

S Surnames

Pioneers of Bendigo

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SANDBACH Walter Robert (280)

Family Notices

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SANDBACH. On the 11th December, at his late residence, 34 Crown-street, Newmarket, Walter Roberts Sandbach, aged 83 years.



THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME. TO THE EDITOR OF THE BENDIGO INDEPENDENT,

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Thursday 14 May 1891** p 4 Article

THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BENDIGO INDEPENDENT,

Yours, &c., WALTER R. SANDBACH. Newmarket, May 12th.

SIR, If not particularly interested in the change of name of your city from Sandhurst to Bendigo, I am exceedingly amazed at the modern invention given to the names of both creek and place. Now I myself left Bendigo for England on 19th December, 1851 and my brother (*William*) in 1854 left for other goldfields. Yet neither he nor I ever heard of the creek as Bandicoot. Yet a day or two after Black Thursday, February 1851, I certainly did hear from old Ben shepherding at Bendigo's hut, who called often at the hut I occupied.

I had been fighting the fire that raged round it, bucketing water on the dry stuff from a small supply spring, and asked how he had got on. He said all right, and that their hut was on Bendigo Creek. On my passing a remark on the name he said it was given to the creek years ago through a hut keeper living there whom they called "Bendigo" after the fighting man. Now, Sir, one would almost think that the account in my brother's letters regarding the origin of the name from the mouths of those living there ever since the early forties (the fighting hut keeper himself there) backed by the living testimony of Mrs. Lander, who was told the same story by Mr. Myers himself, and that the sailor so named came in the ship with him should be credited before the senseless chimeras of modern would-be historians, unless, indeed, it is wanted that future generations should take up a triangular duel over the three inventions Bandicoot! I bless! (significant when assigned to the pugilist) and Bend-ye-go.

Again it is rather insulting to the intelligence of the Frencham committee, who ordered the lithographing of the little map drawn by my brother (locality, discoverer, origin of name - the latter testified to by Mrs. Lander's letter) to have their verdict overhauled by anonymous writers.

Yours & c

Walter R Sandbach Newmarket May 12th

BENDIGO'S BIRTH. HOW GOLD WAS FOUND. TWO WOMEN PIONEERS.

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See **William SANDBACH** for text.

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

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SANDBACH William (223)

DEATH OF AN OLD BENDIGONIAN. ONE OF THE PIONEERS. [BY WIRE.—FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.] MELBOURNE, 31st July.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 1 August 1895** p 3 Article

DEATH OF AN OLD BENDIGONIAN.
ONE OF THE PIONEERS.
[BY WIRE.—FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]
MELBOURNE, 31st July.

An old colonist, named William Sandbach, died in the North Fitzroy Colonists' Home today. The deceased was 73 years of age, and he came to the colony about 40 years ago.

He was one of the first party of five to visit the Bendigo district, and he declared that Bendigo was named after a fighting sailor named "Bendigo," and he strongly opposed the change of name of Sandhurst to Bendigo. He was a prominent supporter of temperance.



DISCOVERY OF GOLD AT BENDIGO. TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Article - The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Tuesday 9 September 1890** - Page 9

DISCOVERY OF GOLD AT BENDIGO.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Sir, As my letter to Mr. McLellan was written simply in the interest of justice to save, as I said, reward being wrongly given; and, seeing in The Argus of today letters on pages 7 and 10, my statements spoken of as incorrect, allow me, please, to reply with a little of the liberty accorded to G. M. Newman. Origin of Name. Mr. R. Grice's note, saying "it was named by Tom Myers (Heap and Grice's overseer) about 1841. Tom, himself, was a bit of a dab with his fists, and great admirer of the boxer Bendigo" is, I believe, fact; and came to me down the ages 1841 to 1851 by a fellow shepherd (James Liston), then on Gibson and Fenton's station, and who was on the station in the early days of Heap and Grice, when the blacks were bad, and the sailor hut-keeper was so christened.

Mr. Grice's note and the words of the shepherd settle it. Bandicoot Creek I never heard of. Mr. Fenton tells me Piccaniny Creek was miles away, and there could not be two, although there is a Back Creek at Talbot as well as at Sandhurst.

Re Mr. Frencham and the meeting and my statement being incorrect. I went to Forest Creek for licenses before the arrival of Mr. Horne, the first commissioner on Bendigo, overtaken by Captain Harrison on my way back. The said captain got up the first meeting against the proposed £3 licenses, when Mr. Frencham spoke. I read the resolution thanking the press (date may be found in The Argus as it was printed).

My brother was there. There was a second meeting, I think in the early part of December, when Captain Harrison gave offence by keeping his hat on, when three cheers were given for the Queen. My brother left for England some five days before Christmas, 1851, myself going with him to Forest Creek, returning to Bendigo on Christmas Day (I think a Sunday), and dug the grave and buried the first body (an old sailor) next morning.

The third and greater meeting was that day week – New Year's Day – against the demand of Commissioner Captain Dane (not Dana), reported as late from India, for 30s. in money, and refusing the offer of ½ oz of gold instead, the buying price being £2 7s. Sold mine at a high figure – £2 11s. I read one of the resolutions at that meeting also, standing with Captain Harrison on the top of a load of wash dirt on a bullock dray, Captain Dane, about 300 yards away, strutting backwards and forwards in front of his camp.

Now, re G. M. Newman, Mr. Fenton, the then squatter, will be rather surprised to know that he was in those days landlord of the Porcupine, and that a man named Lewis was not, and whom (on my way for licenses) I heard, at his wits' end, asking for another bucket of water for the failing brandy cask.

On Christmas Day, 1851 (my return to Bendigo), I found Golden Gully had been opened, a black trooper finding the first speck of gold on the surface. G. M. Newman says: - "Fixed camp, and erected the first forge on Bendigo." He may have done, for the first blacksmith landed his bellows on the ground, and never that I knew of lifted them, made a couple of hundred quickly near the rocks, and off.

Sir, it is passing strange that your "mining engineer and expert", "after teaching the Jumbuck men" (who were going with a face into the bank, and getting one day 22 oz.) – "practical mining" – should say that he afterwards sank a hole 20ft. deep, halfway up Golden Gully, about 10th of November, 1851, when to my certain knowledge the black trooper had not picked up the speck on the sunny surface side of Golden Gully on the 10th, or even 15th, of December.

Allow me, please Sir, to tell you of the first quartz "mining expert" on Bendigo. I saw him thus: - Locality – The hill, afterwards called Specimen, the crown of which was a huge pile of white quartz – one block standing up half the size of a hut. Time, well on in January, 1852, the man of science (with a bullockless dray close by) was on the top of a solid body or reef of white quartz, pounding his way down with a big hammer.

My mate and I, novices, not experts, wondered, questioned, and laughed. Some days afterwards we saw the foot-deep cavity the man of science had toiled at and left. Our first working experience, excised from my letter, was about as scientific – also the second.

Getting a cradle, we worked for a week with the washboard up end down, one hand panning-off about a tubful from the cradle bottom in the afternoon. The statements in my letter to Mr. McLellan, re William Johnson and the first speck; the action and words of William Ross, P. O'Donnell, and Mr. Fenton, our starting (shearing over) before daylight, not to be seen, and of the finding of the two women and the one shepherd and hut keeper only, digging, with their words to us of the finding of the gold and boxing of the sheep – were strictly true.

My brother (Crown-street, Newmarket) can so testify. Mr. Fenton, calling upon me, gave his finding of the boxed flocks as shepherd-less, and then finding the men digging where they told him they had before seen himself and Mr. Gibson, and where he and Mr. Gibson had found gold. I can say this – that Mr. Fenton showed me some gold at the wool shed before the shearing was over, and on my innocently asking, "Where did you get it?" replied smilingly, "Didn't I tell you?"

I suppose, Sir, you will yet hear, as I have done, of other discoverers besides Messrs. Frencham and Co. – I am, &c.,

WM. SANDBACK.

North Melbourne, Sept 5 .

Walter and William Sandbach are mentioned in the following article.

BENDIGO'S BIRTH. HOW GOLD WAS FOUND. TWO WOMEN PIONEERS.

Article - The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Saturday 9 July 1927** - Page 9

BENDIGO'S BIRTH.

HOW GOLD WAS FOUND. TWO WOMEN PIONEERS.

By G. MACKAY.

In September 1851, there were not more than two or three persons within the area now occupied by the City of Bendigo. "Bendigo's" hut, so named as long ago as 1840, was situated at the junction of Golden Gully and Bendigo Creek, and was occupied by Chris Asquith and one or two Shepherds. The valley of Bendigo was part of the Ravenswood run, owned in 1851 by Gibson and Fenton. It was described by those who saw it before the gold discovery as a place of great beauty.

Mr R. R. Haverfield said, "there were some pretty spots in the valley of Bendigo, which previous to their being disfigured by the diggers presented quite a park-like appearance. The flats carpeted with green grass, were dotted here and there with comely and shady gum trees, while the creek banks shaded with wattle sloped down to a chain of water holes, which in the spring and winter seasons, and indeed, all the year round, before the gold era, contained a good supply of sweet clear water. Down about Epsom the valley wore a really picturesque appearance; the gum trees were very fine, and the wattle flourished luxuriantly".

The year 1851 formed the most important epoch in the history of Victoria. From it dates Victoria's greatness and prosperity. Gold was discovered at Clunes, Buninyong, Anderson's Creek, Ballarat, Mount Alexander, and Forest Creek and Broken River.

One day Gibson and Fenton stopped to spell their horses at the junction of what was afterwards known as Golden Gully with Bendigo Creek. While sitting chatting on the bank of a small water hole, they saw something glittering on the opposite bank among the roots of a large tussock of grass, which the wash of the flood waters had partly laid bare.

As they had both seen gold at Forest Creek they knew at once what it was. They pulled up the tussock, shook the dirt from the roots into Gibson's hat, in which they washed it out, obtaining about an ounce of gold. The gold consisted of pieces as large as small peas, all solid gold, water worn.

As shearing had commenced, they agreed to keep the discovery quiet till shearing was over. However, Kennedy, the overseer, and Farrell the cooper, having occasion to visit Bendigo's hut, also found gold at "The Rocks", a bar of rocks crossing the Bendigo Creek about 200 yards up the stream from the hut. There was no work at the time for Farrell and he wished to search for gold. Kennedy said Gibson and Fenton would not be likely to consent to his doing so at the Rocks, although they would, no doubt, willingly agree to his digging at Forest Creek.

A discussion between them resulted in an arrangement under which Farrell, accompanied by Mrs. Farrell and Mrs. Kennedy, left Ravenswood, ostensibly to search for gold at Forest Creek, but in reality at the Rocks. One morning early in October they were supplied with tea, flour, sugar, and meat, and cooking utensils, as well as picks, shovels, materials for a tent, and bedding. Kennedy succeeded in engaging the attention of Gibson and Fenton, thus getting them out of the way, while Farrell, seizing the opportunity drove the horse and dray through the stockyard, and they proceeded on their way.

Once over Big Hill, which was a stiff climb, with a fairly steep descent on the northern side, the road gradually descended to the valley, winding through a dense forest of gum trees. It was not till they had reached a point two or three miles past the Big Hill that they saw the creek. Farrell brought the horse to a standstill on a pretty grassy flat at a point not far from the creek. He showed the women the bar of rocks crossing the creek diagonally and explained that there was another similar bar crossing the creek about 200 yards further down. About 100 yards beyond the second bar, on the east side was Bendigo's hut. They chose a spot on the west side of the creek, and all three, setting vigorously to work, constructed a mia-mia.

THE FIRST ALLUVIAL.

The creek was in the shade cast by the trees as Farrell began to pick the ground on the west bank. Taking a shovel he put some of the earth into a milk dish, which the women, who had seen the process at Forest Creek, carried to the bar of rocks, and immersed in a shallow part of the pool.

They then began to mix the earth and water with their hands, breaking up the soil with the aid of the water until it was a loose mass. Farrell assisted them, and put them in the way of manipulating the dish. The gold obtained from the first two or three dishfuls taken from the surface was very fine in quality.

When Farrell gave them mud from the water hole itself or from the banks low down near the water, they found coarser gold. As Farrell said, "You could shut your eyes and get gold in a dish anywhere". After a few days the hutkeeper, Asquith, and Ben Hall, a shepherd, joined in the search for gold at the same pool.

Kennedy came up from the station occasionally and one day he took Farrell aside and said, "It is said about that a couple of women have got gold. If you are not careful you will be murdered some fine night." That there was some danger was indisputable because there were numerous bad characters on the goldfields. Farrell said that he had a little pistol and some cooper's rivets, but Kennedy said that he would provide him with a better weapon.

One night they were alarmed. The women, whom Farrell armed with an old rusty bayonet and a tomahawk, saying, "We'll fight for it," were paralysed with fright, but nothing happened. The first time Gibson arrived on the scene he was very much astonished, and not a little annoyed, to find Farrell and the two women there. He had believed they were at Forest Creek. He spoke sharply to Hall, and said that somebody would have to look after the sheep. They could have the flocks boxed together under one man and take it turn and turn about. Shortly afterwards an arrangement was made with Fenton to buy the gold at £2/10/ an ounce.

On November 21 - this is the first definite finite date available - Fenton heard several of the employees who had finished their part of the shearing talking about the discovery of gold at Bendigo. He consented to give them provisions and other necessaries, provided they kept it quiet.

Before daylight next morning a party, consisting of **William and Walter Sandbach**, Ross, O'Donnell and Johnson set out, and arrived at the Rocks between 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning. At the first bar they found the two women with Asquith and Hall. They were working together, and looked like one party. "Is there payable gold?" Walter Sandbach asked. Ben Hall put his hand in a pannikin, took out a couple of ounces, saying, "That is better than shepherding, boys" and threw the gold back into the pannikin.

Asquith and Hall were puddling with a nail can and a dish. William Sandbach said. "It reminds me of Bishop Heber's hymn, 'Where Africa's sunny fountains roll down their golden sand'. Ross joined Asquith and Hall, and the Sandbachs, Johnson, and O'Donnell began operations at the second bar of rocks. About a week later a man named Byass, who had lost an arm through a gun accident a year or two previously, came to the Rocks, and was an interested observer. After watching digging operations for some time he rode to Forest Creek and told several persons there. He issued a circular stating that "two women are there getting gold in quart pots full."

Mrs. Kennedy had a quart pot into which she put the gold she found, and this, no doubt, gave rise to the story. Many diggers came to Bendigo as a result, but the majority did not like the look of the place. The diggers in those days associated gold with hungry-looking ground. Several of the newcomers did not even take the horses out of their drays. A man named Paton and his mates found good gold. While they were working a married couple arrived. They had a horse and dray, but were very poor, and Paton proposed to his mates that they should give them something. They at once agreed, and gave the man and his wife a load of earth from the surface. From this they obtained 16 ounces of gold, including a six-ounce nugget in the shape of a crescent. Paton and his mates were rewarded for their generosity. They took 30lb. weight of gold from their claim.

A MAN HUNT.

In the meantime a great many of the newcomers left the field, swearing vengeance on Byass for having misled them. At this juncture Byass returned from Forest Creek to see how they were getting on. "You'd better look out young fellow, they're after you," said one digger who was content to stay. Some of the diggers were mounted on their horses ready to return to Forest Creek. Byass on perceiving that they meant mischief, put spurs to his horses and an exciting chase took place.

From the Rocks, up the creek, over Big Hill, the first manhunt was carried on. After topping Big Hill Byass still maintained a good lead, turned off the road in the direction of Ravenswood. By this time their horses were exhausted, and not caring to follow over such dangerous ground the pursuers gave up the chase. A few prospectors remained, and, like Paton and his party, did well for their pains.

Soon the news of their good luck arrived at Forest Creek, and the second and permanent rush set in. The yield from the Bendigo field in 1851 is officially stated to have been 200,000oz. In 1852 the field continued to yield enormously, especially towards the close. After the second rush took place the goldfield was over-run. Ironbark turned out a vast quantity of gold, and numerous holes in that gully were appropriately called "Jewellers' shops."

All the way out to Eaglehawk, Sailor's Gully, and the neighbouring diggings men were rapidly realising fortunes, which most of them managed as quickly to dissipate. Gold was dug up almost in bucketfuls on Bendigo Flat. Two young men of Mr. Haverfield's acquaintance one morning sank a shallow hole at the foot of the first White Hill, and from one pocket in the slate they took up 50lb. weight. The White Hills yielded enormously, and fortunes were made on the Epsom Flats.

In an incredibly short space of time the whole landscape was changed. Vast areas of ground were turned over to the bedrock and rifled of their treasures. Whole forests of great ironbark trees, with the dense underwood growing among them, quickly disappeared. After the winter of 1852 almost all the natural beauty that Bendigo had possessed had disappeared.

OPENING THE REEF.

In the course of a few years the alluvial deposits begun to be exhausted, and attention was devoted to the resources of the quartz reefs of which there were outcrops in all directions. Great as was the yield from the alluvial diggings, the fame of Bendigo rests mainly on the richness of its saddle reefs, which have long been a subject of interest to the world's geologists. The total yield of gold from the Bendigo field has exceeded 20,000,000oz., worth £80,000,000. Though since the war there has been a great diminution in the output of the mining industry, it is undeniable that the extent of the resources of the field is still enormous, many lines of reef having scarcely been touched.

In 1890 an inquiry was held by a Select committee appointed by the Victorian Parliament into the claims of several persons as the discoverers of the Bendigo goldfield. The committee's decision was that owing to the lapse of years it was difficult to ascertain who was the actual discoverer, but there was no doubt that Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Farrell had obtained gold before Henry Frencham arrived on Bendigo Creek, though Frencham was the first to report the discovery of payable gold to the commissioner at Forest Creek.

The committee came to the conclusion that the first place where gold was discovered in Bendigo was at Golden Square, called by the station hands in 1851 "The Rocks," a point about 200 hands to the west of the junction of Golden Gully with Bendigo Creek. The committee also expressed the opinion that the place was called "Bendigo" as long ago as 1840, and that it was so called after an employee on that portion of the Ravenswood Station which afterwards became known as "the Bendigo goldfield."

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

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SANGER Edward Cotterall (326)

DEATH OF MR. E. C. SANGER.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 12 July 1877** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. E. C. SANGER.

We feel sure that the painful announcement we have to make of the death of a very old and highly respected resident of Sandhurst - Mr. E. C. Sanger - will be received with profound regret by the community, and especially so by the many friends of the deceased gentleman.



Mr. Sanger has been suffering from ill-health for some time past, and during the past fortnight has been confined to his house. Although generally in good spirits almost up to the last moment, his early decease was not an unexpected event.

He expired yesterday afternoon about three o'clock at his private residence, in Short-street, at the age of 49; and in him Sandhurst loses one of its best business men as an accountant, and one of her most upright and honest citizens.

The deceased gentleman was born in London, and arrived in the colony in 1855. He had been connected with a couple of eminent commercial houses in London for a number of years before he left for America, where, however, he did not stay long. He returned to England, and almost immediately afterwards sailed for the Australian colonies; and shortly after his arrival in Melbourne started for Bendigo, where he soon entered on his profession of accountant. He was appointed confidential man to a firm of cattle-dealers, trading as Martin and Co., and subsequently occupied the same position with Deehan Brothers, who carried on an extensive cattle trade in the Bendigo district.

Upon the Mercury newspaper being started in 1858, he was offered the position of commercial manager, which he accepted and retained until that paper ceased publication. Subsequently Mr. Sanger accepted an engagement on this journal, and discharged the duties of commercial and general manager for a period of ten years. When the mining excitement of '71 was at its wildest point, Mr. Sanger, like many others, decided to connect himself with the mining interest, and joined Mr. T. C. Southam in his business as legal manager and accountant.

The high commercial reputation and well-known capabilities of these gentlemen at once secured them a splendid connection. As an accountant Mr. Sanger had no superior in Sandhurst, and very few equals. His services have been called into requisition not alone in all parts of the district, but also in many places at a distance. Although in business on his own account his connection with this journal was never entirely severed, the auditing of the accounts being in his hands.

He was of a kindly, genial nature, and his gentleness and pleasantness of manner won him a very large number of sincere friends, who will hear with sorrow of the death of one whom to know was to like and respect. The deceased gentleman was the father of a large family, numbering some eighteen children, of whom only nine survive their parent.

Mrs. Sanger has, in a worldly sense, been provided for by the deceased gentleman's prudence, he having effected an insurance upon his life; but no monetary provisions can supply the wife's loss of a good husband, or a family's bereavement of a good father. Mr. Sanger was a member of the Corinthian Lodge of Freemasons, and being a good Mason, was necessarily an honest, true, and upright man. The funeral of the deceased gentleman, in accordance with his expressed wishes, is to be conducted in as quiet and private a manner as possible, and will probably take place on Friday. Of this, however, due notice will be given.

Bendigo Cemetery MON B4

SCOTT David (212)

[THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER \(PUBLISHED DAILY.\) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1886 FIRST AID.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 12 May 1886** p 2 Article

Death of an Old Bendigonian. Another old Bendigonian passed away yesterday in the person of Mr David Scott, who expired at his residence, Rowan-street. The deceased gentleman came to Victoria in September 1854. After being two weeks in Melbourne he came to Sandhurst, where he worked at his trade as a wheelwright for a couple of months. He then turned his attention to mining, and worked a puddling machine for three years at Pegleg Gully, near where the Catherine Reef United claim is now.



Subsequently he worked a puddling machine at Bendigo Flat, about where McCrae-street is now. He was very successful there, and, having made about £8,000, was desirous of returning to Scotland. However, he changed his mind, and, with the late Joseph Millin, started work at Hustler's Reef. They and Messrs W. Souter and Lockhart were the original holders of the old Hustler's claim. After a time the two latter sold out, but Messrs Millin and Scott held on till the company was formed. Subsequently they worked on Hustler's Hill, near Tuff and Joseph's claim, which turned out so rich. Mr Scott has been interested in a number of other mines.

He was 78 years at the time of his death, having been 32 years in the colony, almost all of which time was spent in Sandhurst. Mr David Scott, of the well-known firm of Boyle and Scott, Melbourne, is a son of his, and Mr J. A. O. Scott, of Hargreaves-street, a nephew.

Bendigo Cemetery MON C2

His son, David Scott, wrote a series of articles for the Bendigo Advertiser in the early 1900s under the pseudonym "The Almanac".

SCOTT John Ernest (396)

OBITUARY.

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 26 August 1913** - Page 3

The death is announced of an old Bendigonian in the person of Mr. John Ernest Scott. The late Mr. Scott, who was 84 years of age, came to Australia in the fifties.

He immediately proceeded to Huntly, where he followed the occupation of a gold miner for about 10 or 12 years. Upon relinquishing mining he obtained employment with Messrs. Balsillie Bros., drapers, of Pall Mall, and was a well-known figure in the same establishment under various proprietaries for a number of years. He was a great favourite with customers generally, and was respected by all who knew him.



About 15 years ago he retired, and went to live with relatives at the Royal Hotel, Clifton Hill, Melbourne, where his death occurred on Sunday last. The deceased gentleman's wife pre-deceased him by about 30 years. He had been in failing health for some time and his death was not unexpected. The late Mr. Scott, who leaves no family, was a stepfather of Mr. Graham, of Mundy-street, Bendigo.

Advertising

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 24 April 1872** p 4 Advertising

TO DRAPERS AND OTHERS.

To be Disposed of, in Three Lots, the Stock, Book Debts, and Store Of Mr. J. E. Scott, draper, &c., Lower Huntly. Further particulars may be had at the office of Messrs. W. and S. Gardiner, Elizabeth-street, Melbourne, who will receive Tenders up till Monday, 20th, at 12 o'clock noon. Schedule of the stock, which is now on view, may be seen on the premises, Lower Huntly.

SENIOR Benjamin (263)

OBITUARY.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Tuesday 23 June 1914 p 5 Article
OBITUARY.

An old respected resident of High street, Golden Square, Mr. Benjamin J. Senior, passed away at his residence on Sunday evening. He was 82 years of age and was born at Sheffield, Yorkshire, England and resided at Golden Square for 46 years.

His remains were sent to Williamstown by Monday evening's train for interment in the Williamstown Cemetery. A large number of friends assembled at the house to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased.



The Rev. W. H. Hodge, conducted a very impressive service at the house prior to the cortege leaving for the Bendigo Railway Station. Much sympathy is felt for the widow, there being no family. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. H. Oakley.

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Benjamin Senior listed from 1870 – 1902 at High Street Golden Square.

Various occupations listed: miner, iron founder, engineer, engine driver, moulder.

SEWELL William (34)

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. BENDIGO, MONDAY, NOV. 28, 1892. WHATISANUNSEEMLY EXHIBITION?

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 28 November 1892** p 2 Article

DEATH OF AN OLD BENDIGONIAN. On Saturday morning Mr. W. Sewell, an old Bendigonian, who has latterly been carrying on business as a bootmaker in Hargreaves-street, but who some years ago was mining at Golden Gully, died in the Bendigo Hospital.



The deceased gentleman, who was about 65 years of age, had been in failing health for some time, and about a fortnight ago he went into the hospital as a paying patient. The cause of death was general debility.

The funeral took place yesterday, the place of interment being the Bendigo Cemetery. The Rev. W. C. Sadlier read the beautiful service of the Church of England, and amongst those present were Messrs. F. Nott, W. J. Cahill, G. H. Crawford, R. Crawford, J. H. Goudge, and other gentlemen. The officers of the Court Queen of the Forest, Ancient Order of Foresters, with which the deceased was connected, followed his remains to the grave.

The deceased gentleman was of a retiring disposition. He was possessed of property in different parts of the City, which he has left to his two sons, Mr. W. Sewell, a bank manager in Sydney, and Mr. T. Sewell, a State School teacher at Coleraine.

Mr. W. Farmer, of McCrae-street, had charge of the mortuary arrangements.

Bendigo Cemetery MON L3

SHIRESS William (109)

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM SHIRESS.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 3 April 1875** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM SHIRESS.

We have to record today, with feelings of deep regret, the death of Mr. William Shiress, a very old resident of Sandhurst, and a most worthy and highly esteemed member of the community. This gentleman has passed away at the comparatively early age of forty-seven, having for a long time been suffering from consumption, by which he became at last so much prostrated, that he has been incapacitated for any business for the past six months.



He expired yesterday afternoon at his residence, Reginald-street, Quarry Hill. His end was so peaceful, that Mrs. Shiress and his daughter, who were in close attendance upon him, are unable to fix the precise moment of his dissolution. The deceased was attended throughout his long illness by Dr. James Boyd. It is satisfactory to learn that he long ago took the precaution to insure his life.

Mr. Shiress was born at Brechin in the County of Forfarshire, and was educated as a practical and analytical chemist. He came out to this colony in the early days of the goldfields, and arrived on Bendigo in the year 1854, and has been resident here ever since. He was connected for about three years with Dr. Hugh Smith, one of our oldest medical practitioners, who has been dead some years.

On leaving Dr. Smith he went into partnership with Mr. Nelson Jones, in his chemist and druggist establishment in Pall Mall, and carried on business there for some time. Afterwards he occupied the position, for a considerable period, of gold smelter to the Bank of New South Wales, of which Mr. Bannerman was then the manager. His last occupation was that of gold buyer in the Bank of Australasia.

In every position in which he has been placed he won the respect and esteem of all connected with him. He was a man of a most kindly and genial disposition, but of a rather sanguine and impulsive temperament. As an analytical chemist he had no superior in this district, and indeed was held to stand high in this particular branch of his profession. He had a favorite theory, which he nourished for many years, with regard to the extraction of gold from sludge, and some years ago he embarked in an enterprise having this object in view, which unfortunately was not successful. He lost a good deal of money in the venture, and the failure preyed greatly upon his mind, so much so in fact that his friends state he has never been the same man since.

The complaint, which has ultimately proved fatal was induced, it is said, in the first instance, by his close application to smelting operations, during which his enthusiasm in the pursuit prevented him from taking the necessary precautions to protect himself from the effects of the noxious fumes.

His retiring habits prevented him from taking any very prominent part in public affairs, in many of which, however, he evinced great interest. He was fond of writing, and many communications from his pen, on subjects of importance to the district, have appeared in our columns. At various times he delivered some excellent and interesting lectures, principally on the treatment of metals and minerals, and the extraction of gold from its ores.

We have lost in Mr. Shiress a good and useful citizen, whose end will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

His funeral, we are informed, will take place on Monday afternoon, the remains to be deposited in the Back Creek Cemetery.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D2

SIBLEY Robert Blackwood (154)

[DEATH OF MAJOR SIBLEY. A BENDIGO PIONEER.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 1 June 1900** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MAJOR SIBLEY. A BENDIGO PIONEER.

The announcement which appeared in Wednesday's issue of the "Advertiser" that Mr. Robert Blackwood Sibley had met with a serious accident while driving to his residence in Neale-street, Back Creek, will, in a measure, prepare the numerous friends of that gentleman for the news that he died shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday morning.



The deceased was well-known throughout the district, and was held in high esteem by all classes of the community. Since the accident, Dr. Gaffney was in constant attendance upon the patient, and from the outset regarded the case as a serious one.

The deceased's health had been very indifferent of late, and the recent loss by death of his son, Mr. A. Sibley, at Bairnsdale, and his brother, Dr. J. C. Sibley, at Goodooga, N.S.W., caused him a deal of mental worry. These troubles, together with his advanced age, doubtless accentuated the effects of the injuries – in themselves of a very serious nature – sustained by the deceased. Although suffering great pain, he bore up manfully, until at the last moment he appeared to suddenly collapse, and almost immediately afterwards expired.

He leaves a widow and grown-up family, for whom sincere sympathy is felt in their sad bereavement. One of his daughters is married to Mr. C. C. Hall, of "Yeumburra", near Yass, N.S.W., another to Mr. J. Elliott, of "Kelso" Park, Talgarno, near Wodonga, and another to Mr. Ronald A. Rankin, of the firm of McColl and Rankin, of this city. An unmarried daughter is living at home. The funeral takes place this afternoon, leaving the deceased's late residence in Neale-street, for the Bendigo Cemetery at half-past 3 o'clock.

The deceased was born at Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, in March, 1833. Several other residents of this district were born in the same locality, amongst them being Messrs. T. Putnam and J. H. Goudge, of Bendigo, and Mr. W. Tupper, the veteran member of the Marong Shire Council. When the discovery of gold in Australia in the early fifties became known, and accounts of fabulous fortunes being easily amassed electrified the old world, Mr. Sibley and about 30 other adventurous young Nova Scotians made their way to this colony. They purchased a small schooner called the *Sunbeam*, of only about 150 tons register, in which they successfully made their voyage in a little over four months. On arrival at Port Phillip Bay they had no further use for the craft, so they sold her.

Mr. Sibley first proceeded to Castlemaine (Forest Creek) and after a short stay there came on to Bendigo, about the end of 1852. On reaching this goldfield he engaged in alluvial mining with considerable success. Subsequently he joined the late Mr. R. Putnam, cousin to Mr. T. Putnam, of this city, and carried on quartz mining on the Hustler's line of reef. Some splendid yields were obtained, and in 1858 Mr. Putnam sold his interest in the venture to Messrs. Latham and Watson, the mine being then known as Sibley and Co.'s claim.

The following extract from Mr. Geo. Mackay's "History of Bendigo" will give some idea of the extraordinary richness of this property at that period – 1859:

"On the 29th April a cake of gold was shown in Mr. Jackson's window, which eclipsed anything up to this time in Victoria; it weighed 1230oz., and was the produce of 80 tons of stone, raised during three weeks by Messrs. Sibley and Co., from their claim in Ironbark Gully. The last cake previous to this weighed 370oz., which was at that time considered a wonder in its way".

In the following year Mr. Sibley sold out to Messrs. Latham and Watson, and he took a trip to England and his native country. It is estimated that he was then worth fully £50,000. He remained in Nova Scotia for three or four years, and devoted some attention to quartz mining there. On his return to Bendigo he entered into business with the late Mr. W. Goudge, and carried on a tannery at Sheepwash, in conjunction with a leather warehouse in Bull-street. Mr. Goudge disposed of his share in the concern to the late Mr. Lambert, and some years afterwards the business passed into the hands of Messrs. J. H. Abbott and Co.

Since then Mr. Sibley has retired from commercial pursuits. During the boom time of 1870-71 the deceased invested largely in different mining stocks, but his speculation turned out on the whole to be unprofitable, and subsequently he obtained an appointment under the Government as truant officer for this district. He discharged his duties admirably, and while not being harsh with poor people, he managed to give effect to the "compulsory clause" of the Education Act in a marked degree.

On reaching the age of 60 years, Mr. Sibley was "retired", but he has since ably fulfilled the duties of electoral inspector for the electorates of Sandhurst and Sandhurst South. He also held the position of collector for the Benevolent Asylum. On the 10th August, 1865, he was elected one of three representatives for the Mandurang division on the Strathfieldsaye Road Board, and when, in the following year, the Strathfieldsaye Shire was formed, he was elected to the position of first president. He discharged the duties appertaining to the position with credit to himself, and satisfaction to the ratepayers, his fellow councillors showing their appreciation of his services by re-electing him on three successive occasions.

With Mr. M. Brennan, the present clerk of works, who was then a representative of the Axedale Riding, the deceased fought hard for the erection of a substantial Shire Hall, and the brick structure that has served the purpose for so many years is the result of their efforts.

The deceased gentleman was one of the earliest members of the old Sandhurst troop of the Prince of Wales Victorian Volunteer Light Horse. He held the rank of lieutenant, and when the late Captain Moorhead was promoted to the position of major, Lieutenant Sibley succeeded him as captain. In 1878 the late Mr. T. H. Henderson, another lieutenant, was promoted to a captaincy, and accepted the command of the troop.

In 1880 that gentleman removed to Melbourne, and Captain Sibley assumed the command, which he held until the disbandment of the troop in February, 1884. Under the militia system, which came into vogue in that year, the organisation was resuscitated as a cavalry troop, and Captain Sibley was again placed in charge. On his retirement from active service, he was placed on the list of reserve officers, with the rank of major.

In 1858. Mr. Sibley married Miss Lawson, the daughter of an old pioneer of New Zealand, who is now living at Mooroopna, and, considering his age, is still well and hearty. Mrs. Sibley is, naturally, sorely prostrated by the affliction that has befallen her.

Bendigo Cemetery MON E2. Aged 68 years.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Wednesday 30 May 1900 - Page 2

ACCIDENT TO MR. R. B. SIBLEY

The numerous friends of Mr. R. B. Sibley will regret to learn that while driving home from the city to his residence in Neale-street, near the Cricket Ground on Monday night, he met with a serious accident. When near the intersection. of Mundy-street and Sheepwash road the horse became unmanageable, and, in swerving suddenly to one side, overturned the vehicle, Mr. Sibley being thrown out on to the roadway, and the buggy falling on top of him. The horse managed to kick free of the vehicle, and with one of the shafts dangling at its heels, made off at a rapid pace along the Sheepwash road, where it was secured by Mr. S. Brown.

Meanwhile, several residents in the locality were attracted to the scene of the accident, and carried Mr. Sibley home. As he was evidently seriously injured, Mr. J. W. Faul, who resides in the neighborhood, drove into the city, and summoned medical assistance. Drs. Gaffney and Peebles were soon in attendance, and on examination found that several ribs had been broken, and that the patient was suffering severely from shock to the nervous system. He was in great pain, and it is feared that the lungs have been penetrated. Yesterday his condition was such as to cause considerable anxiety to his family.

SIMPSON Thomas (176)

RECORDS OF SUFFERING. DEATHS IN THE HOSPITAL.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Thursday 27 July 1911** p 3 Article

Thomas Simpson, aged 78, died in the hospital yesterday from senile decay.

Buried 29.7.1911 at White Hills Cemetery.

There is another Burial for a Thomas Simpson at the *Bendigo Cemetery MON 03. Buried 18.8.1911. Aged 84.*



A Thomas Simpson is associated with several Mining Companies as Manager.

Advertising

Advertising - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 22 November 1871** - Page 4

I, THE undersigned, THOMAS SIMPSON hereby make application to register the "Newbery Indefatigable Quartz Mining Company (Registered)," under the provisions of the "Mining Companies Limited Liability Act, 1864.

THOMAS SIMPSON, Manager. Witness to signature William Caret.

Advertising

Advertising - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 28 November 1871** - Page 3

NEWBERRY INDEFATIGABLE QUARTZ MINING COMPANY (Registered).
NOTICE. A Call (the first) of One Halfpenny per Share has this day been made, payable at the company's office, on or before Monday, the 11th December, 1871.
THOMAS SIMPSON, Manager. Gromann's Chambers, View Point, Sandhurst, 27th November.

No obituary found

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Thomas Simpson listed as Mining Manager in 1873 and 1874 (Booth Street)

Listings for Thomas Simpson before and after this period from 1866 until 1901, with occupations as miner and drover.

Likely that it is the same person, but no proof could be found.

SIMPSON Walter Peacock (414)

OBITUARY. MR. W. P. SIMPSON, EX-M.L.C.

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

OBITUARY.

MR. W. P. SIMPSON, EX - M.L.C.

Old colonists will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. Walter Peacock Simpson, ex - M.L.C., which occurred on Tuesday evening. Mr. Simpson, who had reached the ripe age of 93 years, was born in London, where his ancestors were merchants. He came out to South Australia in the forties, and engaged in pastoral occupations, and was for some time employed by the late Sir Samuel Davenport.



In 1850 he heard of the discovery of gold in California, and returned to London, intending to go that country. He had, however, just begun to make his arrangements for the voyage, when news came that gold had been found in Australia, and thereupon he took ship for Melbourne.

He was one of the pioneers of Bendigo, and with a party worked claims in Crusoe Gully, to which region he gave its name. Subsequently he entered into business, and lived in several towns in Victoria, and for a time in Dunedin, N.Z.

When he came back to this State he took up stock and station agency interests. He joined the well-known firm of L. Macpherson and Company, of Bendigo, and for many years was the sole proprietor of that business.

He was very popular all through the area lying between Bendigo and the Murray, and on a vacancy occurring for the Northern Province of the Legislative Council, he stood as a candidate. and gained the seat. He retired from public life many years ago, and subsequently gave up the active pursuit of business affairs.

He enjoyed the respect of a wide circle of friends. Mrs. Simpson died a few years ago. Three sons (the eldest being Mr. H. W. C. Simpson, solicitor, of Melbourne) and one daughter survive him.

Parliament of Victoria Remember Database.

<https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/about/people-in-parliament/member/details/24/844>

SMITH Joseph King (188)

DEATH OF MR. J. K. SMITH.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 21 April 1884** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. J. K. SMITH.

General sorrow and regret were expressed throughout the city and suburbs on Saturday evening, at the intelligence of the death of Mr. J. K. Smith, who has carried on business as a chemist for many years past in Hargreaves-street. The sad event took place at the residence of the deceased gentleman, near Kangaroo Flat, on Saturday evening at six o'clock. Mr. Smith had caught a cold about a month ago while strolling over the hills in the vicinity of his residence; and the subsequent exposure to draughts at the lecture by the Bishop, and at a concert, aggravated the complaint to such an extent that bronchitis set in.



About a fortnight ago Mr. Smith was obliged to take to his bed. Congestion of the lungs supervened, and some days ago Dr. Atkinson took the place of Dr. McGillivray who had been in attendance, but was called away from the district. Upon Dr. Atkinson visiting Mr. Smith on Saturday evening, he found him in a somewhat excited state, his heart beating very violently. He died a few minutes afterwards in the presence of Mrs. Smith and the doctor. He had been subject to heart disease for some years past, having been first attacked with it in 1877, and his death is considered to be directly due to heart disease consequent upon the exhaustion brought on by his other complaint.

Mr. Joseph King Smith was born at Newbury in Berkshire, England, on the 16th April, 1826, and was consequently 58 years of age at the time of his death. He landed in Melbourne on the 12th of December, 1852, in company with Mr. Chas. Smith, his brother, who died some time since at Sofala, New South Wales; Mr. J. B. Young, his cousin, who is also dead; and Mr. Edward Horner, who died on the 18th April, 1877. In conjunction with these gentlemen he commenced gold digging at Slaughter Yard Gully, afterwards at Crusoe, then at the Blackwood and Mclvor rushes, and subsequently at the Victoria Reef next to the Old Chum Company. After leaving Victoria Hill in 1859, he commenced business as a chemist at Long Gully.

In the year 1863 he became assistant in the employ of Mr. J. Holdsworth, in Pall Mall, and continued in this position until 1873. During this time he earned the respect of all with whom he was brought in contact, and also secured the great confidence of his employer by his admirable knowledge of the business. In 1873 he commenced business for himself in Hargreaves-street where his success succeeded his most sanguine anticipations.

Mr. Smith was for many years treasurer of the Bendigo United District Ancient Order of Foresters, in connection with which society, we believe, he held the position of trustee at the time of his death. During his long residence on Bendigo Mr. Smith has been very highly respected. He was a man of honest and upright character, was liberal-minded, and of a disposition that easily secured for him the friendship of those brought in contact with him.

He was a man whose loss will be very much felt by the community. After his early ventures in mining, in which he was not very fortunate, he did not speculate much. He was married in 1859. His widow survives him, but he leaves no children. The funeral will take place this afternoon, leaving his late residence at three o'clock for the Back Creek Cemetery, where the burial service of the Church of England, to which he belonged, will be conducted by the Rev. J. Garlick, of All Saints' Church.

Bendigo Cemetery MON A2

SMITH Richard (182)

DEATH OF MR. RICHARD SMITH. AN OLD IDENTITY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 14 February 1899 p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. RICHARD SMITH. AN OLD IDENTITY.

One of Bendigo's earliest pioneers, Mr. Richard Smith, died yesterday at his residence in Bramble-street. The old gentleman had been in failing health for the past two years, but his well-known figure was rarely absent from the surroundings of Bull-street until about Christmas time, when he began to rapidly decline. He was then compelled to stay at home, but he did not take to his bed until a few days ago.



Mr. Smith was in his 79th year, and was a native of Kensington, London. He received his education at Fulham College, and afterwards studied to become a lawyer. At length he tired of the law, and in 1852 sailed to the colony in the ship *Northumberland*. He did not remain long in Melbourne, for in January, 1853, he arrived in Bendigo. The gold field was then in its most primitive state, and Mr. Smith used to relate many interesting particulars of the dearness of provisions and other necessities during his early experience.

Having advantageously invested in property in Pall Mall and Market-square, Mr. Smith decided upon a trip to the old country, and was absent from the colony for three years. On his return quartz mining was rising into an important industry, and Mr. Smith ventured upon a lease in Garden Gully, which in later days was famous as the site of the richest mine on the field. His venture was not very successful, however, for expenses were great – crushing cost £5 per ton – and at length he was forced to abandon his enterprise.

Subsequently he founded a vineyard at Sheepwash, but after a time decided to again study for the law. The law courts, however, he ultimately discarded for the "Beehive", and with his investments in mining and property he became an independent man. The deceased gentleman was a widower, and leaves a family of two daughters and one son – Mr. R. Dermer Smith, photographer. The funeral will take place to the Bendigo Cemetery on Wednesday morning.

Bendigo Cemetery MON B3.

SMITH Thomas (434)

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 18 December 1908** p 7 Article OBITUARY.

The friends of Mr. Thomas Smith, of Thistle-street, near High-street, will regret to hear of his death. The deceased gentleman, who was 80 years of age, was a native of Scotland. Fifty-three years ago he arrived in Melbourne, and after spending some time there, came to Bendigo. He afterwards went to Ballarat, and worked there for some years. Then he proceeded to Queensland, but returned to Bendigo about 35 years ago.



He almost continually followed his occupation as a carpenter during his residence in this State, but, having retired from that pursuit three years ago, devoted himself to gardening and prospecting in the alluvial gold-bearing property which he owned. He was of a quiet disposition and was the personification of honesty, veracity, and integrity.

Some 14 months ago his advancing years began to overbear him, and he had to take to his bed. He, however, recovered partially. Three months back he was attacked again and 12 days ago he went to the hospital. He took a bad turn last Friday evening, and, after suffering greatly, passed away at 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

Bendigo Cemetery MON E6

SOUTHAM Thomas Corbett (123)

DEATH OF MR. T. C. SOUTHAM.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 8 February 1878** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. T. C. SOUTHAM.

It is our very painful duty to have to record the death of another very old resident, Mr. Thomas Corbett Southam – a citizen universally known and respected; one intimately connected with the progress of the mining industry, and one whom to know was to feel an admiration for. Mr. Southam's illness commenced after a trip he had made at New Year to Tasmania. Previously his health was indifferent, and caused him to lay up for a few days occasionally, but he was always regarded as a very sound and healthy man, and none of his friends entertained the thought for a moment that his life was so soon to terminate.



About three weeks ago he had to keep to his room, and call in medical aid. In a few days he showed signs of great improvement, and his friends congratulated him upon his speedy recovery, but an unfavorable change took place, and it was discovered that a complication of complaints he had been suffering from were overpowering him, and the generally fatal malady of typhoid fever was amongst that number.

The weather at this time also became so excessively hot that his medical advisers despaired of his life; all that science and the kindness of relatives and friends could do for him was done, but the fever had got a strong hold upon its victim, and prostrated him completely. He became delirious, and though brief lucid moments were given him, he never recovered his full consciousness, and expired yesterday afternoon about five o'clock, at his residence, Barnard-street, in the presence of his grief-stricken family and a few of his more intimate private friends.

Mr. Southam was born in Woodstock, Oxfordshire, England, in May, 1827. He received a good early training from his parents, and passed an examination as a chemist. He had fine attainments in his profession, which he followed for a time, but strong inducements being offered him to go out to Canada with the 72nd Highlanders, he enlisted in that celebrated regiment, and for a time followed the uncertain life of a soldier; a few months experience, however, sufficed to terminate his career as a warrior, and he returned to England, in which he had expectations from a wealthy uncle.

At this time however, the goldfields mania of Victoria set half the adventurous youth of the old country, and the deceased gentleman amongst them, afire with a desire to build up their fortunes in the glorious pursuit of gold getting. He accordingly determined to come to Australia; he arrived in Victoria in 1853, and first started in a small business in Melbourne.

The Bendigo alluvial goldfields, however, were at this time in the bright lustre of their unparalleled career, and Mr. Southam decided without further loss of time to try his fortune as a gold digger. He first pitched his tent at Kangaroo Flat, and then went to the White Hills in company with Mr. William Miller. The usual changing fortunes of a gold digger attended these "mates", and after the White Hills were exhausted of their mineral wealth Mr. Southam started for the new rush which had broken out at Sebastian. Here he met with considerable success, and also subsequently at the Raywood rush. When the Goulburn diggings were discovered Mr. Southam started for there, but his luck did not follow him, and after a short stay he came back to Bendigo, bringing with him a wife.

He settled Mrs. Southam in what is now the city, and turned his attention to the quartz reefs of the district. He was one of the early prospectors of the Hustler's and Stafford reefs. His quartz-reefing speculations were of varied success, and he continued to work in his claim until about 1863, when his health compelled him to give up the severe exertions of a miner.

He then became connected with Mr J. Stewart, who kept a large boot and shoe establishment in Pall Mall for a number of years, and occupied the position of the book-keeper and confidential man. Mr. Southam remained with Mr. Stewart until the great scrip mania of 1871, when he entered into partnership with the late Mr. E. C. Sanger as legal managers and auditors. Mr. Southam was acknowledged to be one of the most competent auditors in the city, and his fine business capabilities, his attentiveness and correctness, secured him the appointment of legal manager to a number of the most important mining companies in the district.

He was also appointed secretary to the Bendigo Fire Insurance Company, and secretary to the Royal Princess' Theatre Company. Upon the death of Mr. E. C. Sanger the vacancy in the firm was supplied by Mr. H. Von der Hyde, an old and intimate friend of Mr. Southam. Mr. Southam was also connected for a time with the commercial department of this journal, having been appointed auditor on the decease of Mr. E. C. Sanger.

The deceased gentleman leaves a widow and four children to mourn his early death, and a large circle of friends and acquaintances to regret having lost a man who was respected and appreciated by all for his fine honest character, for his liberality of sentiments, for his warm-hearted benevolence, and for his kindly and genial nature. His social qualities were no less distinguished by purity and goodness than his commercial abilities, honesty, and undeviating rectitude; in a word he was an honest man, a good husband and affectionate father and few citizens indeed enjoyed a more extended friendship or a more general appreciation and confidence from the public than did the kindly and ever welcome face of Thomas Corbett Southam.

Today at four o'clock the remains of the deceased gentleman will be conveyed to their last resting-place at the Back Creek Cemetery.

Bendigo Cemetery MON A1. Aged 50.

Death of Mrs Rose Ann Southam (nee Parker)

OBITUARY.

Bendigonian (Bendigo, Vic. : 1914 - 1918) **Thursday 26 September 1918** p 19
Article

SOUTHAM. The death occurred at Armadale, Melbourne, on Friday of Mrs. R. S. Southam, a former resident of Bendigo, at the age of 91 years. Mrs. Southam left Bendigo about 25 years ago, and had resided in Melbourne for a considerable period. Her husband, the late Mr. T. C. Southam, who died in 1878 at the age of 50, was a prominent legal manager. Mrs. Southam was the mother of Mr. James Southam, claims agent, of the Railway department.

Bendigo Cemetery MON A1.

SPARKMAN George (384)

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Family Notices

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 16 July 1892** p 7 Family Notices

SPARKMAN.—On the 7th July, at his late residence "Ellerslie," Byron-street, Footscray, after a short illness, George Sparkman, smelter, Bank of Victoria. Formerly of Golden-square, Bendigo.

Buried Footscray Cemetery Aged 62 years

Wife Ann Sparkman died 18.8.1891 aged 71.

Buried Footscray Cemetery.



THE BENDIGO CREEK. (To the Editor of the Bendigo Advertiser.)

Article - *Bendigo Advertiser* (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 10 March 1876** - Page 3

THE BENDIGO CREEK.

(To the Editor of the Bendigo Advertiser.)

Sir, Some people are very officious about matters that do not concern them in the least. If "Law", whoever he may be, will only have patience until the next shower of rain the grievance that he appears to take to heart so much will be all gone, as it has done before, and he will have no occasion to trouble himself, the City Council, or any other person, and by kindly inserting this you will oblige.

Yours, &c.,

GEORGE SPARKMAN

Manager of the Metropolitan Crushing Works, Golden-square, Sandhurst, 9th March.

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1864 – 1874 *George Sparkman. Miner*

Humphrey's Gully / Bullock Creek Rd / Whip Reef from 1866

1875 – 1886 *George Sparkman. Mining Manager (Whip Reef)*

SPEECHLEY William (436)

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM SPEECHLEY. AN OLD SERVANT OF THE BENDIGO CITY COUNCIL.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Wednesday 3 March 1909 p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM SPEECHLEY. AN OLD SERVANT OF THE BENDIGO CITY COUNCIL.

An old Bendigonian, Mr. William Speechley passed peacefully away yesterday at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. W. Hopper, Balaclava, at the advanced age of 83 years. The deceased gentleman formerly was caretaker of the Bendigo Town Hall, and had been in the employment of the Bendigo City Council, for 47 years. He was always of a courteous and obliging demeanor, and was a faithful and valued servant. This was testified to by the council granting him six months leave on full pay on his retirement on the 24th July, 1903.



Cr. Carolin remarked at that time that Mr. Speechley was a brave old man, who had a heart after his own. Cr. Harkness thought that some recognition should be made of Mr. Speechley's services, and it was on his motion that the six months' leave of absence was granted. He was then 78 years of age.

In the earlier days the late Mr. Speechley was in the employ of the Government Roads and Bridges Board before municipalities were created in Victoria. He was engaged on the alignment of the Bendigo Creek, then known as the Bendigo Sludge Channel, under the board. Mr. Speechley resigned from his position as hall keeper because he felt he could not do justice to the post, but showed his unusual energy by conducting for a few years an orchard at Croydon, near Dandenong, was quite successful.

Of late his health failed him, though he retained his mental faculties till the last. He leaves a family of two sons and two daughters. His wife died several years ago. Mr. W. Honeybone, city clerk, received word of the death yesterday, and general regret was expressed at the demise of one who was so highly esteemed during the many years he was resident in the city. The funeral will take this morning at 11.30 from the railway station.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D6

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 3 March 1909** p 7 Article

OBITUARY

A telegram was yesterday received by Mr. W. Honeybone, town clerk, announcing the death of Mr. Wm. Speechley, formerly an employe of the Bendigo City Council. The deceased gentleman, who was 78 years of age, on the 24th July, 1908, resigned his position under the City Council, after spending 43 years in the service of it and the old Roads and Bridges Board, which was in existence before Bendigo was created a municipality.

For the 25 years preceding his retirement he was engaged as hall keeper, and the council marked its appreciation of his services by granting him six months' leave of absence on full pay on his retirement. After severing his connection with the council Mr. Speechley went to Croydon, near Melbourne, and devoted himself to the growing of strawberries. Some time back his health failed him, but he retained possession of his faculties till the end.

He expired at the residence of his son-in-law (Mr. Hopper, Balaclava). He leaves a family of two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss, his wife having predeceased him by about four years. His remains will be brought to Bendigo by train this morning, and the funeral will move from the railway station to the Bendigo Cemetery at 11.30.

Family Notices

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 3 March 1909** p 6

DEATH.

SPEECHLEY. On 2nd March, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. W. Hopper, 3 Alexandra-street, East St. Kilda, William Speechley, late caretaker of Bendigo Town Hall, and dearly loved father of John Speechley, of Bendigo, and William and Mrs. Allen, of Melbourne, and Mrs. W. Hopper, of 3 Alexandra-street, East St. Kilda, and Mount Dandenong, aged 85 years.

Peace, perfect peace

STANDISH Captain Frederick (102)

DEATH OF CAPTAIN STANDISH. (FROM OUR MELBOURNE CORRESPONDENT.) Monday, 19th March.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 20 March 1883 p 3 Article

DEATH OF CAPTAIN STANDISH.
(FROM OUR MELBOURNE CORRESPONDENT.)
Monday, 19th March.

I regret to have to announce the death of Captain Standish, late Chief Commissioner of Police for Victoria, who expired at his apartments at the Melbourne Club at about twenty minutes past five this afternoon. Although ailing for some time past Captain Standish was seen in the streets a few days ago, and it was not until Thursday last that his condition became so alarming as to lead to the apprehension of immediate danger.



The deceased gentleman had attained the age of about 60 years, and until very recently had all the appearance of a strong and healthy person. He is supposed to have died of disease of the heart, complicated with other internal disorders.

The following brief biographical sketch is from Hectors "Australian Dictionary of Dates and Men of the Time":

"Standish, Captain Frederick Charles, son of the late Charles Standish, of Standish Hall, Wigan, Lancashire, was born there on 1824; was educated at Prior Park College, and then entered the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich; obtained a commission in the Royal Artillery, in which he served for some years and retired with the rank of Captain. He came to Victoria in 1852, and in 1854 was appointed Assistant-Commissioner of Goldfields at Sandhurst, and in 1858 Chinese Protector. On the resignation of Sir Charles MacMahon he was made Chief Commissioner of Police."

I may add that on his retirement from that high office not very long ago Captain Standish, who was much liked by the men under him, was presented by them with a very handsome testimony in the form of a miniature statue of a mounted police officer, with suitably engraved pedestal, the whole beautifully executed in massive silver.

Australian Dictionary of Biography

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/standish-frederick-charles-4632>

STEANE William (439)

DEATH OF MR. WM. STJSANE.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 20 May 1885** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. WM. STEANE.

The death of another old Bendigonian, Mr. Wm. Steane, which occurred yesterday morning at his residence "Bowen", at the rear of the Back Creek Cricket Ground, will be learned with regret. It is only a few days since reference was made in these columns to an accident which had occurred to Mr. Steane, the consequences of which were expected to be serious.



He had been suffering for some time past from ill health, and as he was well up in years, it was naturally anticipated that the shock he sustained would very probably hasten his end. It was on the night of Saturday, the 9th instant, that he left his residence for the purpose of coming into Sandhurst. He had evidently only proceeded a short distance when he fell, as he subsequently stated, into a hole. He managed to crawl back to the house, which he re-entered about half-an-hour after leaving it.

He subsequently became so seriously ill that Dr. Atkinson was sent for. Mr. Steane had so far recovered on the following Wednesday that he expressed a desire to go out again, but he suffered a relapse and gradually grew worse. On Saturday his condition had become so critical that Dr. Hinchcliff was summoned for consultation with Dr. Atkinson. On Sunday morning Mr. Steane grew partially unconscious, and was unable to speak. No hope of his recovery was entertained, and he died yesterday morning at about eight o'clock. Death resulted from congestion of the brain coupled with serous effusion. In addition to the majority of the members of his family, who were unremitting in their attentions during his last hours, the Ven. Archdeacon MacCullagh afforded constant consolation by frequent visits.

Mr. Steane was born at Coventry in England in the year 1818. When a young man he went to London, where he carried on business as a builder for some years. He came to Victoria in April, 1854. About April in the following year he arrived on Bendigo, accompanied by his eldest son. His wife and the remainder of the family came to the colony in 1857. He went into partnership with Mr. Pallett, a connection which was maintained until 1862, the last public building of note, in the erection of which they were concerned, being the Sandhurst Railway Station.

After this time Mr. Steane lived privately, but continued to act as agent for the late Mr. Hodgkinson's property in the Arcade and in the Mall. Though not mixing himself up very extensively in public matters, Mr. Steane was brought in contact with the public in various ways.

He was at one time captain of the first fire brigade established in Sandhurst, later on he was a member of the Mechanics' Institute committee, whilst until his death he was for several years a member of the Benevolent Asylum Board of Management. He was also one of the promoters of the Bendigo Permanent Building Society, of which he was one of the directors.

Mr. Steane took an active part in bringing about the division of All Saints' parish, and was the last of the original board of management of St. Paul's Church. He continued to be an active member of the board of management, and was also one of the trustees and the treasurer at the time of his death. Mr. Steane was also connected with St. Paul's Sabbath school for many years, and continued to take a deep interest in its welfare, after ceasing active work as a teacher.

He resided in Myers-street for some 26 years, and had moved into his new residence, which was recently completed, only about a fortnight or three weeks ago. Mr. Steane leaves a widow and six sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. His eldest son, Mr. G. R. B. Steane, was for several years the city surveyor for the Sandhurst Council, while his youngest son, Mr. S. Steane, is detail surveyor in connection with the Sydney Survey department. The deceased gentleman's eldest daughter is married to Mr. J. W. Faul, the well-known ironmonger and tinsmith of this city.

Mr. Steane was a very active, though quiet and unassuming citizen, and those who knew him best describe him as an extremely kind and affectionate husband and father. The funeral is announced to move from the deceased gentleman's late residence at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon, the place of interment being the Sandhurst cemetery.

Bendigo Cemetery MON C6

STERRY David Chaplin (169)

DEATH OF MR. D. C. STERRY. A USEFUL PUBLIC CAREER.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 27 September 1904 p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. D. C. STERRY. A USEFUL PUBLIC CAREER.

At 10.30 yesterday morning Mr. David Chaplin Sterry passed away peacefully at his residence, Gold Mines hotel, Inglewood-road, Ironbark. His demise will be regretted by a wide circle of friends. Some months ago Mr. Sterry sustained a severe paralytic stroke. From this he made a comparatively good recovery. Last week, however, he suffered a paralytic affection of a somewhat different nature, and it was felt that his constitution would prove hardly strong enough to bear the second attack.



His medical adviser, Dr. Atkinson, realised the gravity of his patient's condition, and called in Dr. Gaffney in consultation.

All that medical skill could suggest was done for Mr. Sterry, but yesterday morning the end came, the patient expiring in the presence of his family without a struggle.

Mr. Sterry was born at South Wald, Suffolk, on the east coast of England, in 1832. Living on the shore of the North Sea, he early developed a taste for a seafaring life, and as a youth followed the hazardous but healthy calling of a sailor. When he had attained his majority he heard of the gold discoveries in Australia, and his spirit of adventure prompted him to forthwith set out for the far-away southern land. He arrived in Victoria in 1853, and immediately made his way to the Bendigo diggings.

The young Englishman, possessed of an energetic nature and a robust constitution, joined in search for gold with considerable energy. He worked principally at Epsom and Huntly, and was pretty successful. In 1856, however, he turned his attention to quartz-reefing, and in fact became one of the pioneers of that industry. With the late Mr. Luftsmann, the syndicate, being styled Luftsmann, Sterry and Co., he commenced operations on the Victoria reef, which is on the opposite side of the road to his late residence. The reef proved very rich.

With the late Messrs. Luftsmann, Burrowes and Gibbs, Mr. Sterry formed the New Victoria Company, which proved to him and his partners a veritable gold mine. He remained on the directorate of the company from its inception up to within six months ago. He was also one of the original prospectors of a lease at Eaglehawk which afterwards became known as the Catherine Reef United, and was a very large share-holder in the company that was subsequently formed, retaining his connection with it up to within a few years ago.

Mr. Sterry was also interested in the Bendigo Goldfields Company, now the Victoria Proprietary (1903) Limited, the bulk of the shares in which are held in London, Mr. Sterry being one of the local directors at the time of his death. The deceased gentleman was an enterprising and plucky investor, and in addition to being largely interested in local ventures, speculated in mines further afield, as for instance, Russell's Reef, at Lauriston, and other places.

In connection with the mining industry, it is fitting here to remark that Mr. Sterry was always looked upon as a champion of the miner's rights, and took a leading part in forming the first Miners' Accident Association in the district, being appointed chairman for several years in succession. About the year 1879, at the time when a serious strike of miners was threatened, it was largely through Mr. Sterry's instrumentality that an amicable and satisfactory settlement was arrived at.

Mr. Sterry first entered public life in 1876, when he was elected as a representative for Sutton Ward in the Bendigo City Council. This position he continued to occupy until the year 1888, when he retired through effluxion of time, and did not again contest the seat. During his term of office as a councillor he filled the Mayoral chair in 1878-9. His year of office was rendered notable through the holding of the Juvenile Industrial Exhibition, which proved highly successful, and out of the proceeds of which the present Alexandra Fountain at Charing Cross was erected. Mr. Sterry also entered the Marong Shire Council in 1878, as a representative of the North-east Riding, and continued to hold the seat up to last year, when declining health compelled him to resign. He was highly popular among his colleagues, and was four times elected president.

Mr. Sterry took a keen interest in agricultural pursuits, and had landed interests. At one time he devoted his attention to horse breeding with considerable success. In recognition of the interest he took in agriculture, he was accorded the distinguished honor of being elected president of the Bendigo Agricultural Society for 24 years in succession. The last occasion on which he was elected was at the society's annual meeting in June last, when he was warmly congratulated on having held the honored position for such a length of time.

As a member of the State Legislature, Mr. Sterry rendered the district useful service. He first sought Parliamentary honors in February, 1880, when he contested the electorate of Sandhurst, which then returned three members.

He was, however, unsuccessful, the voting being:

R. Clark, 2921; R. Burrowes, 2392; J. McIntyre, 2329; D. C. Sterry, 2238.

Mr. Sterry then turned his attention to the Legislative Council, and in October, 1882, was returned for the Northern Province, defeating Mr. I. Winter-Irving. After sitting in the Upper House for a few years, Mr. Sterry, in 1889, contested the seat in the Assembly for the newly formed electorate of South Sandhurst.

He was successful in defeating Mr. R. O'Neill, the voting being:

D. C. Sterry, 967; E. O'Neill, 640.

Though opposed at every subsequent election, save one, he retained his seat throughout until the present year, when under the reformed constitution the electorate was abolished, and Mr. Sterry, finding his health unsatisfactory, retired from the political arena. His public life, except for his connection with the Agricultural Society, may be said to have closed at this juncture.

In addition to the offices enumerated, Mr. Sterry was a justice of the peace, a Past Master of the Golden and Corinthian Lodge of Freemasons, and an honorary member of the Earl of Hopetoun Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F.

During a long and useful public career, Mr. Sterry made a great number of staunch friends, to whom the news of his death will cause sincere regret. Of an unassuming and genial disposition, he was held in esteem by all classes, and his memory will long survive in the recollection of the public of this district as one of the sturdy pioneers, who did much to lay the foundation of the city's wealth and prosperity.

Mr. Sterry, in 1859, married Mrs. Moss, widow of the late Captain Samuel Moss, and had three sons, Wm., John and Alfred, who, with the widow, survive him. The funeral will take place to the Bendigo Cemetery, leaving his late residence, Gold Mines hotel, Inglewood-road, at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

We are requested to notify members of the general committee of the Bendigo Agricultural Society desirous of attending the funeral to meet at the office of the secretary (Mr. H. M. Marks) at half-past 3 o'clock.

Bendigo Cemetery MON G1

DEATH OF MR. D. C. STERRY. A BUSY CAREER ENDED.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Tuesday 27 September 1904 p 3
Article

DEATH OF MR. D.C. STERRY A BUSY CAREER ENDED.

Though the death of Mr. D. C. Sterry, ex-M.L.A., which occurred at 10.30 a.m. yesterday at his residence, the Gold Mines Hotel, Ironbark, Bendigo has lost one of its oldest pioneer citizens.

While in his teens he took to the sea. When he was about 20 years of age he sailed for Melbourne in the ship *William Money*. The excitement surrounding the golden doings in and about Bendigo was too strong for him and he decided to join the exodus to the north, which was then in full swing from Hobson's Bay. He came to Bendigo in 1853. Possessed of a splendid physique, full of vigor and with cheery prospects before him, he started on what was destined to be a most active mining career. Glowing reports enticed him out to Eaglehawk and with pick and shovel he was very successful. He soon became a strong believer in reefing and mainly through his energy and enterprise the Catherine Reef was opened up. It was a veritable jeweller's shop.

In the earlier days of the company very rich gold was won at various points along the line. He was one of the wealthiest men on the field at that time and a most successful speculator, and about 1875 reputed to be worth some £70,000.

Early in his career he was heavily interested in the New Chum line, then in its infancy. Fortune again smiled on him and he became part proprietor of the new Chum and Victoria mine, his partner being then Mr. Burrowes. He was connected with this mine (which later on was formed into a public company) up to the time of his death. One of the first batteries in the district, the Enterprise Crushing Works, was started by him and the late Mr. Luftzman, and as big money was made in those days from quartz crushing his wealth was very considerably added to.

He, however, was a very liberal and enterprising man, and many of his later speculations yielded nothing but losses, especially many which on a large scale he made outside the Bendigo district. It is said he lost thousands of pounds in the Mt. Deddick gold mine in Gippsland. He speculated in gold and silver mines in New South Wales, also in the nickel mines of New Caledonia, and in gold mining ventures in other parts of Australia. At the time of his death he was, with Mr. L. A. Samuels, director of the Victoria Proprietary Co. at Diamond Hill.

He was always a good friend to the miner and during the memorable strike of 1880 when attempts were made to cut down wages he threw his influence on the side of the workers. He was at the time one of the largest scrip owners in the district. As a public man he had a long and active career. Years ago he was elected one of the Sutton Ward representatives in the City Council and during the first Bendigo Juvenile Exhibition in 1879 was mayor, and also president of the Exhibition committee.

He was an ardent supporter of the old Berryite party – The Labor party of the day. He stood for the Assembly about 1880, but was defeated. Later on a vacancy was caused in the Legislative Council through the death of the Hon. Francis Robertson, and he and the late Hon. W. Irving nominated for the seat. The Bendigo district elected Mr. Sterry after a close contest. This practically started his lengthy political career.

He resigned from the Upper House, for, as he jocularly put it, he "wanted to come down amongst the men in the Assembly". He, therefore, contested the newly formed South Sandhurst electorate. He won, and at each succeeding election was returned. It is a coincidence that he should have occupied the seat for the whole of the time that that electorate was in existence. On the re-allotment of electoral boundaries last year, South Sandhurst was wiped out. He then retired from active political life owing to ill-health, which assumed the form of paralysis of the brain, and to which he at last succumbed.

Only recently he was re-elected president of the Bendigo Agricultural Society for the 24th successive year. Invariably he presented a handsome trophy for competition, and his generosity is typified in this year's gift, which is on view at Messrs. Morley Johnson's establishment.

For 21 years he was a member of the Marong council, and on his retirement about a year ago was presented with a beautiful illuminated address by the councillors and officers of the shire. In movements brought forward in the interests of the city he frequently took a hand, and unostentatiously dispensed monetary aid to objects deserving of support. He was not an orator, but a plain, practical man. On mining matters especially in the House he was rightly looked upon as an authority, and his suggestions were at all times respected.

A wife, three sons, and a stepson, survive him. Mrs. Sterry was the widow of the late Captain Moss. The funeral takes place today, at 4 p.m. Members of the general committee of the Agricultural Society desirous of attending the funeral are requested to meet at the office of the secretary, Mr. H. M. Marks, at 3.30 o'clock to-day.

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STEVENS Alfred (442)

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. BENDIGO, MONDAY, FEB. 26, 1894. THE BENDIGO TRAMWAYS.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 26 February 1894** p 2 Article

DEATH OF AN OLD BENDIGONIAN. It will be heard with feelings of deep regret by many old residents of Bendigo of the death of an old, well-known and highly respected inhabitant, Mr. Alfred Stevens. The deceased gentleman was among the first of the old pioneers of the Bendigo goldfields. He arrived in Adelaide, from England, early in 1851, and then in Bendigo in 1852.



Locating himself on the Victoria reef, he prospected around there for a time. Then, in conjunction with a Mr. Grant, now of Anderson's Creek, near Melbourne, he erected one of the first crushing plants in Bendigo, which was well patronised by the surrounding diggers.

Mr. Stevens was well known for his hospitality. As a musician the deceased gentleman was well-known, and mayhap many of the remaining old pioneers will remember him as the musician of Bendigo in its earliest days. He was a great enthusiast in that subject, and well versed in the lives and records of all our modern musicians. His last appearance but one in public was at the last Juvenile Industrial Exhibition, held here some few years ago.

Abandoning quartz reefing Mr. Stevens again took to his trade, tailoring, which he had left on leaving London, and for the last 27 years was in the employ of Messrs. Robathan and Stevens, of this city. He was in his 70th year. The mortal remains of the deceased were interred yesterday.

Buried at White Hills Cemetery. Position unknown.

STEWART William (251)

Transcribed STEWART Wm.

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Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Saturday 19 September 1891 p 4 Article

DEATH OF A BENDIGO PIONEER DIGGER.

Information was received on Thursday (states the "Age") by the Collingwood police of the death of a man named William Stewart, who claimed to have been among the first to discover gold in Bendigo. About a week ago Stewart came from Rushworth with the intention, it is stated, of pushing his claim for compensation as one of the discoverers of the field, and, with his wife, took up lodgings at 59 Vere street, Collingwood.



On Thursday while standing inside the house at a window conversing with his wife, who was outside, he suddenly ceased talking. His wife hurried inside, and found that he had expired. Dr. Healy, of Rushworth, had been attending him for some time past. Dr. Magillicuddy made a post mortem examination of the body, and found that death was due to stoppage of the heart's action, owing to fatty degeneration and chronic bronchitis; therefore an inquest was not deemed necessary.

In November last Stewart gave evidence before the Parliamentary Committee with reference to the first discovery of gold at Bendigo. He stated that early in October, 1851, he arrived at what is called Ravenswood station, after trying at Barker's Creek and Forest Creek for gold. He had been on the station four years before. He asked for the hut keeper, Chris Asquith, who was his father-in-law, and after some delay was permitted to see him.

Asquith appeared with a shoemaker's apron on all spattered with mud. When asked what he had been doing he replied, "Digging a waterhole?"

"A fine waterhole", said Stewart; "have you got gold?"

"Yes," said the other, and showed him a matchbox full of nice rubbly gold, and said he had either four or six other boxes full. Stewart remarked the quality of the metal, and said he "would be in it," and in November they sold between 5 lb and 6 lb weight of gold at £2 10s per ounce. The spot where the gold was got is now Golden square. The sale of the gold to Mr Fenton caused a rush. In a declaration made by Stewart, who was 67 years old at his death, he swore that in company with Asquith, Jas. Graham and Ben Bannister he found gold at the Bendigo hut, and never saw anyone seeking for gold except the party up to that date.

THE DEATH OF AN OLD PIONEER DIGGER.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Monday 21 September 1891 p 3
Article

THE DEATH OF AN OLD PIONEER DIGGER.

Referring to the old man named William Steward who died suddenly on Thursday at his lodgings, 59, Vere street, Collingwood, the Telegraph says: "The fact in itself would possibly have passed unnoticed but for the fact that poor old Steward had a history attached to him."

Arriving in the colony in the later part of the "forties", he claimed to having been one of the first who found gold in Bendigo. To prove this he gave evidence before the Frencham Parliamentary Committee. He then stated that he was on the goldfield now called Bendigo, in October, 1851, in company with Chris. Asquith (his son-in-law); James Graham and Ben Bannister. They found gold, and sold it to Mr. Fenton at the Bendigo hut. In his evidence he stated that he saw no women there at that time and that Mrs. Kennedy came after he had sold gold to Fenton. In November 1851 he and his friends sold five or six pounds weight of gold to Mr. Fenton at the rate of £2 10s per oz.

The deceased, who was a brickmaker, had been living at Rushworth for some time, and when the commission was appointed to inquire as to who found gold first in Bendigo, he came to Melbourne for the purpose of claiming a reward. Since then he has been living in Vere-street. Yesterday morning he appeared all right, and was speaking to his wife. She left him for a few minutes, and on returning, she found him dead. It appears that Dr. Healey of Rushworth, had been attending deceased for some time past for heart disease.

Mr. Candler, the district coroner, ordered a post-mortem examination to be held, and this was done by Dr. McGillicuddy, who found that death was caused by heart disease and acute bronchitis.

STEWART James (430)

DEATH OF MR. JAMES STEWART EXPIRES VERY SUDDENLY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 7 September 1906 p 5 Article

DEATH OF MR. JAMES STEWART.
EXPIRES VERY SUDDENLY.

Mr. James Stewart, one of the oldest members of the Bendigo Stock Exchange, died in a painfully sudden manner at his residence, in Garsed-street, yesterday afternoon. While dozing in a chair he passed peacefully away, as if in his sleep. Mr. Stewart had been in indifferent health for the past eight months.



Last New Year's Day, while on his way to the Caledonian sports, he was suddenly seized with a fit of dizziness. Since then his health appeared to give way.

About two months ago he again had a swooning seizure, and in order to try and recuperate he remained at home, allowing his sons to carry on his business at the Stock Exchange.

Yesterday morning he took his customary walk round Lake Weeroona, and subsequently visited some business establishments in the city. Before going home he called at his office and signed a number of cheques. He ate a hearty dinner, and, if anything, appeared even brighter and in higher spirits than usual. He busied himself about his garden for a time, and then chopped some wood. Mrs. Stewart left home to attend a meeting at St. Andrew's Church, and after deceased had spent a few minutes at the woodheap, he returned inside and sat in an armchair in the dining room.

The only other person in the house at the time was an attendant named Lizzie Stevens. She busied herself with her duties, and about a quarter of an hour later - 4.45 o'clock - her attention was attracted by the deathly pallor of deceased's face. She called him, and tried to rouse him. Mr. Stewart did not respond, and realising that he was dead, she hurriedly called in neighbors. Dr. Hugh Boyd was sent for, but he could only pronounce life extinct.

Mr. Stewart's sudden demise makes another gap in the fast-diminishing ranks of the old pioneers. He was born in Devonshire, England, being 66 years of age at the time of his death. As a boy of 13 years he arrived on Australian shores. The gold fever brought him to Bendigo, and he resided here ever since. He followed various occupations, and for some time was manager of a provision store at Kangaroo Flat.

In 1871 he devoted his attention to share broking, there being great excitement in local mining circles at that time. He was a shrewd business man, and conscientious in his dealings, so his transactions increased until he acquired a substantial income.

He married Mrs. Stevenson, a widow with two sons - Messrs. Richard Stevenson and M. Stevenson. The former has carried on the business of Mr. Stewart during his illness, while the latter is a resident of Melbourne, employed in the Newport workshops.

In addition to Mrs. Stewart, a family of three daughters and three sons are left. The eldest daughter is married to Mr. W. Melrose, the well-known dentist, of View-street. Another daughter - Mrs. A. Whitford - lives in Myrtle-street, while the third resides at home. The eldest son - Mr. Alex. Stewart - is the well-known violinist, who lives in Myrtle-street with his wife and family. Two other sons (Messrs. Jack and Victor Stewart) resided with deceased.

The late Mr. Stewart was an ardent lover of music, and in this respect he spared no expense in the education of his children. He was an enthusiastic admirer of oratorio works, and on all occasions took an active part in orchestral performances. Though not a player, he on several occasions showed his great interest in music by making violins.

Mr. Stewart was much respected by mining clients for his straightforward conduct in his business, and by the citizens generally, and the news of his death has been received with widespread regret. Dr. H. Boyd reported the death to the police, and later on Constable Dugan submitted particulars to the coroner, (Mr. E. N. Moore). Dr. Boyd was the family physician, but as he had not attended deceased he declined to give a certificate, consequently an inquiry will be held to-day. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

Bendigo Cemetery MON B2

STOCK EXCHANGE ADJOURNS.

When the bell rang at the Stock Exchange for the 5 o'clock call, the brokers quietly filed into the main chamber. An air of sadness pervaded the assemblage, the news having come like a thunderbolt into their midst. Mr. H. L. Ralph vice chairman of The Exchange, rose and said - "Gentlemen you know what has occurred. I have to announce the death of Mr. James Stewart, one of the oldest members of the Exchange, and one of the best men who ever came under the verandah. I am only too sorry to say that the sad news has been confirmed. We at first thought that it might have been a fainting fit, that, in order to know definitely, I went up and have just returned with this sad news. Our late friend passed away peacefully in his chair. I have nothing further to say. These things seem to come to us when we least expect them, and also from where we least expect them."

Mr. Ralph then moved that the Exchange adjourn out of respect to the memory of the deceased member. Mr. John Taylor seconded the resolution in terms of regret. He was pained to hear the announcement of the death of Mr. Stewart who had always been held in the greatest respect by everyone. He was ever a good friend, and if he (Mr. Taylor) or anyone else sought his advice, it was always freely given. He felt sure they had lost one of the best members of the Exchange. Mr. L. A. Samuels also added his regret.

The late Mr. Stewart was the first sharebroker he had dealt with at the Beehive in 1871, and ever since that time he had known and esteemed him. Mr. Stewart had occupied responsible positions amongst them, and when he was taken away so suddenly, they felt the blow more acutely than perhaps if he had died after a lingering illness. It made an occasion like that even more solemn, particularly when the man had been so long and intimately known. No man in the Exchange was held in greater respect than the late Mr. Stewart.

Mr. G. A. Miller (secretary) remarked that he first became acquainted with Mr. Stewart in 1879. He had many times come to him for advice, and his judgment and counsel were always of the best. He was a friend to all in the Exchange, and they would greatly miss him. They had known latterly that he had been troubled with a certain affection, but no one anticipated the coming of death.

Mr. C. Wood said he felt the loss of Mr. Stewart very much. Their late colleague had always been to them "Jimmy Stewart" wherever he went, and if there was one man on the Exchange it was "Jimmy Stewart." He had always been charitable. He did not question matters, but gave out of the freedom of his heart. He knew of many cases that Mr. Stewart had assisted, and no one outside ever knew of it. The motion was agreed to in silence, and the Exchange rose.

STEWART John Sinclair (412)

DEATH OF MR. J. S. STEWART. AN ESTIMABLE CITIZEN.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 31 December 1912 p 5 Article Illustrated

DEATH OF MR. J. S. STEWART. AN ESTIMABLE CITIZEN.

General regret was felt in the city yesterday afternoon when it became known that Mr. John S. Stewart of Wills-street, Bendigo, had died in Gippsland. Intimation of the sad event was received by deceased's partner, Mr. T. Scott, (of the firm of Stewart and Scott, the well-known flour millers), who was greatly shocked on receiving a telegram informing him that Mr. Stewart had passed away on Sunday night.



Mr. Stewart went to Almurta, in Gippsland, on Saturday, 21st inst., to spend Christmas with his brothers. When he left Bendigo he complained of having a bad cough, but nothing of a serious nature. Mr. Scott subsequently received a letter from Mr. Stewart, saying that his health had broken down altogether, but Mr. Scott never for a moment imagined that his partner's illness would have such a termination in so short a time.

Mr. Stewart had not enjoyed the best of health for some time past, but his illness was not of a sufficiently serious nature to lead anyone to expect that the end was so near. Dr. Jackson attended him two or three weeks ago for bronchitis. Only yesterday morning his housekeeper (Mrs. Chalmers) despatched a parcel of clothing for him, and was greatly distressed on hearing of his death.

The deceased gentleman was 73 years of age. He was born in Bannockburn, Scotland, and came to Australia towards the end of 1852. After spending some time in Melbourne and Kyneton, he came to Bendigo, and became manager for the late Mr. De Graves, miller, of Hargreaves-street, a position which he occupied for seven years. Afterwards he became associated with the firm of Stewart and Scott, with which firm he had been connected for the past 32 years.

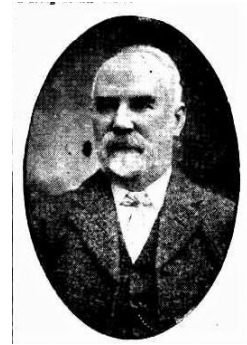
Mr. Stewart had been twice married. His second wife was a daughter of the late Mr. J. Pike, and she pre-deceased him by about 15 years. There were no children of either marriage. He has three brothers living. Two reside at Almurta, and the third at Clayton.

Mr. Stewart had been an active member of the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum committee for the past nine years, and was president of that committee at the time of his death. He was also chairman of the Sandhurst and Northern District Trustees, Executors and Agency Company.

He was a member of the Baptist Church for many years, having become associated with the Hargreaves street church soon after his arrival in the city. He was at one time treasurer of the church.

Mr. Stewart was a Freemason, and formerly took an active part in the management of the local lodge. He was of a very charitable disposition. The poor will miss a good friend, his employes a kind and considerate master, and the citizens generally one of their best members, and one whom the city can ill afford to lose.

The funeral will take place at 1 o'clock to-day at Almurta.



STEWART John (62)

DEATH OF MR. JOHN STEWART. DROWNED WHILE TRYING TO SAVE LIFE.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 13 May 1886** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. JOHN STEWART.
DROWNED WHILE TRYING TO SAVE LIFE.

Quite a gloom was thrown over the city yesterday morning, by the issue of slips from this office giving an account taken from the Auckland Evening Bell, of the 24th of April, of the sad death of Mr John Stewart, an old and respected resident of this city.

The details of the melancholy fatality are as follows:—

"A Man and Boy Drowned in Auckland Harbor. One of the most melancholy accidents which it has been our lot to chronicle for some time past, happened yesterday near the Sugar Works, and resulted in Mr John Stewart, of Cumin-street, Ponsonby, and a lad named Russell Pulford (son of Mr W. S. Pulford) losing their lives.



The particulars of the catastrophe go to show that Mr Stewart and his son, together with young Pulford, went out in a small open sailing boat early in the forenoon. The wind was blowing stiff from the north-east, but nothing serious was anticipated, and the boat was steered in the direction of the Sugar Works. When about half-way across the party resolved to come about, but they had no sooner done so than a squall struck the boat, which having no way on, leaned forward and filled. Stewart and his son managed to get clear of the rigging and sails, but the boy Pulford, somehow or other, rolled to the leeward side, and the boat almost buried him.

Mr Stewart dived after the lad, and succeeded in rescuing him from his then perilous position. All three clung to the boat for some time, when their only assistant disappeared beneath the depths, and to strike out for the shore was the only alternative. Pulford was unable to swim, and Mr Stewart placed him across his shoulders. After swimming for some time, Mr Stewart must have become exhausted, for he sank with the boy on his back, and was never seen again.

Colin continued swimming, and after being in the water for upwards of an hour, he was rescued by a boy named Parsons, who witnessed the accident from Shelly Beach, and put off to the rescue in a small dingy. When young Stewart was rescued he was in a thoroughly exhausted and semi-unconscious state. The survivor was immediately conveyed home, and after the lapse of a little time was none the worse for the mishap, but of course felt the loss of his father greatly.

Meanwhile intimation of the accident was sent to Mrs Stewart, who was attending church service at All Saints'. The lady, with her daughter, had just left the church, and when the sad news was broken to them their grief was indescribable. Miss Stewart fell down in a swoon, and had to be assisted home. The police were also apprised of the fatality, but for some unaccountable reason a search for the bodies was not instituted.

The deceased John Stewart was an old resident of Sandhurst, Victoria, from whence he came some 18 months ago. He had been a wealthy man, and indulged greatly in mining speculations. Recently, however, he started a leather grindery business in Victoria-street, above the Royal Mail Hotel, and up to the time of his death was carrying it on. He was about 54 years of age, and leaves a large family to mourn their loss. Russell Pulford was a promising lad of about six years. A search for the bodies was commenced today by the water police, but so far their efforts have not been crowned with success."

Mr John Stewart was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, on the 20th October, 1830, so that he would be nearly 56 years of age at the time of his death. When quite a lad he went to America with his brother, and engaged in a trade. After three or four years in that country, he came to Victoria with his brother, Mr Colin Stewart, and Mr Gavin Gibson and Mr John Crowley, and, attracted by the gold diggings, came to Bendigo. In company with his brother and Mr Gibson, who subsequently was for many years his partner, he engaged in gold digging.

Early in 1853 Mr John Stewart and Mr Gibson established the Edinburgh Boot Mart, which they carried on under the style of Stewart and Gibson, in what was then known as Auction-street. This partnership lasted for several years, after which Mr Gibson left for Melbourne, where he is at present proprietor of a leather warehouse.

In 1858 Mr Stewart paid a visit to the home country, and during his stay was married. He also made arrangements for the importing of boots to the colony in connection with his business in Sandhurst. On his return, Mr Stewart continued to carry on the business with success, and being fortunate in other ways began to be recognised as being in comfortable circumstances.

After retiring from business in Pall Mall some six years ago, he met with several reverses, and before long again opened in business in the Centre Block. About 1882 he returned to the old premises, the Edinburgh Boot Mart, next to Balsillie and Goodisson's, where he continued till 1884 when he left with his family for New Zealand.

Mr Stewart's connection with the Bendigo Hospital was of so lengthy a duration as to be a very prominent feature in his career on Bendigo. He was first elected to the Hospital Board of Management in 1859, and continued to occupy a position on the board until 1884, when he left Sandhurst for New Zealand. In July 1867, he was appointed treasurer in place of Mr W. Bannerman, manager of the Bank of New South Wales, who was about to leave for Europe. Mr Bannerman had occupied the position of treasurer since the proclamation of the hospital in 1856.

Mr Stewart continued to act as treasurer until 1878, when he was succeeded by Mr. R. F. Howard. In that year Mr Stewart was appointed chairman of the board. When he resigned his position as a member of the board in May 1884, it was resolved to present him with an address in appreciation of his long and valuable services to the institution. Mr Stewart had been a member of the board for 25 years, and for 10 years discharged the duties of treasurer.

The address, which was of a very handsome description, was bound in a morocco case, upon the outside of which is the inscription " Presented to John Stewart, Esq , by the Bendigo Hospital committee, 1884."

Within were expressed the following sentiments:

"Bendigo Gold District General Hospital (Incorporated). To John Stewart, Esq. Dear Sir, On your severing your connection with the above institution, for which you have so long and honorably worked as treasurer and member of the board of management respectively, the committee have unanimously charged us to convey to you their high sense of the valuable services you have rendered this community in the said important capacities, and the sincere regret with which they have accepted your resignation.

We remain, dear sir, with affectionate esteem, yours very truly,

Walter G. Jackson, president.

Karl Van Damme, treasurer.

Charles H. Clark, secretary."

At the top of the page was a neatly-executed picture of the hospital buildings taken from a photograph. Mr Stewart's long association with the institution caused him to be regarded as one of the most reliable authorities in matters concerning it, and the unwavering interest which he ever manifested in its welfare, rendered him a very serviceable member of the committee, and one whom they could ill afford to lose.

Mr Stewart also took a very active part in the various Easter Fairs, which were held for the benefit of the charities from the year 1871, when they were inaugurated, down to the year he left this city. He fulfilled the duties of treasurer to the movement on several occasions, and was always one of the most prominent in forwarding the movement in every way. His service in this respect will be long remembered among those connected with the Asylum, as well as the institution with which he has been more immediately connected.

He was also associated with the Cavalry, and was one of the first church wardens in connection with All Saints' Church. He was one of the oldest Masons in the district, having been connected with the original Golden Lodge. He was also a prominent member when the Golden and Corinthian Lodges were amalgamated, and was a Past Master. After his departure from Bendigo, several of his brethren of the Golden and Corinthian Lodges decided to present him with a Past Master's jewel. It was sent to New Zealand, with the request that the lodge at Auckland present it to him on behalf of his Masonic brethren in this city. A letter was subsequently received from Mr Stewart in acknowledgment of it.

Mr Stewart frequently figured in several amateur dramatic entertainments for local charitable purposes, and acted the part of "Mr Owen" in "Rob Roy" on seven or eight occasions, when Mr Angus Mackay and Mr John McIntyre appeared in the characters of "Rob Roy" and "Baillie Nicol Jarvie" at the old Lyceum Theatre. On these occasions he acquitted himself very well.

Mr Stewart was a very liberal, generous, and good-natured man – qualities which earned for him the sincere respect of his friends. He was ever ready to assist these upon whom misfortune had laid its chastening hand, and the great part of his life which he devoted to the hospital in the capacity of committeeman and treasurer speaks eloquently in proclaiming his desire to relieve suffering humanity.

The general regret felt in Sandhurst at Mr Stewart's death is deepened by the melancholy circumstances surrounding it, and the fact that his family have been plunged in sorrow and bereavement so suddenly and unexpectedly. Mrs Stewart and the family – two daughters and two sons – were so well known in Sandhurst, and so much respected, that the expressions of sympathy for them in their sad and irreparable loss is deep and widespread.

It is a matter for surprise that the intelligence of the sad fatality did not reach Sandhurst earlier. Not even Mr Colin Stewart, the brother of the deceased, had been apprised of it. He was engaged at his farm at Axedale yesterday, and in all probability will not know of his brother's death till today. A telegram appeared in the Argus on the 24th April, briefly stating that "owing to the capsizing of a boat, a man named John Stuart and a boy named Pulford were drowned." The fact that Mr Stewart's name was misspelt, and that the particulars were rather meagre, would account for this telegram escaping notice.

Mr Fred Stewart, the elder son of Mr John Stewart, is, we understand, at present in Auckland. It will be remembered that he went to Melbourne a few years ago, for the purpose of filling a position in the employ of Mr Gibson, who was formerly his father's partner. Some time since he left this situation for the purpose of joining his father in Auckland, and assisting him in his business.

The lad Pulford, who lost his life at the same time as Mr Stewart, was a son of Mr W. S. Pulford, who is also well-known in Sandhurst, where he for some time fulfilled the duties of canvasser to the *Evening News*.

STRAUGHAIR John (209)

Death of Mr John Straughair. AN OLD PIONEER.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Saturday 26 April 1902 p 5 Article

AN OLD PIONEER.

The death of Mr. John Straughair, of Quarry Hill, which took place at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, removes another name from the rapidly diminishing list of pioneers. The deceased, who was a retired loco driver, has not been in good health for a long time past, being a sufferer for years from rheumatics, which however he bore heroically. About six weeks ago he was compelled to take to his bed, and got weaker daily, though he received the best of nursing and medical care.



He was in his 70th year and was born at Newcastle-on-Tyne. He came to Long Gully in 1852 where he started the first blacksmith shop and used to be paid as high as £2 for putting on a set of horse's shoes. He afterwards followed several of the rushes, working for a good while at Blackwood and then at Woods' Point. When the railway was being built to Bendigo he did blacksmithing work for the contractors and when the line was opened in 1862 he joined the service as a driver.

He was the first man to build a house on the Quarry Hill side of the Bendigo station, erecting a house in Brodie street, in which he continued to live till his death. He retired from the department in 1892 after 32 years faithful service.

In his younger days Mr Straughair was an active worker in the Foresters Lodge, the membership of which he retained up to the time of his death. A widow and grown up family of six sons and three daughters survive. The eldest son is Mr. W. J. Straughair sign writer and house and land agent, of Mitchell street, while another, Mr. J. A. Straughair, is one of the drivers of the Bendigo express. One of the daughters is married to Mr W. H. Simpson, of Korumburra. The funeral will take place to the Bendigo cemetery at 4 o'clock tomorrow.

Bendigo Cemetery MON G3

DEATH OF MR. JOHN STRAUGHAIR. A RESIDENT OF 50 YEAES.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Saturday 26 April 1902 p 5 Article

DEATH OF MR. JOHN STRAUGHAIR.
A RESIDENT OF 50 YEARS.

Yesterday morning another of Bendigo's pioneers, Mr. John Straughair, passed away after a lengthy illness. The deceased gentleman had a large circle of friends in Bendigo and elsewhere, and when the news of his demise became known expressions of regret were heard on every side.

The late Mr. Straughair, who was 70 years of age, was a native of Durham County, England. When quite a youth he decided to try his fortune in Australia, and in the early fifties he sailed from the old country in the ship *Carantine Castle*. He visited the gold rushes at Black Forest, Sawpit Gully, and Wood's Point, and was fairly successful as a prospector. In 1852 he arrived in Bendigo, and shortly afterwards, in conjunction with the late Mr. Michael Maloney, he opened up one of the first claims on the famous Paddy's Gully line of reef, which was afterwards worked with such excellent results by the late Mr. J. B. Watson.

Some time later Mr. Straughair took charge of the first blacksmith's shop in Long Gully, near the main bridge. He sometimes referred to his early blacksmithing days, when he obtained as much as £2 for shoeing a horse. In 1863 he received an appointment on the Victorian railways, and for 30 years he remained in the Government service. Ten years ago, when the deceased gentleman resigned from the railways, he occupied the position of driver on the Melbourne – Bendigo express. He had the distinction of being the driver of the first train which crossed the Murray bridge at Echuca.

He was a member of the Old Bendigonians' Association, and was universally liked on account of his courteous and genial manner. It was in 1892 that Mr. Straughair retired from work. Since then he enjoyed fairly good health until about two years ago, when he was attacked by illness. The attack seemed to undermine his constitution, and about six weeks back he was compelled to seek medical advice. He continued to sink, however, and about 11 o'clock yesterday morning he breathed his last in the presence of his family.

The deceased gentleman leaves a grownup family of six sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. One of the sons, Mr. John T. Straughair, is an engine driver on the railways, while another, Mr. W. J. Straughair, has a paperhanging establishment in Mitchell-street. The funeral of the deceased is announced to take place tomorrow afternoon at 3.45 o'clock.

STRICKLAND Robert (168)

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT STRICKLAND.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 18 July 1889** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT STRICKLAND.

The death of Mr. Robert Strickland, formerly coroner and police magistrate at Sandhurst, will be learned with deep and widespread feelings of regret in this community. Although it was known that the deceased gentleman has been failing in health for the past eight or nine months, and was confined to his house in consequence, yet his illness was not regarded as such as to raise any immediate alarm amongst his intimate friends. The news of his death, therefore, came upon them yesterday afternoon as a great shock. The sad event occurred at his residence, Barkly-place east, at half-past one o'clock yesterday afternoon.



Ever since his retirement from the police magistracy about last November or December, Mr. Strickland seldom ventured away from his house. Only on one or two occasions did he come into the city, and the last time was to record his vote at the general elections for the Legislative Assembly last March. Despite the attention of Dr. MacGillivray, his health slowly declined since then, though he was able to get about the house daily, and always seemed in good spirits.

On Tuesday morning he arose as usual, and about half-past nine o'clock announced his intention of going down to the town hall to record his vote for the Northern Province Election. He accordingly dressed himself, and just as he got outside the back door he had an attack of cold shivers. He then went to bed and before long he was seized with an epileptic fit. Altogether he had four of these fits between half-past nine o'clock and a quarter to one, and after the last attack he relapsed into a state of insensibility, from which he was destined never to recover.

His brother, Mr. William Strickland, was telegraphed for, and he arrived by the last train from Melbourne on Tuesday night. The patient lingered on in an unconscious condition, gradually growing weaker and weaker until yesterday afternoon, when the grim enemy of humanity asserted itself and genial, goodhearted Robert Strickland was no more. The cause of death was a general breaking up of the system. As soon as the news reached the town clerk (Mr. Denovan) that gentleman caused the flag to be hoisted at half-mast on the Town Hall tower.

The deceased gentleman was generally respected and esteemed. He was of an exceedingly genial temperament, upright, honest, affable, and extremely good humored in his demeanour, and generous to a degree. There are many poor people who will ever remember the generosity of the departed gentleman.

He was content with the satisfaction of having performed acts of charity without parading them before the public, and in a quiet way he always assisted any deserving case as far as his means would allow.

As a coroner Mr. Strickland could not be surpassed; his mode of conducting inquests was as complete and effective as it was speedy, and much of the time of jurors was saved thereby in the days when coroner's jurors received no recompense whatever for their services. As a magistrate he always leaned to the side of mercy, though his decisions were marked with a sense of justice and equity.

Robert Strickland was born at Bristol, England on the 3rd October, 1833, and consequently he was 56 years of age at the time of his death. He was the son of the late Mr. Robert Strickland, of Clifton, Bristol, who for 30 years occupied a responsible position in the old established firm of John Hare and Co., floor-cloth manufacturers, of that city. Robert Strickland, the younger, was educated at the well-known west of England Boarding school, conducted by the late Dr. Stone, L.L.D. at Summer Hill, St. George's, and was afterwards placed in the counting house of the firm of John Hare and Co, where he remained for about two years. Evincing an early aptitude for the law, he was studying that profession.

On the 26th August, 1852, being then nearly 19 years of age, he sailed from his native city in the ship *Velore* in company with his brother William (two years his senior) for Port Phillip, arriving in Hobson's Bay early in January, 1853. On reaching Melbourne, the subject of this obituary, with some of his shipmates, took employment at road making at Merri Creek (now named Northcote, a northern suburb of Melbourne).

Subsequently he joined some cattle dealer in driving stock between the Murray River, above Albury, N.S.W., and the Melbourne markets. He followed this occupation for about nine months, and then entered a solicitor's office in Melbourne as a clerk, but the gold fever on Bendigo attracting his attention, he relinquished his situation and arrived here in 1854. After following the avocation of a digger for some time, Mr. Strickland entered into partnership with the late Mr. George Aspinall, and opened a butchering establishment in High street. This was in February 1855. In the same year the firm transferred the business to Bridge-street, and here they carried on a successful butchering business for several years.

Mr. R. Williamson now well-known under the verandah as a mining speculator, joined the firm in 1857 or 1858, and trading under the style of "Williamson, Aspinall, and Strickland", the business was extended, three shops were opened, and acquiring a cattle yard in the neighborhood of Back Creek, a wholesale, as well as a retail trade was established. About the year 1860 or 1861 Mr. Aspinall took a trip to the old country, returning in 1862, when he bought Mr. Strickland out of the butchering business. In the meantime he had taken a lively interest in the establishment of local charitable institutions, and also played a conspicuous part at the periodical elections for the municipality.

He was elected a member of the first board of management of the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum on the 19th October, 1857, which institution as well as the Bendigo Hospital experienced the benefit of his aid and experience.

In January, 1859, Mr. Strickland stood for the council, and was elected. He was re-elected in January, 1861, with Mr. J.J. (now Judge) Casey and Mr. Macartney. Mr. Casey retired from the council on the 4th September of the same year, consequent upon his election to Parliament, and Mr. Strickland was elected as chairman of the municipality in his place. The latter was selected by his colleagues as a delegate to a conference of municipal councils held in Melbourne, of which the hon. W. C. Smith, M.P., was chairman, and the hon. Edward Langton, a member.

Mr Strickland retired from the council in August, 1862, after a faithful service extending over three years, and Mr. John McIntyre succeeded to the vacancy. Mr. Strickland took an active interest in all political movements, and was prominent in all Parliamentary elections. At one time he was president of the Bendigo Liberal Association which arose from the "ashes" of Mr. Denovan's election committee, and organised into what became a very powerful political body, leading the progressive party on Bendigo, and carrying all the elections.

When Mr. W. D. C. Denovan retired from the representation of Bendigo in the Legislative Assembly in July, 1862, Mr. Strickland came forward as a candidate for the vacancy. He was opposed by Mr. David Moore, merchant of Melbourne, whom he defeated by a very large majority. Mr. Strickland with his colleague Mr. R. F. Howard, continued to represent Sandhurst in Parliament for two years, and finding that the expenses of the position were rather heavy he retired at the general election towards the end of 1864, the vacancy being filled by the late Mr. John Halfey. Mr. Strickland's political honesty as a legislator and the care and attention that he experienced in the performance of his public duties gained for him general respect.

In the course of his Parliamentary career he embarked in business with his brother as brewers at Sandhurst, but being unsuccessful, he determined to study for the bar, Mr. Strickland then being 32 years old. In 1865 the late Hon. J. F. Sullivan (a well-known Bendigonian) then Minister of Mines, appointed him to a subordinate position in the Mining Department. This position afforded Mr. Strickland the means of livelihood, and enabled him to attend the Melbourne University after office hours, and pursue his studies for the bar. He was successful in passing the necessary examinations, and in July, 1869, was called to the bar.

Resigning his position as clerk in the Mines Department, Mr. Strickland forthwith returned to Sandhurst, where he successfully practised his profession as a barrister. In May, 1874, the Governor-in-Council appointed him official visitor to the lunacy wards of the Bendigo Hospital, and about the same time he was permanently retained by the Crown to conduct all prosecutions in the Sandhurst district under the Regulations of Mines Statute 1873.

On the 22nd December, 1876, he was appointed coroner for the Sandhurst district in succession to Dr. J. B. Pounds. However, during the Berry regime he was one of the "Black Wednesday" victims; the coronerships were abolished to the great indignation of the country, but Mr. Strickland was not to be defeated. He posted off to Melbourne, bearded the late Hon. J. M. Grant and other members of the Ministry, and through indomitable pluck and perseverance gained his point, and was appointed coroner for a wide district. Notwithstanding that his duties were of a very onerous character, he exhibited great ability, skill and zeal in the discharge of them.

Some eight or nine years ago whilst assisting a medical gentleman to perform A post mortem examination upon a dead body at Echuca, Mr. Strickland contracted blood poisoning, and for some time his life was despaired of. He, however, recovered.

Mr. Strickland was appointed a police magistrate on the 27th February, 1884, and for a time had charge of the North-Western district. On his elevation to the police magistracy his Sandhurst friends tendered him a banquet, and also presented him with a handsome gold watch and chain. A few years later he was transferred to the Sandhurst district as successor to Mr. Campbell, P.M. Mr. Strickland continued to hold office here for some three years, and in September last he was transferred to the Seymour district, and a couple of months later he tendered his resignation, returned to Sandhurst, where he remained in seclusion and quietude up to the time of his death.

The deceased gentleman was twice married and leaves four children (one son and three girls) by his first wife, who died several years ago. The son is now at sea, having been apprenticed as a sailor. Great sympathy is felt for the widow and family in their deep bereavement.

The funeral takes place at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The remains are to be interred in the Back Creek Cemetery.

Bendigo Cemetery MON A3

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT STRICKLAND.

The Kerang Times (Vic. : 1889 - 1901) Friday 19 July 1889 p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT STRICKLAND. The announcement of the demise of Mr. Robert Strickland, who, as late police magistrate for the North-western district, was well known in Kerang, will be received with widespread feelings of regret. In Sandhurst, where he had resided for the last 35 years, he was very popular.

He was born at Bristol, England, in 1833, and was therefore 56 years of age at the time of his death. He arrived in Victoria in 1853, and a year later found him in the Bendigo goldfield. In 1855 he joined the late Mr. George Aspinall and Mr. Richard Williamson in a butchering establishment, which was carried on successfully until 1862.

He was then elected to the Assembly, succeeding Mr. D. W. Donovan, now town clerk of Sandhurst, and when his term of service expired in 1864 he declined to again offer himself as a candidate.

Mr. Strickland afterwards engaged in the brewing trade. He then went into the service of the State in the mining department, and subsequently succeeded in passing as a barrister, commencing to read for the bar at the age of 32. From 1869 to 1876 he practised his profession in Sandhurst.

In the latter year he was appointed coroner, and in 1884 he received the position of police magistrate for the North-western district, three years later being transferred to the same office in Sandhurst. Last year he was removed to the Shepparton district, and he retired on a pension towards the end of the year.

Mr. Strickland, who, had been in bad health for some time past, was about to leave his house on Tuesday morning for the purpose of recording his vote for the Northern Province election, when he was seized with an epileptic fit, and died at half-past one o'clock on Wednesday. He leaves a widow, and four children by his first wife. It is understood that they are provided for by life-insurance policies, covering between £1500 and £2000. The funeral takes place today.

STRONG John Tredgold (173)

DEATH OF MR. STRONG.

The Mclvor Times and Rodney Advertiser (Heathcote, Vic. : 1863 - 1918)

Thursday 20 September 1877 p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. STRONG. It is our sorrowful duty this week to be called upon to record the death of Mr. J. T. Strong, at the age of 49, which took place at his residence, Heathcote, at a quarter to five o'clock yesterday morning, from disease of the lungs, after a painful and distressing illness of nearly five week's duration.



About this time last year the unfortunate gentleman had a severe attack of bronchitis, that confined him to his room for several weeks. Since that time he had been more or less troubled with a cough, and catching fresh cold about five weeks ago, he was compelled to take to his room, to which he has been confined till the time of his death, undergoing considerable suffering from an almost incessant, painful, and racking cough, depriving him of rest both night and day.

With the death of Mr. Strong Heathcote loses an old and much respected public officer, having filled the appointment of Engineer to the Shire and Borough Councils for a number of years; in fact from before the time the shire merged from a road district into a shire, and the borough from a municipality into a borough, he being appointed to the office of Engineer to the Heathcote District Road Board on the 4th of November, 1863, and in a similar capacity to the local Borough Council shortly afterwards.

The deceased gentleman also held the office of Mining Surveyor and Registrar for the Heathcote Division of this district, and at one time took an active part as member of the committees of some of our local institutions, in addition to those above mentioned, such as the hospital, &c., filling all the offices with credit to himself, and to the satisfaction of the departments he represented and their officers, notably the Inspecting Engineer of Public Works, from whom he received testimonials of a high class character.

Socially Mr. Strong was very generally respected and esteemed, ever displaying a most liberal disposition and hospitable nature, and his decease will occasion the regret of a numerous circle of friends. He leaves a wife and only child to mourn his loss. The funeral takes place to-day at 8 o'clock.

Previous to his coming to Heathcote, the deceased was for some time a resident of Sandhurst, and to show the esteem in which he was held there we quote the following paragraph from the Bendigo Advertiser of the 14th inst; -

"MR. J. T. STRONG. Many old Bendigonians will be sorry to hear of the serious illness of this gentleman, who has been for several years district surveyor at Heathcote. He has been for some time suffering from a disease of the lungs, which has assumed a most serious and dangerous tendency, so much so, that news was brought to Sandhurst yesterday that he was not expected to survive for the day.

This gentleman was an old Bendigonian of 1853, and the engineer of the celebrated Back Creek Steam Puddling Company. He was subsequently engineer for Marong Shire for a lengthened period, and afterwards settled down at Heathcote, where he has remained ever since".

OFFICIAL INSOLENCE.

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Thursday 20 September 1877 - Page 2

Death of Mr. Strong. It is with extreme regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. John Tredgold Strong, civil engineer, of Heathcote, at his residence in that town, at half-past five o'clock yesterday morning, at the early age of forty-nine years. The lamented gentleman had been laid up for some time past with an affection of the lungs, to which he ultimately succumbed.

He was the eldest son of Mr. James Strong of Durham, and came to this colony in 1853, when he was joined by the late Mr. Sullivan. He was also engaged with Mr. Brady as engineer to the Marong and Strathfieldsaye shires, after which he went to Heathcote, where he has filled the office of engineer to the Mclvor Shire for several years past and won the respect and good will of everybody by his uniform, kindly, genial nature. He leaves a wife and one child to lament his loss. The funeral will take place at three o'clock today.

STUART David (127)

[DEATH OF MR. DAVID STUART.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 25 April 1874** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. DAVID STUART.

It becomes our sad duty to record the death of Mr. David Stuart, one of the proprietors of this journal, which took place yesterday forenoon at his residence, Barkly Place, after a severe illness extending over about three weeks. Previous to Mr. Stuart's confinement to the house he had been indisposed for some days, the last exertion of which he found himself capable being to accompany Professor Wyville Thompson and the officers of *H.M.S. Challenger*, to several of the mines and other objects of interest in Sandhurst and the surrounding district.



Upon that day, the 30th March, he underwent considerable fatigue, and although it is, of course, impossible to directly connect his illness with that circumstance, it is certain that thenceforward he was not the same man. A few days afterwards he announced his intention of going to Melbourne, and, as he did not visit this office as usual, it was considered that he had carried his intention into effect, especially as it was known that Mrs. Stuart and a portion of the family were then staying at St. Kilda.

The first intimation we received of his illness was that it had so rapidly increased that it was considered advisable to send for Mrs. Stuart. From that time until the day of his death Mr. Stuart, with occasional intervals of apparent improvement, rapidly sank; but throughout he bore his severe sufferings with such patience and fortitude that even up to within a few hours of his decease his friends did not consider his case utterly hopeless.

The deceased gentleman did not take any active part in political affairs, nor was he, in the general acceptance of the term, a public man; yet he was one whom the district could ill afford to lose, having been one of the staunchest supporters of the mining interest, and an investor of capital in mining ventures, from which he did not withdraw even when things looked at their worst. He took, however, much interest in the well-working of some of our public institutions, especially of the Bendigo Hospital, of the Board of Management of which he was, for several years, an active and useful member.

Mr. Stuart, we believe, was a native of Dundee, his father having been a wine and spirit merchant in that city. He received his education at the well-known Dollar Academy in the county of Clackmannan. Twenty-three years ago Mr. Stuart came to this colony, and after having paid a visit to New South Wales and South Australia, finally settled in Victoria.

He went first to Forest Creek, and early in 1854 came to Bendigo, where he almost immediately turned his attention to mining pursuits, and for the last twenty-one years he has been connected with mining in Sandhurst and Tarrangower, his ventures in both places turning out most successful.

At one time Mr. Stuart invested to some extent in town property, and a few years ago contemplated putting the proceeds of his enterprise into Melbourne and station property: but about the same period a share in the BENDIGO ADVERTISER being in the market, he purchased that, and devoted the balance of his capital to mining speculation.

Mr. Stuart's connection with this journal commenced in October, 1867, his attention being devoted exclusively to the commercial department, and since that period, it is scarcely necessary to add, the ADVERTISER, as a newspaper property, has considerably increased in value.

Mr. Stuart's interests were otherwise bound up in the district, he having, about thirteen years ago, married a sister of Mr. Pentreath, of Long Gully, whom, together with five children, he leaves to mourn their loss. By the death of Mr. Stuart, the district loses a valuable citizen - an enterprising and shrewd investor in mining, a man of sound judgment, and withal a kindly, unassuming gentleman - of singular modesty indeed, and unblemished integrity. His loss will be severely felt by those connected with this journal, to whom he had endeared himself by his urbanity, his uniform, cheerful good temper, and his thoughtful consideration for their interests. The profound regret with which the news of his death yesterday was universally received, showed the estimation in which Mr. Stuart was held by this community.

He was attended by Dr. MacGillivray during his last illness, and if the best medical skill, allied to a warm brotherly feeling of friendship, could have been of any avail, we should not now have to mourn his loss. The funeral will take place tomorrow (Sunday), at three p.m., moving from his late residence, Barkly-street, to the Back Creek, where the remains will be deposited in the Church of England portion of the cemetery. The Rev. J. C. McCullagh will be the officiating clergyman.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D4. Aged 44 years.

SULLIVAN James Forester (167)

DEATH OF THE HON. J. F. SULLIVAN.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 4 February 1876 p 2 Article

DEATH OF THE HON. J. F. SULLIVAN.

A feeling of the deepest regret was prevalent in Sandhurst last evening, when it became known for certain that the Hon. James Forester Sullivan had breathed his last. A report which turned out to be premature obtained currency on Wednesday evening that his death had taken place on that day, and, as was stated yesterday, a number of the citizens expressed their desire that his remains should be brought to Sandhurst, and that a public funeral should be accorded him.



Some of the members of the Society of Old Bendigonians, to which the hon. gentleman belonged, expressed their desire that the funeral should be undertaken by the society, and no doubt being entertained that the whole body would be agreeable to the proposal the secretary telegraphed to Mrs. Sullivan desiring to know her wishes in the matter.

A reply was received yesterday to the effect that the deceased had expressed his strong desire that his funeral should be a private one, and that he should be buried in the Melbourne Cemetery. The interment, we understand, will take place tomorrow afternoon, and we hear that it is the intention of a considerable number of the old residents of Sandhurst to proceed to Melbourne, in order to show their respect and esteem for their lamented fellow-citizen by being present at the ceremony.

Mr. James Forester Sullivan, who will have been about 60 years of age, was born in Ireland, and proceeded at an early age to America, and fought in the Mexican War, having joined the Louisiana Volunteers, in which force he held the rank of lieutenant. Having been attracted to California in the early days of the gold discovery in that country, he became engaged in trade in San Francisco, and quitted that place in a vessel of his own, in which a large number of passengers were taken to Sydney. Mr. Sullivan there sold his ship, and proceeded to Victoria, and entered into partnership with Mr. Reyfitch, in the jewellery business.

He arrived in Sandhurst in 1853, for some time carrying on business with Mr. Reyfitch, in what was then called Camp-street, now Pall Mall. Subsequently he purchased, at an early Crown land sale, the allotment at the corner of Bull-street and Pall Mall, on which the Commercial Hotel now stands. On this he erected a store, which was well known in the old days as the "Red Store" and here, having obtained the first wine and spirit licence ever issued on Bendigo, he carried on the business of a wine and spirit merchant for some time very successfully.

Ultimately he sold his business to Mr. R. F. Howard, the present manager of the Sandhurst Savings Bank. This was shortly after his election for Mandurang, which constituency he represented for several years. Mr. Sullivan was the prime mover in the establishment of a municipality in Sandhurst, which took place in 1855. At the first election of councillors he was returned at the head of the poll, and was the second chairman of the council.

Together with Mr. T. J. Connolly, J.P., and Mr. Robert Burrowes, M.L.A., he started the first brigade in Sandhurst, in 1855; and himself and the other two gentlemen named were the first officers of the brigade. He was the first president of the committee of the Benevolent Asylum, in the foundation of which he took a very energetic part. It was in 1857 that Mr. Sullivan, with Mr. J. A. Panton, the resident warden of Bendigo and now police magistrate at Geelong, Mr. James Burnside, Mr. D. J. O'Keefe, and others, met together at the Shamrock Hotel, in order to consider the advisability of forming such an establishment, as a large number of persons, chiefly females, were at that time going about the town begging for assistance.

A few months afterwards, through the exertions of these gentlemen, the asylum building was commenced. At the opening of the building Mr. Sullivan delivered a speech, which made a great impression, and is still remembered by those who heard it. Subsequently, in 1872, he performed the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the present extensive Asylum buildings. We should also mention that he was a prime mover in the formation of a Mechanics' Institute in Sandhurst, which was established about the year 1854, and in 1856 he was elected President. It was amongst those who earnestly interested themselves in the establishment of our hospital, and, in fact there was no movement during his residence in Sandhurst which had for its object the advancement of the place and the welfare of the public in which he was not concerned.

Mr. Sullivan was Commissioner of Customs in the third Heales' Ministry, having succeeded Mr. T. Loader in that office. He was also Minister of Mines in the first and second McCulloch Ministries. At the general election in 1874 he was elected for Collingwood, together with Mr. A. L. Tucker and Mr. G. D. Langridge, and his death creates a vacancy in that electorate.

In this brief sketch of the career of the lamented deceased we have endeavored chiefly to show how energetic, useful, and excellent a citizen he was. As a public man he possessed qualities which are invaluable, especially in young communities, and as a politician he made a mark of which he might well have been proud. He was a forcible and fluent speaker, and always commanded attention and respect, whether on the public platform or in Parliament.

In private life he ever exhibited a generous, genial, and amiable disposition. A kinder hearted or more benevolent man it would have been impossible to meet with anywhere. Yet, with all his kindness, and almost womanly softness of character in his communion with friends, and in his dealings towards the unfortunate and the suffering he possessed withal a brave heart, and was endowed with even iron nerves.

It was not in him to flinch when faced by dangers or difficulties, he was indeed, a gentleman and a soldier, every inch of him, and Sir James McCulloch, in the Legislative Assembly last evening, truly described him when he said that "a more independent man, a truer man, or one more sensible and just he had never known."

Mr. Grant, than whom no member of the House knew him better, while endorsing the remarks of the Premier, alluded to the extensive fund of valuable information possessed by Mr. Sullivan gathered from reading and travel. Everyone that knew him will remember how wonderfully well informed he was in ancient and modern history, how intimate his knowledge of the works of the best standard authors; how great his love of the poets; and how retentive his memory with regard to all that he had read.

He was far, however, from being a mere bookworm, for he was a thoroughly practical and highly experienced man – an active worker, a close reasoner, and a thinker who was aided in his conclusions by a well-selected and carefully stored fund of knowledge. Gone at last to his rest, he will leave behind him a memory that will not die in the hearts of his friends so long as they remain on this side of the bourne from whence he is never to return. We have only to add that the deepest sympathy is felt in Sandhurst for Mrs. Sullivan in her affliction.

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SUTHERLAND Hugh (429)

THE SEXAGENARIAN LAW.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 25 July 1888** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. HUGH SUTHERLAND. The death occurred on Friday last at Melbourne of Mr. Hugh Sutherland, who was formerly well-known on Bendigo. The deceased for many years occupied the position of accountant in the Bank of Victoria in Sandhurst. After many years' absence from Sandhurst, he returned some five or six years ago and acted as manager at Mr. James Fawns' brewery. Since leaving Sandhurst he occupied the position of secretary to the management of the Long Tunnel Company, from which he only recently retired. He was 52 years of age at the time of his death.



COUNTRY NEWS. (BY TELEGRAPH FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT. BACCHUS MARSH, SATURDAY.

Article - The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Monday 23 July 1888** - Page 9

WALHALLA, SATURDAY.

Mr Simmonds, the manager of the Bank of Victoria, received a telegram this afternoon stating that Mr Hugh Sutherland suddenly expired in Melbourne last night. The deceased was well known in banking circles in the Sandhurst district, and for the past four years had been secretary to the management of the Long Tunnel Co., a position from which he only recently retired.

Family Notices

Family Notices - The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Monday 23 July 1888** - Page 1

SUTHERLAND. On the 20th inst., at Melbourne, Hugh Sutherland (late of Walhalla), aged 52 years.

SWIFT E / SWIFT Thomas (153)

Transcribed **SWIFT, E**

An **E. Swift** is listed as arriving in Melbourne per the “Asia” on 18.10.1851 from London via Adelaide with his wife and three children but research has been unable to trace him any further.

A **J. Swift** is also variously listed as being involved in Sandhurst with Northcott’s Band, Hallas Band and Westphalen’s Brass Band. No other information available.

The most likely person to qualify for inclusion in the “Pioneers of Bendigo” is Thomas Swift who died in 1882 aged 83. Further research required to confirm a match with the photograph.



DEATH OF MR. THOMAS SWIFT.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 18 August 1882 p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS SWIFT.

At very brief intervals it becomes our painful duty to record the deaths of persons who may be reckoned amongst the pioneers of this city. Dropping off are they one by one like the ripe fruit from the tree. A little while, and the places of all of them will know them no more. Yesterday a Bendigonian of 1854, one of the first arrivals on the field, passed away. Everyone who knew him, will miss the kind old man who for so many years has lived amongst us. We refer to the death of Mr. Thomas Swift, watchmaker and jeweller, of McCrae-street, which took place yesterday morning at eleven o'clock, at the ripe old age of eighty-three years.

The cause of death was general debility and bronchitis. About a week ago the deceased gentleman, who, despite his advanced years, generally enjoyed good health, complained of being unwell, and four days ago was advised to take to his bed, from which he never again rose. Dr. Baumgartner was his medical adviser, and attended closely on Mr. Swift until his death.

Mr. Swift was a native of London, and leaves two children – a son and a daughter. The son has a world-wide reputation as a maker of mathematical instruments, at his establishment in University-street, Strand, London. Mr. Swift, although for so many years a resident of Bendigo, made a name for himself long before he came to the colony, and the different epochs of his life are of more than ordinary interest.

About thirty-five years ago Mr. Swift, who had given evidence, of considerable knowledge of the sciences, was appointed curator of the Adelaide Gallery of Science in the Strand, London, an institution out of which the London Polytechnic sprang. As curator of that institution Mr. Swift delivered lectures on different branches of the sciences, attracting considerable attention in the scientific world.

About that time Barnum visited England for the purpose of securing attractions for his famous Museum in New York. The reputation of Mr. Swift as a scientific lecturer caused Barnum to offer sufficient inducements to Mr. Swift to go to New York under engagement as lecturer for his Museum. He was advertised by Barnum as only American showmen can advertise, under the title of "Professor Swift, the great scientific lecturer," but he appears to have merited the title Barnum bestowed on him.

Mr. Swift remained with Barnum for about four years, and during that time his scientific researches created much interest in New York. He introduced the Drummond light, which was at the time a great novelty. This light was shown from the tops of some of the highest buildings in New York, and so powerful was its illuminating rays that it was plainly visible from the Caskell mountains, about 35 miles from New York. Mr. Swift's lectures on electricity were especially commended, and he soon made a name for himself in American scientific circles.

After remaining in New York for over four years the news of the discovery of gold in Victoria induced him to leave America, and about 27 years ago he landed in Melbourne, and at once came on to Bendigo, and tried his fortune with many others in gold digging. After a lapse of a few years he commenced business, as a watchmaker, in McCrae-street, near the site of his late residence. This was over 20 years ago, and he carried on the same business until his death.

For some considerable time Mr. Swift took an active part in the affairs of the town, and was elected a member of the boards of management of the Hospital and Benevolent Asylum, which positions he held for many years. Latterly, however, Mr. Swift, who, notwithstanding his advanced years, remained in full possession of all his faculties until his death, did not take any prominent part in public matters.

During his residence here he did not give any public display of his scientific learning, although he took a great delight in privately pursuing his scientific researches. As is generally the case with men of high intellectual powers, Mr. Swift was an accomplished chess-player, and only four days before his death played a game with Mr. George Gibbs, one of his most intimate friends.

Mr. Swift had up to a week ago enjoyed such good health that he did not anticipate death so soon as it did overtake him, for about a month ago he bought the shop in which he has carried on business, and subsequently had a garden made at the rear. About ten days ago, acting on the advice of some friends, he made a will. This will was witnessed by two officials of the Colonial Bank, and was then taken away by Mr. Swift.

A couple of days before his death, he was asked if he had settled his affairs, and he replied that everything was safe. However, his friends can find nothing of the will, and Mr. Simpson the Sandhurst representative of the curator for intestate estates, was communicated with, and the estate placed in his hands.

However, Mr. Swift's friends are sanguine that the will will yet be found. A draft of an old will was found in a safe, together with other documents, but not the one required.

The funeral will take place to-day at three o'clock, and will be private according to the request of the deceased. The place of interment will be at the Back Creek cemetery.

Bendigo Cemetery MON B6

Note

The Will of Thomas Swift available on the PROV website is dated July 1882.