surveyor, of Emu Point, died in the city with startling suddenness. Early in the afternoon he drove into Bendigo, and alighted from his buggy in View-street at about half-past two o'clock, for the purpose of visiting Dr. Murphy. He got as far as the door of the latter's surgery, and was just about to pull the bell when he dropped to the footpath.



Dr. Murphy came out, and, after Mr. O'Dwyer had partially recovered from the seizure, he assisted him to the surgery. Dr. Atkinson hurried over, but the efforts of the two medical gentlemen were unavailing, as in about 10 minutes life was extinct.

The news of Mr. O'Dwyer's demise was received in the city with general regret. He was one of the old Bendigo pioneers, having resided here for no fewer than 45 years, during which long period he has witnessed the rise and progress of Bendigo up to its present stage. Possessed of many of those genial qualities which are so characteristic of the sons of Erin's Isle, he was extremely well liked by a large circle of friends, and his well-known hospitality was unbounded. Few men in Bendigo were more respected, and few possessed a more interesting fund of knowledge of the early days of the goldfield.

The complaint from which he suffered had long troubled him, but he was very loth to cease his life of activity and resign himself to quietude. Five years ago he experienced a severe seizure, and at that time his life hung in the balance. Ever since he has been under the care of Dr. Murphy, who has always advised the greatest caution. During the last few months Mr. O'Dwyer began to fail a good deal, but his family did not anticipate that his end was so near.

The deceased gentleman was a native of Ireland, having been born in the year 1831, in County Clare. He was only 24 years of age when he came to the colonies, with qualification certificates in connection with civil engineering and surveying, which he had studied in the old country after leaving school. A month after his arrival in Melbourne, in the year 1855, he came to Bendigo, in the capacity of commercial agent for the "Age" newspaper. The allurements of the goldfield were, however, too strong to allow him to remain long in this position, and for nine months he joined in the search for gold.

His commercial instincts then prompted him to enter into the storekeeping trade on a large scale, and he established successively stores at Epsom and Huntly, these localities being then the central points of attraction.

It was not until the year 1866 that Mr. O'Dwyer decided to relinquish the storekeeping business in order to practice his profession. He was gazetted a Government mining and authorised surveyor in 1867, and commenced to follow the profession, for which he had been trained, in Bendigo.

For many years, until comparatively recently, the deceased citizen prosecuted mining, and land surveying with vigor, and he was recognised as a very competent and skilled practitioner. Amongst business men his quiet geniality rendered him popular and esteemed. During his lengthy sojourn on Bendigo he did not evince any desire to take part in public life, contenting himself with the more tranquil career of a private citizen, though he always evinced keen perceptive faculties with respect to the questions of the day.

He leaves a widow and grown up family, who have earned the good opinion of all who know them. His eldest son is Mr. A. J. O'Dwyer, legal practitioner, of Echuca, and an ex-mayor of that borough. He has eight other children – three sons and five daughters – the eldest daughter having been married to Dr. Doolan, of Young, only recently. The deceased gentleman was a relative of ex-Judge Casey. The funeral will take place to the White Hills Cemetery to-morrow at three o'clock.

White Hills Cemetery MON F1

O'HAGAN John (148)

[DEATH OF MR. JOHN O'HAGAN.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 27 March 1896** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. JOHN O'HAGAN.

The news of the death of another old and highly respected Bendigonian, Mr. John O'Hagan, which event occurred at his late residence, the Sandhurst hotel, Market-square, at an early hour yesterday morning, will be received with deep regret by his numerous friends in the city and surrounding districts.



The deceased gentleman, who was 64 years of age, had been in indifferent health ever since the death of his wife about 12 years ago. Some weeks ago his condition was such that it was deemed advisable to call in his medical attendant, Dr. James Eadie, who found that his constitution was breaking up, and he was also suffering from an attack of bronchitis, and when Dr. Eadie went away on his annual holiday, his locum tenens, Dr. Sturdee, took up the case.

The patient was able to get about the house daily, but as he appeared to be growing weaker, Dr. Burke Gaffney was called in in consultation on Saturday last. A slight attack of pleurisy supervened, but the patient still declined to keep to his bed. In fact, he was sitting up in the drawing-room on Wednesday evening, when he seemed to be very much improved. He retired to bed, and about 2 o'clock yesterday morning he asked for a cup of tea. Shortly afterwards he dozed off again, and expired shortly after 3 o'clock.

The deceased gentleman was of a retiring disposition, and although he never made himself prominent publicly, he took a great interest in the progress of the city. He was strictly conscientious and a firm supporter of St. Kilian's Roman Catholic Church. He was one of the oldest members of the Loyal Bendigo Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., and had filled several offices, including that of treasurer, a position he held for some years. He was an honorary member of the City Fire Brigade, and the flag at the fire station in Williamson-street was yesterday flying half-mast out of respect to his memory.

Deceased was a native of Newry, Ireland where he was born in 1832. While a lad attending school he had an inclination for the sea, and spent a deal of his time studying the laws of navigation. At the age of 15 years he obtained a position on an Irish coasting vessel. Shortly afterwards he joined the crews of other vessels and made trips to America, China and other portions of the globe. He experienced to the full the dangers attending those who engage in a seafaring life. On one occasion when in the Bay of Biscay, the water being even more than usually rough, he pluckily jumped into the sea after a passenger who had fallen overboard, and rescued him.

On another occasion the vessel, on which he was engaged was wrecked on a dark night and he had a narrow escape from drowning. It is stated that life saving by means of rockets, ropes and oars was first successfully carried into practical effect on that vessel. He served as second mate on two ships which made extended trips to various parts of the world, and also served some time on the Cunard liners. At this time he held a first mate's certificate.

When the news of the discovery of gold in Australia first reached home, Mr. O'Hagan, like many other adventurous and hardy young men, determined to visit the colonies, and in 1852 he left Liverpool in the *Shackmaxon* for Port Adelaide, where he remained for a few weeks only, and then proceeded to Melbourne in the coasting schooner *Coleena*, arriving on the 19th January, 1853. A few days afterwards he made his way to Bendigo, and here he has remained ever since.

He first pitched his tent on the flat near Sheepshead, and his first experience of goldmining was very encouraging, as he secured some very fair returns. He removed to Sailors' Gully, where he was also very successful, and then engaged in quartz mining for several years on the reefs between Specimen Hill and Long Gully. In 1862 he purchased the Sandhurst hotel, Market-square, which had been opened about eight years previously by Mr. Keith.

Many old residents will remember the old weatherboard building in which the hotel business was so successfully carried on by Mr. O'Hagan, until, in order to keep pace with the times, about eight years ago it was pulled down, and the present imposing two-storey brick building, was erected in its place. Here he carried on the business with continued success up to the time of his death.

In 1867 he married Miss Catherine Agnes Donnellan, whose relatives are old and highly esteemed residents of the Axedale district. The late Dr. Backhaus, the pioneer Roman Catholic priest of the goldfield, officiated at the marriage. As stated above the late Mrs. O'Hagan pre-deceased her husband by about 12 years. A grown-up family of four daughters and two sons are left, and sincere sympathy is felt for them in their sad bereavement.

The remains of the deceased gentleman will be conveyed to St. Kilian's pro-Cathedral tomorrow morning, where mass will be celebrated, and the funeral will take place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Bendigo Cemetery MON G4

DEATH OF MRS. JOHN O'HAGAN.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Wednesday 30 April 1884 p 2 Article

DEATH OF MRS. JOHN O'HAGAN

A very general feeling of regret was expressed by the friends of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Hagan, of the Sandhurst Hotel, yesterday morning at the intelligence of Mrs. O'Hagan's death, which occurred at ten o'clock.

The deceased lady had been ailing for about twelve months past, and a severe cold which she had caught was aggravated during the late bazaar in aid of the convent, at which she had worked very hard nearly every evening until midnight.

Pleurisy then set in, and the deceased lady was confined to her bed for about three weeks. Dr. Tattersall has been in attendance for a considerable time, but Dr. Eadie who has been attending latterly, held a consultation with Dr. Macgillivray a few days ago. She has also received the spiritual consolation of Fathers O'Callaghan and Gilsenan during the last few days. She remained conscious to the last, and died with all the family around her.

She leaves six children, the eldest of whom is 15 years of age, and the youngest eighteen months, to mourn her loss. Mrs. O'Hagan was a very old Bendigonian, having come to the district when she was only seven years of age. Her maiden name was Catherine Agnes Donnellan, and she leaves three brothers and four sisters and a large number of relatives in the Campaspe district. Her father died in Ireland, and her mother at Axedale. One of her brothers had a farm at Axedale for many years.

She has always taken a very active interest in the convent, and all matters associated with the Catholic Church in this city, while she has also been a very prominent member of the St. Vincent de Paul's Society. She possessed a good education, and a disposition which secured for her the friendship of all who knew her, while at the same time she commanded general respect and esteem.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock, when the remains will be interred at the Back Creek Cemetery. They will be removed to St. Kilian's at six o'clock in the morning, when solemn High Mass will be celebrated.

Bendigo Cemetery MON G4

O'KEEFE Edward (163)

[DEATH OF MR. EDWARD O'KEEFE.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 18 April 1876** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. EDWARD O'KEEFE.

The announcement of the death of Mr. Edward O'Keefe, which took place at his residence, Maryville, Abbotsford, on Sunday last, will be received with great regret by a large number of the citizens of Sandhurst, to whom he has been well and intimately known for many years.



Mr. O'Keefe was a very old resident of Bendigo, having arrived here in 1854, in which year he landed in the colony. He afterwards went to the Mount Blackwood goldfields for a time. Tiring of that district, he returned to Sandhurst, and, if we remember aright, set up a puddling machine in Sparrowhawk Gully, having worked at this for a period, with greater or less success, he turned his attention to contracting, the first work of the sort undertaken by him, being the formation of the Mount Korong road.

This venture was a success, and thereafter fortune seemed to smile upon him. Whilst this work was in progress, or shortly after its completion, Mr. O'Keefe became a candidate for the Mining Board. That was about the year 1857, and Mr. J. Heffernan, now of the Victoria Hotel, Pall Mall, will remember chaperoning him to Elysian Flat, and introducing him to the diggers. So successful was the canvass that Mr. O'Keefe was returned for both the Sandhurst and Kilmore divisions, but gave up the seat for the latter in favor of that for the former, and was soon afterwards elected chairman of the board.

He was at that time largely connected with mining, both alluvial and quartz. Subsequently he was elected a member of the Municipal Council of Sandhurst, and was returned twice, thus holding the position for six years. In 1860 he paid a visit to the old countries, and, in company with his daughter, travelled over the greater part of Europe, returning in 1862.

Among the contracts taken by Mr. O'Keefe was that of the construction of the Preston Vale reservoir, in connection with the Coliban scheme, and the manner in which the work was executed was highly approved by Col. Sankey. He was also chairman of the well-known Royal Sludge Commission. After the contract under the Water Supply department was concluded, Mr. O'Keefe purchased from the late Mr. John Harney that fine property on the Campaspe, known as Adelaide Vale, now in the possession of his son Mr. Andrew O'Keefe.

One of the father's great achievements was the establishment of a cheese factory at Adelaide Vale, in which he was so successful that, we believe, a better article of the kind is not turned out anywhere in this colony.

Having established himself in the neighbourhood of Huntly he offered himself for election for the Shire Council of that district for which he was returned and became president of the council.

During his stay in England it may be mentioned that he used to relate how he dined with the Duke of Edinburgh at the dinner given to his Royal Highness by the Australian colonists in London, and had the honor of shaking hands with the young Prince.

On his return to the colony his daughter, Miss Mary O'Keefe, who had travelled with him, joined the convent at Abbotsford, and in order to be near her, he purchased the residence in which he has lately died. His health has been giving way for a considerable time past, and his demise has been far from being unexpected. He leaves a widow and two children, Mr. A. O'Keefe, of Adelaide Vale, and the young lady above-mentioned.

Many anecdotes, some of a laughable character, could be related of Mr. O'Keefe, and people about Huntly will not readily forget the great chair quarrel between him and the Police Magistrate, Mr. Cogdon. Mr. O'Keefe, being *ex officio* a magistrate, had a seat, of course, on the Huntly bench, and he took it into his head to purchase for himself a ponderous chair, seated in which he quite eclipsed the P.M. There was a great to do and much fun over this chair, the freak being highly characteristic of Mr. O'Keefe. For whilst he was a man of a kindly and genial disposition, and loud of a joke, it was difficult to get him to stir from any position he chose to take up.

He has gone at last to join the majority following closely after the hon. J. Forester Sullivan, and Mr. George Avery Fletcher, with both of whom he was associated in the olden time.

White Hills Cemetery MON F1

O'KEEFFE Daniel Joseph (452)

[THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER PUBLISHED DAILY. PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES SANDHURST, MONDAY, AUG. 1, 1874.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 31 August 1874** p 2 Article

Death of an Old Bendigonian in New Zealand.

From an Auckland (N.Z) paper we take the following announcement of the death of Mr. D. J. O'Keeffe, formerly of Sandhurst. "The announcement, received by telegraph here today, from Grahamstown, Thames, intimating the death of Mr. D. J. O'Keeffe, caused a very painful feeling amongst the community, and the deepest sympathy is felt for his bereaved family. Mr. O'Keeffe was connected with the Thames as a pioneer, and was very much respected."



By most of the old residents of Bendigo Mr. O'Keeffe will be remembered. With some few faults – from which none are altogether free – he was possessed of a genial and kindly disposition, and as an active and intelligent business man he had few to equal him in the district. By a private letter from Auckland we learn that his widow and children are not left altogether unprovided for, as Mr. O'Keeffe had providently insured his life for £1,000.

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/thames-star/1874/07/25/2>

NZ Death records spell as O'Keefe.

DEATH OF MR. D. J. O'KEEFFE.

It is with extreme regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. D. J. O'Keeffe, which took place in Auckland this morning. Mr. O'Keeffe leaves a widow and six children. Mr. O'Keeffe was an active, energetic man of business, and as a pioneer of the Thames contributed in a great measure to the success of the field in the early days. As a husband and father he was kind and indulgent to a degree, and his loss will be keenly felt by his sorrowing widow and family, who will, however, have the sympathy of the public in their bereavement. The funeral of the deceased gentleman will take place on Monday in Auckland.

O'NEILL David John (40)

[OBITUARY. MR. DAVID J. O'NEILL.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 26 July 1886** p 2 Article

OBITUARY. MR. DAVID J. O'NEILL.

It is with regret that we have to record the demise of another old and highly respected Bendigonian, in the person of Mr. David J. O'Neill, who died at his late residence in Wattle-street, shortly after six o'clock on Saturday morning. The deceased gentleman was fifty-nine years of age, and came to the colony about thirty-four years ago, residing in Sandhurst ever since.



Up to about eight years ago he carried on a large business in Golden-square as a grocer and provision merchant. He retired from the business, which then passed into the hands of Mr. Lane, and was subsequently carried on by the late Mr Allingham. Mr. O'Neill entered largely into mining speculations, which, for a time, proved very successful, but lately he has been one of Sandhurst's heaviest call-payers.

Two or three weeks ago he was confined to his room by an attack of pleurisy, and although the best available medical attendance was obtained, he gradually got worse. Last Thursday evening Drs. MacGillivray, Hinchcliff, and McKee held a consultation, when it was found that the lungs were affected to such an extent that very slight hopes could be entertained of his recovery. On Friday it was apparent that the end was not far distant, and on Saturday morning he breathed his last, as stated above.

Of a very retiring disposition, Mr. O'Neill never took any active part in public life, and although he would never allow the world to know it, there are many persons who have largely benefited by his acts of charity, He was unmarried, but his sister and two nephews resided with him. His brother, Mr. H. O'Neill, who had got as far as New Zealand on a trip to the old country, is now on his way back to Sandhurst.

The funeral is announced to leave the deceased gentleman's late residence this afternoon at three o'clock for the Sandhurst cemetery.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D3

Brother of Henry O'Neill

O'NEILL Henry (39)

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 13 May 1901** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. HENRY O'NEILL. News has been received in Bendigo of the death, last week, in New Zealand, of Mr. Henry O'Neill, formerly of Bendigo, who was for many years associated with the mining life of this city as a speculator. Some 2 years ago Mr. O'Neill left for New Zealand, and settled at Hawke's Bay, where he had amassed considerable property.



The deceased gentleman was 76 years of age. He was a single man, and leaves two nephews, one of whom is Mr. Henry O'Neill, junr., who was in Bendigo recently on business, and who came over from Sydney to witness the Commonwealth celebrations in Melbourne, where he received news of his uncle's demise.

The late Mr. O'Neill had large mining interests in Bendigo in connection with which he was very successful. He was a director in several large companies, and his demise will be heard of with regret by many who have pleasant recollections of his friendship.

Brother of David O'Neill

OAKLEY Thomas (257)

[THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER \(PUBLISHED DAILY.\) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16, 1886 DECENTRALISATION.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 16 December 1885** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR THOMAS OAKLEY. We regret to record the death of Mr Thomas Oakley, undertaker, of Bridge-street, which sad event took place at his residence at an early hour this morning.

The deceased was a resident of Bendigo of thirty-three years standing. He had been ailing for some time, but a fortnight ago his complaint became aggravated, and he died as above stated. The deceased's age was about 77.



[THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER \(PUBLISHED DAILY.\) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, THURSDAY, DEC. 17, 1885 THE PLATFORM OF THE LEAGUE.](#)

Article - *Bendigo Advertiser* (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 17 December 1885** - Page 2

THE LATE MR THOS. OAKLEY. In yesterday's issue we briefly referred to the death of Mr Oakley, the well-known undertaker, which took place that morning. Mr Oakley was 76 years of age, and a native of Chelsea, England. He arrived in Sydney 55 years ago, and subsequently came to Victoria. In 1852 he came to Sandhurst, and commenced business as an undertaker, remaining here ever since. About thirteen years ago he met with an accident, and has not been properly well since then.

He was a member of the first fire brigade in Sandhurst, and also of many other societies. He was an unassuming man, a kind husband, and a good father. He leaves a widow and family of ten children, all grown up, to mourn their loss. The remains of the deceased are to be encased in three coffins, the first in deal, the second in lead, made by Mr J. W. Faul, and the third a handsomely polished cedar one, the work of Messrs Sayers and Skues, undertakers.

The funeral will take place at the Sandhurst cemetery tomorrow afternoon.

Bendigo Cemetery MON F5

THE CITY SURVEYOR.

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

Death of Mrs Oakley. It will be learned with regret that Mrs Thomas Oakley, whose husband died on the 16th of last month, died yesterday at her late residence in Bridge Street after a short illness. She thus scarcely survived her husband a month. She leaves ten children all grown up, to mourn their loss.

OAKLEY William Henry (258)

Family Notices

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 16 December 1899** p 4 Family Notices

OAKLEY. On the 15th December, at his residence, Howard Place, William Henry, the beloved husband of Lizzie Oakley. Aged 50 years. A resident of 44 years.



THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. BENDIGO, SATURDAY, DEC., 16, 1899. THE RIGHTS OF MARRIED WOMEN.;

Article - *Bendigo Advertiser* (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 16 December 1899** - Page 4

DEATH OF MR. W. H. OAKLEY. The numerous friends of Mr. W. H. Oakley, undertaker, of Howard Place, whose serious illness was referred to in "The Advertiser" a few days ago, will learn with regret that he died yesterday afternoon.

The deceased, who was 50 years of age, was a native of Yass, New South Wales, and came with his late parents to Bendigo in "the fifties." Mr. Oakley's father was one of the oldest undertakers in Bendigo, and carried on business in Bridge-street up to the time of his death in 1886, his wife only surviving him by about a week. Mr. W. H. Oakley, who had been in partnership with his father, then took over the business.

About nine months ago his health began to fail, but he was able to get about until a fortnight ago, when he was compelled to take to his bed, and although Dr. Green was most assiduous in his attentions the patient gradually sank, the cause of death being an affection of the throat.

The deceased gentleman, who was well known throughout the district and much respected, leaves a widow and family of two sons and four daughters, for whom deep sympathy is felt in their sad bereavement. He was an old member of the No. 1 Fire Brigade, in which he took great interest.

The funeral will take place to-morrow, leaving his late residence at 3 o'clock.

Bendigo Cemetery MON F3

ORME Frederick (236)

[Death From Paralysis. MR. FREDERICK ORME.](#)

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Monday 2 December 1901** p 3 Article

Death From Paralysis.

MR. FREDERICK ORME.

Mr. Frederick Orme of Wattle street died early on Saturday morning from a paralytic stroke after a week's illness. He arrived in Victoria in 1852, and came on to Bendigo in the early days, and lived here ever since. He did well in the alluvial digging days, and for many years had a flourishing grocery and general storekeeping business in Bridge street.



About this time he also made some very lucky speculations in quartz mines. He therefore retired from active business, and occupied himself as a private financier and speculator. He was chairman of directors of the Confidence Extended Company.

He was 67 years of age and a native of England. He leaves a widow, three grown-up daughters, and one son, who is an inspector of police in Western Australia.

The funeral takes place this morning at 10 o'clock.

White Hills Cemetery MON B2

OSBORNE Joseph Jnr (260)

Born in South America in 1840, son of Joseph Osborne Snr. Watchmaker & jeweller of Bendigo. Died in Perth WA. Buried at Karrakatta Cemetery in Perth.

Joseph Osborne Jnr. came with his father to Australia, arriving in Melbourne in 1854.



Family Notices

*Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday**
13 June 1903 p 4 Family Notices*

DEATH.

OSBORN. On the 10th June, at Perth, W.A., Joseph Osborn, formerly of Bendigo, in his 64th year.

Family Notices

*Family Notices - The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Saturday**
20 June 1903 - Page 4*

DEATH

OSBORN. On June 10, at Perth, Joseph, beloved husband of Alswitha Osborne, Barratt street, Albert Park, and father of Julian, William H. and Rose. Aged 63 years. "Ours in death".

Joseph Osborn married Alswitha (Allie) Phillips in 1876. She died in 1942 at Surrey Hills Victoria in 1942 aged 85. (BDM Victoria)

OSBORNE Joseph Snr (261)

THE LATE MR. JOSEPH OSBORNE.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Thursday 1 October 1885 p 3 Article

THE LATE MR. JOSEPH OSBORNE.

On Monday we announced the death at Lismore, New South Wales, of Mr Joseph Osborne, J.P., of this city. We have since received a brief account of his death, from which we learn that he was suffering from an internal tumour, and that on his arrival at Lismore a few weeks since he was taken seriously ill, and his son Mr Joseph Osborne, watchmaker of this city, was sent for. His son arrived at Lismore to find him in a very emaciated state, and evidently dying. After much suffering he expired, as has already been stated, on Saturday morning last.



Mr Osborne was a native of Twelve Heads in Cornwall, having been born in 1812. Having served his apprenticeship as a builder he was engaged by a company of London gentlemen as an inspector of mining machinery in Brazil, where he remained about 11 years. He returned to England, and four years afterwards came with his eldest son to the colony, arriving in Melbourne in 1854. In the same year he came to Sandhurst, where he established himself as a timber merchant and builder, and was joined by his wife and children from England three years after.

For many years he carried on business in Bull-street, in a house known as the Temperance Hotel. He was for some time a visiting member of the Benevolent Asylum committee, and a few years ago was created a J.P. No doubt Mr Osborne's death was hastened by a sad family event.

In April last there was a fire at Lismore, which took place in a shop adjoining that of his son, James Osborne, watchmaker and jeweller. The shop where the fire began, together with James Osborne's, and two or three others, was burned down. The occupant of the shop where the fire commenced, Goulston, and James Osborne, were brought to trial on the charge of having set fire to certain buildings.

It was shown at the trial that there was no motive – that Osborne's stock was large and valuable, and that he was insured for far less than its value. There was no proof at the trial or attempt at proof that Osborne did "set fire", as alleged, but it was proved that he refused to allow a mob to enter his shop under the pretence of saving the property, a very natural refusal considering the nature of the stock. He and Goulston were found guilty, and sentenced to seven years' penal servitude.

This news fell upon the deceased with a terrible shock. He lost no time in taking advice.

He submitted the case, as reported in the two Lismore papers, to many of our leading barristers and others, who all concurred in the opinion that there had been a shocking miscarriage of justice, and that there was not a particle of evidence against Jas. Osborne. Although in feeble health Mr Joseph Osborne then determined to visit New South Wales to bring his son's case before the authorities.

He started about two months ago, armed with introductions to leading men in Sydney. He had scarcely reached that city when he broke down under the fatigue and anxieties of a journey too trying at his time of life. He had to leave Sydney without being able to take any one step towards the object with which he had undertaken the journey – the hope of obtaining a revision of the trial of his unhappy son.

He went to Lismore to his daughter-in-law, and there lingered and died. Meanwhile the son, of whose innocence the father had an absolute conviction, strengthened by the opinion of others competent to judge, and for whom he has sacrificed his life, lies a hopeless prisoner in Darlinghurst gaol.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1885.

A Good Man.

As an old Victorian, it is with regret, yet with pleasure that we publish the following notes of the career of a leading resident of Victoria, who died here last week, and which sad death adds another to the unfortunate link of circumstances surrounding the late large fire in Lismore. It will be remembered that Mr. James Osborn, a son of the deceased gentleman, was convicted of setting fire to certain premises, and sentenced to a lengthened term of imprisonment, and it was with a view of procuring proofs of his innocence, in which he, with ourselves, and others believed, and thereby of obtaining a mitigation of the unjust sentence, that Mr. Osborn, together with two of his sons was in our midst; but the anxieties and trouble arising out of the matter proving too much for the frame of one who was well in years, the consequence being that he was taken ill, and died from the effects of a severe cold on Saturday last.

The deceased gentleman's name was Joseph Osborn, J.P., of Sandhurst, Victoria, and the following is a short account of the funeral and of his career. The mortal remains of this gentleman were conveyed to their last resting place on Sunday afternoon last, at 3 o'clock.

The attendance was large, and the Rev. F. C. Boyer, Wesleyan Minister, conducted the burial service, after which the deceased gentleman's eldest son, in the following appropriate words, addressed the crowd, and many present were visibly moved to tears:

"To the friends and townspeople of Lismore, I would like to say a few words.

We have, this day, consigned the mortal remains of one who may be termed in every sense, a man in whom the chords of sympathy vibrated for suffering humanity. A man in life who endeavored to hold with a fair hand the even balance of justice. He was a good husband, an exceptionally good father, and a citizen in the city of Sandhurst, being one of the pioneers of that gold-mining centre, in the colony of Victoria.

This burial day is the 47th anniversary of his wedding day, and a singularly strange coincidence, the 32nd anniversary of his departure from his mother country to these Australian shores. These are the mortal remains of a man I have delighted in calling him father. The circumstances surrounding the closing scene in the chapter of his life are painful to contemplate and are no doubt known to you all. Our dear father, who has lived a temperate life has reached the ripe age of three score years and thirteen.

We have every reason to believe, by reason of his strength, that he would have reached four score years but for the terrible grief that has pressed so heavily upon him the last five months. My beloved mother is now a widow; his children are fatherless; he is now beyond this world of sorrow and strife, and where, I hope, the wrongs of the oppressor in this life will be vanquished. It is my earnest desire that his sons may follow in the exemplary footsteps of their departed father. May God grant this fervent prayer of his eldest son."

There are in our midst some who are well acquainted with the deceased in the early days of Sandhurst. From the particulars we have gleaned concerning the life and character of the late Mr. Osborn we learn that his father was a military man, and took an active part in the battle of Waterloo. Subsequently he became a school teacher. He died, leaving the subject of our obituary fatherless at the tender age of six years, and a widow with large family not in affluent circumstances. The deceased commenced to fight the battles of life at the early age of seven years, being employed at one of the mines in Cornwall, and always grew in favor with his employers.

He informed his mother one day that he was determined, if possible, to apprentice himself to the business of a carpenter and joiner. He applied to a Mr. Trebilcock, who was a builder and contractor. On ascertaining his name he said yes, I will take you, and if you prove to be half as good a man as your father I shall be well pleased. After duly serving his apprenticeship he expressed a wish to go abroad. A man was wanted by a company of London gentlemen to go as an overseer and inspector of gold-mining machinery, &c., to Brazil. He asked his master if he would give him a letter of recommendation, to assist him in securing the desired position, and was told: "Yes, Joseph, I will, give you a character that will take you to any part of the world".

Although there were eighty applications for the same thing, it was given to him. He at once married, and the following week sailed for Brazil, where he had the supervision of 300 men. He remained there for a period of eleven years, and then returned to his native place, where he commenced business as a builder and timber and coal merchant, continuing it for period of four years. He relinquished it in September, 1863 (1853), and with his eldest son sailed for Australia.

In January, 1854, he wended his way to Sandhurst, where he has since watched its gradations. He was many years a visiting member of the Benevolent Asylum Committee, and consequently well known to the poor and needy. He has been many years a Justice of the Peace. Last April, on hearing of his fourth son's misfortune (our fellow townsman, who became a sorrowful victim of the late fire in Woodlark street), his mental trouble became so great, his mind so agitated, that he could not sleep or have a moment's peace of mind, when he fell sick, and has since been anxiously working to obtain his son's release. He fell a martyr to his devotion for his unfortunate son.

The deceased gentleman was buried at Lismore on the 27th day of September, 1885, deeply regretted by his sorrowing relatives, and all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

OWEN Griffin (205)

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 29 January 1900** p 2 Article

DEATH IN THE ASYLUM. Griffin Owen, aged 80 years, a native of Wales, died on 27th inst. from senile debility. He was admitted on 11th November, 1896. He arrived in Melbourne in 1848, per the ship *Colonist*.



OWENS Dr John Downes (136)

Family Notices

The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) **Tuesday 27 November 1866** p 6 Family Notices

OWENS. Suddenly, last night, 26th inst., at his residence, Windsor, of disease of the heart, John Downes Owens, Esq., M.P.

DEATH OF DR. OWENS.

Article Illustrated - The Australian News for Home Readers (Vic. : 1864 - 1867) Thursday 27 December 1866 - Page 3



DEATH OF DR. OWENS.

We regret to have to announce the death of Dr. John Downes Owens, a gentleman whose name a few years since ranked amongst the foremost of the Liberal leaders of public opinion in Victoria.

The announcement that his death was sudden is but too far from being exaggerated. On Monday 26th ult. he complained of being poorly and procured some medicine from Mr Johnson, chemist. In the evening he went home, and his housekeeper provided him with some refreshment, of which he partook, apparently in his usual health. A few minutes afterwards he summoned the housekeeper, and directed her to call Mr. Johnson, which she accordingly did. On her return in about ten minutes, she found that Dr. Owens was no more.

An inquest was held on Wednesday, by Mr Candler, when the jury, in accordance with the medical evidence, returned a verdict of death from congestive apoplexy.

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Dr. Owens arrived in Australia in 1850, in charge of immigrants for Sydney and Adelaide. He obtained high encomiums for his skilful attention to the persons under his charge, but, instead of returning to England, where his testimonials would have secured him superior employment, he visited South America, and subsequently California. On the Australian gold discoveries becoming known, he returned to Sydney, in the *Queen of Sheba*, a vessel commanded by Captain Cadell, the explorer of the Murray.

Dr. Owens was one of the pioneer party that left Forest Creek for Bendigo, and, pitching his tent on a commanding spot of ground to which he had the honor of giving the name it has since borne – View Point – he commenced the practice of his profession. Dr. Owens was now on the high road to fortune. Gold was plentiful, the ills of life not less numerous on that account, and doctors few.

Being the first medical man that had settled on Bendigo, he must, for some short time at least, have had the field to himself. Here he remained for about twelve months. But his itinerant spirit would not permit him to rest. He set off to the Owens goldfields, and became embroiled in colonial politics.

Dr. Owens quitted Bendigo early in 1854, and became a resident in Melbourne.

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Dr. Owens was an Englishman, and took his diploma from the Royal College of Surgeons in 1839, and his degree of M.D. in 1841. He is mentioned in Taylor's Medical Jurisprudence, and in the Surgical and Medical Journal, as having successfully performed difficult operations. As a speaker, he was trenchant and logical. He never took part in a debate without having some clearly defined proposition to advance, or position to sustain. Long practice had made him a thorough parliamentarian. As a journalist Dr: Owens earned considerable reputation.

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THE FUNERAL Dr. Owens was buried on 29th ult., in the St. Kilda Cemetery.

On the coffin was the simple inscription.

'John Downes Owens, aged 57, died on the 26th of November, 1866.'

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DEATH OF DR OWENS.

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918)Friday 30 November 1866 - Page 2

DEATH OF DR. OWENS.

The inquest on the body of Dr Owens was held on Wednesday, at the late residence of that gentleman in View-street, Windsor, Eliza Walford, housekeeper to the deceased, said he was in his usual health on Monday morning when he went out. He came home a little after six o'clock in the evening, and he had a little steak for tea. He seemed to enjoy his meal, and then went into the garden. He walked about until eight o'clock, when he came in and went to bed. He seemed to be ailing slightly. Deceased had his feet in warm water about half-past nine o'clock.

About a quarter to ten he called witness and asked her to go and fetch Mr Johnson, chemist. He got up and dressed himself, and witness went for Mr Johnson, but upon her return in a quarter of an hour found him dead and lying across the bed partially dressed. Mr J. H. H. Lewellyn, surgeon, residing at Prahran, said he was called to see deceased about a quarter to ten o'clock on Monday night, and on proceeding to his residence, found him nearly dead, lying across the bed, with his trousers on.

A post mortem examination showed that the cause of death was congestive apoplexy. Deceased was a man of full habit, and had a short neck. The full meal he took before going to bed probably induced the brain to be congested.

Deceased was fifty-seven years of age. The jury returned a verdict that deceased died from congestive apoplexy from natural causes. *Herald*.

See also

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