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Pioneers of Bendigo

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Transcribed as TAIT J

A photograph of George Tait is included in the Society of Old Bendigonians Photograph Collage produced in about 1879 by William Mariner BENT.

The photograph is the same as the Bendigo Pioneers photograph as J TAIT.



Family Notices

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DEATH.

On the 8th June, at his residence, Nolan-street, Sandhurst, George Tait, late of Kelso, Scotland, aged 51 years.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA. ADELAIDE, 9th Jube.

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DEATH OF MR. GEORGE TAIT.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. George Tait, late of the firm of Lewis and Tait, tailors, of Pall Mall, which took place at his residence, in Nolan-street, on Thursday night last. Mr. Tait has been identified with the district for a very long period, and was connected with the tailoring branch of the Beehive for some years. On leaving that establishment, he entered into partnership with Mr. J. F. Lewis, and this continued until about three months since, when Mr Tait's failing health compelled him to retire from the turmoil of a business life.

He was a man of unassuming disposition, but a perfect gentleman, and the kind, courteous manner which he displayed in business, as also in private life, gained for him numbers of patrons and friends, who will hear with regret of his demise. The funeral of the deceased gentleman will take place today, leaving his late residence at three o'clock.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D3 Aged 51 years.

His wife Eliza Tait died 17.3.1903

Notes

*George Tait born 1825, son of Thomas and Sarah TAIT.
George Tait (clothier and outfitter) married Eliza Armstrong in 1870 in Victoria.
George Tait died 8.6.76. Probate granted 8.6.1876.*

TAME George (145)

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER. (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS AND OUR RESOURCES. BENDIGO, MONDAY, DEC. 14, 1896. THE EXPORT OF FRUIT.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 14 December 1896** p 2 Article

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT.

Mr. George Tame,

an old resident of Back Creek, died on Saturday at the advanced age of 87. Mr. Tame was a native of London, where he was born in 1809, and he left the old country as far back as 1832 in the ship *Rubicon*, bound for Sydney. The vessel put in at Hobart, and Mr. Tame stayed there for a few years. He then spent some time in California, and subsequently came to Melbourne, where he took contracts for plastering.



He came to Bendigo in 1862, and has lived in Sheepwash road ever since. He leaves a widow and five children. The eldest is in San Francisco, two sons are in Sydney, a daughter is a stewardess in one of the intercolonial boats, and another daughter is married to Mr. Frank Brown, junr. Mr. Tame, who was a shipmate of the late Mr. A. Fraser, M.L.C., was much respected by a numerous body of friends, who will regret to hear of his death.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, the place of interment being the Bendigo Cemetery.

Bendigo Cemetery MON B7

TAMLYN John (22)

DEATH OF MR. JOHN FAMLYN. WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 11 September 1913** p 2 Article Illustrated

DEATH OF MR. JOHN TAMLYN. WELL KNOWN CITIZEN.

At the of 79 years, Mr. John Tamlyn, a well-known and highly esteemed resident of Bendigo, passed away early yesterday morning at his residence, in Short-street.

The late Mr. Tamlyn was born in Devonshire. He emigrated to Australia in 1857, landing in Melbourne, where he followed his trade as a carpenter for some years. In 1870 he journeyed to Bendigo, which was then becoming famous as a quartz reef field, and in partnership with Mr. William Maynard he erected the machinery at many of the mines.



Subsequently he became associated with Messrs. W. B. Gray and Nichol as railroad contractors, and included in the lines built by the firm were the Echuca to Tatura railway and the Maldon to Shelbourne railway, as well as many other less important extensions. The Maldon to Shelbourne line was the last constructed by Mr. Tamlyn, and he retired to settle permanently in Bendigo, where he has resided ever since.

He was of a retiring disposition, but was well liked by all with whom he came in contact. His wife, who was well-known as organist at St. Kilian's Pro-Cathedral and the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart for many years, died in July, 1911, and since her death Mr. Tamlyn lived alone at the corner of Short and Mackenzie streets. They had no family. He was an uncle of Mrs. James Curnow (of Woodstock West), Mrs. S. Jenkin (of Ballarat), and Messrs. A. Tamlyn (Melbourne) and W. and I. Tamlyn (of Broken Hill). These are the only relatives he had in Australia, and during his last illness he was attended by Mrs. Curnow and Mrs. Jenkin.

The late Mr. Tamlyn was a musical enthusiast. In Devonshire he was known as "the singing boy" in the village choir, and he always had a passion for choral work. Before coming to Bendigo he was a member of the Church of England Choir in Maldon. At St. Kilian's Church, Bendigo, he was for some time a prominent member of the choir, and rose to be its conductor.

His first work in Bendigo was the erection of the machinery for the Hustler's mine. His last contract was putting up the Fortuna battery.

The funeral will take place to-day, leaving for the Bendigo Cemetery at 4 o'clock.

Bendigo Cemetery MON F3

TARDIF/TARDIFF George (386)

LEGAL PROFESSIONS AMALGAMATION.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 9 October 1885 p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR G. TARDIF. Last evening Mr G. Tardif, of McRae-street, who was well-known in Sandhurst, passed away. Mr Tardif was 55 years of age, and was a very old Bendigonian, having been here for about 30 years.

In 1860 the deceased was in business in Pall Mall with Messrs McKenzie and Co., saddlers, and was in partnership with that firm for some years. Subsequently he bought the business.



About 12 months ago he was attacked with gout in the wrist, and was, owing to this, unable to work at his trade. During the last five months he had had several severe attacks, and was compelled to take to his bed on Tuesday. He suffered great pain, and died peacefully about half-past six last evening. Dr Hugh Boyd attended the deceased.

He was one of the first founders of the Bendigo Jockey Club, and some years back took a great interest in public matters. The funeral will take place to-day.

Bendigo Cemetery MON B3

TATCHELL Thomas (20)

THE DEATH OF MR. THOMAS TATCHELL. (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) INGLEWOOD, 23rd December.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 24 December 1892** p 6 Article

THE DEATH OF MR. THOMAS TATCHELL.
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
INGLEWOOD, 23rd December.

The announcement of the demise of Mr. Thomas Tatchell, J.P., of Inglewood, was received this morning with regret, the residents fully recognising the fact that they had lost one of their leading and most enterprising townsmen. Flags were hoisted half-mast high at the Town Hall, Hospital, Fire Brigade, and business establishments in the borough, and the business houses were also shuttered.



The death of our old friend was not unexpected. A little over 12 months ago, he had to submit to a very painful operation in having a cancer removed from his tongue. This was borne with heroic fortitude, a characteristic type in the deceased gentleman's life; and although for some months he was compelled to keep to his own room, his numerous friends were again pleased to subsequently see him well and about again.

Up to a few months ago, he was enabled to attend to his ordinary business and private duties, but latterly it was plainly noticeable that his health was fast failing. Some weeks ago he was attacked with dropsy, and his medical advisers considered it necessary to perform an operation, which was successfully effected, and gave temporary relief to the sufferer.

Death, however, eventually claimed its own, the deceased gentleman passing away peacefully as previously stated in yesterday's issue in presence of his wife and Mr. and Mrs. W. Tatchell, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Tatchell, Mr. E. Tatchell, and the two youngest daughters. The deceased's brother, Mr. W. F. Tatchell, M.L.A., was unable to reach here until yesterday evening, and the two other sons, Messrs. C. and T. Tatchell, were present afterwards.

Mr. Tatchell, who was 62 years of age, was a native of London, and arrived in the colony in 1852 – about 12 months after his brother. They first met on the Wedderburn goldfield, and from there travelled to Ballarat, where, in mining pursuits, they became closely connected with Mr. Duncan Gillies and other well-known celebrities, many of whom have since gone to their last resting place. As years rolled on, and new fields attracted the early settlers, so did the Messrs. Tatchell visit new localities, such as Talbot and Avoca, eventually reaching Inglewood in 1859.

Shortly after their arrival they became proprietors of the Royal Hotel and theatre, which was opened on the 10th March, 1860, but unfortunately the buildings were destroyed, in addition to many others by what old identities will remember as "the great Inglewood fire." The brothers afterwards built the present well-known Royal Hotel and hall, where they carried on a very remunerative business.

Some years ago Mr. W. F. Tatchell went to reside at Dunolly, though the partnership still existed, and the business of this well-known hostelry supervised by the now deceased gentleman. As a townsman he will be sorely missed. He was one of our oldest borough councillors, and on three or four occasions filled the mayoral chair. As an honorary magistrate he was strictly attentive to his duties, and his decisions at all times it may be safely said were never questioned.

In his office as a committeeman of the hospital, he proved himself an indefatigable worker, and was at all times to the fore in endeavoring to advance the interests of that institution. The deceased was connected with many other public institutions, in fact his name might be associated with every possible movement tending to foster the prosperity of the borough. He was a firm supporter of outdoor sport, especially cricket, and oftentimes your representative has seen him in convivial conversation with Mr. W. Bruce (president of the B.U.C.C.) entertaining each other with pleasant reminiscences of the good old days when they used to "wield the willow."

Sincere sympathy is expressed for the family in their deep bereavement, and many messages of condolence have been forwarded to his widow by kind and sympathetic friends. The death of Mr. Tatchell is considerably trying to his brother, Mr. W. F. Tatchell, M.L.A., as it is only about a fortnight ago that the latter lost his wife, a lady who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her.

The funeral took place this afternoon. The coffin was taken from deceased's late residence to St. Augustine's Church, where the impressive service of the Church of England was performed by the Rev. Rowland Hayward, the sacred edifice being filled with the friends of the deceased, who evinced marked feelings of sorrow throughout the solemn proceedings.

The funeral thence was very largely attended, and in addition to the several members of the family, were the mayor and borough councillors, the leading citizens, and many from the whole of the surrounding districts, including Newbridge, Bridgewater, Wedderburn, Serpentine and other outlying places. The last solemn rites of the church were solemnized by the Rev. Rowland Hayward. The mortuary arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. Farmer, of Bendigo.

His wife Eliza Tatchell died in 1907.

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Monday 16 December 1907 p 8 Article

OBITUARY.

It is with regret I have to record (writes our Inglewood correspondent) the death of Mrs. Eliza H. Tatchell, widow of the late Mr. Thomas Tatchell, J.P. The deceased lady, who was a very long resident of the borough, had been a sufferer for some time from paralysis, which terminated fatally just before 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Tatchell was a lady well known and much esteemed, and the bereaved family have the sympathy of a very large circle of friends. One of her sons is Mr. W. F. Tatchell, a well-known local townsman. Another is Mr. Geo. H. Tatchell, of the well-known Bendigo firm of solicitors of Connelly, Tatchell and Dunlop. Other sons are Mr. Chas. Tatchell, manager of the London Bank at Casino, N.S.W.; Mr. Thos. Tatchell, of the Senit Ice Factory, Melbourne, and Captain E. C. Tatchell, who served in South Africa. One daughter is married to Mr. Warnock, manager of the Geelong branch of the Bank of New South Wales; another was just recently married to the Rev. J. H. Dewhurst, of Murtoa, and another remained with her mother. Mrs. Tatchell was 67 years of age.

TAYLOR James (397)

DEATH OF MR. JAMES TAYLOR.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 23 September 1901** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. JAMES TAYLOR.

The intimation that Mr. James Taylor, the well-known sharebroker, died at his residence, "Ellerslie", California Gully, will be received with widespread regret.

The sad event took place at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, after Mr. Taylor had suffered from a trying illness extending over six months. When his familiar and genial presence was missed from under the verandah at the Beehive Exchange, and it was learned that he had been stricken with illness, the daily inquiries concerning his health were frequent, and his many friends at the Exchange and elsewhere continued to evince keen anxiety for his return to health and strength.



He suffered from cirrhosis at the outset, and when a dropsical complaint intervened his condition grew so serious that Dr. Atkinson, his medical adviser took a grave view of the case. During the last two months his health fluctuated a good deal, but latterly his end was daily expected. Mr. Taylor was only in his 59th year.

The deceased citizen was one of the prominent speculators when the great quartz reefing boom of the early seventies broke out, and from that time onward his association with Bendigo mining interests was close and active.

He was a native of Paisley, Scotland, and on coming to Victoria in 1859, he set out for the Bendigo gold diggings, but after working for a short time here he was attracted to New Zealand by the gold rushes at Gabriel's Gully and the West Coast. In 1862, however, he returned to Bendigo, as his New Zealand enterprise was not up to expectations. After following mining for some time, he entered into the employment of a relative who was at that time engaged in contracting amongst the mines.

Mr. Taylor's natural abilities and enterprising spirit, however, urged him on to try and carve out his fortune by speculation, and when the quartz reefing era set in, he at once became prominent as a speculator at the Exchange. He met with very satisfactory success, amassing a good deal of wealth. His success continued during the years of the well-remembered boom. He was one of the party instrumental in establishing an exchange in opposition to the old Mining Exchange, which then conducted its business at the Victoria Hotel. Neither of these exchanges was of a permanent character, and out of them was established the present Beehive Exchange. Mr. Taylor remained in Bendigo until 1889, when he joined the Melbourne Exchange, and did an extensive business in silver shares.

He remained for between two and three years, and then returned to Bendigo and took his place once more under the verandah, where he was in daily evidence until his illness forced him to take to his bed. He was chairman of the Bendigo Exchange from 1880 till 1889, and again for two years after his return from Melbourne.

As a mining speculator he displayed that business acumen which earned for him the reputation of being one of the keenest men amongst the group that in bygone years practically controlled the Exchange. His geniality was proverbial, and he was not only respected for his own personality, but strong clientele. His death is sadly remindful of the fact that there are only a few of the band of big speculators whose transactions were at times sensational, now left in Bendigo.

He leaves a widow and six daughters and two sons to mourn their loss. Mr. John Taylor, his eldest son, is at present a prominent member of the Bendigo Stock Exchange. One of his daughters is wedded to Mr. H. Hattam, formerly a bank manager at Kerang, and now in West Australia. Another is married to the Rev. J. Rouse, Wesleyan minister, of Stawell, who is known to many residents of Bendigo.

It is probable that the Beehive Exchange will close today after the morning room, out of respect to the memory of the deceased member. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock to the Eaglehawk Cemetery, as indicated in a notice elsewhere.

The Late Mr. James Taylor. SYMPATHY OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Monday 23 September 1901

The Late Mr. James Taylor.
SYMPATHY OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE

When the Stock Exchange assembled at the first call yesterday morning it was decided to suspend all business during the day out of respect to the memory of Mr. James Taylor. The chairman (Mr. R. Stevenson) announced the death of one of their oldest and most respected members. It's thought as a tribute of respect that business should be suspended for the day. He therefore moved accordingly, and also that a letter of condolence be sent to the bereaved widow and family.

Mr. G. Willan, in seconding the motion, said he would like to say a few words on behalf of the old members. He had known Mr. Taylor for about 50 years, and had always found him a genial, firm and generous friend. He had known many generous actions that had been performed by him. When chairman of the Bendigo Stock Exchange he was ever courteous and obliging, and no one could say anything disrespectful of him. He regretted the loss of an old friend. They might have had differences, but Mr. Taylor was not a man who bore any malice. He was always ready to make friends again, no matter how much they differed. He could speak of him as a good father and a kind husband, as well as a respected citizen. He had borne his illness with fortitude, without a murmur. He thought the Bendigo and Melbourne Exchanges would feel his loss very much.

Mr. A. B. Harrison, on behalf of the younger members of the Exchange, said that Mr. Taylor had always extended his sympathy and advice to the younger members, who all deeply regretted the loss of such an able veteran.

Later in the day a telegram was received from Mr. J. McWhao, chairman of the Melbourne Stock Exchange, as follows: "The Melbourne Exchange on meeting this morning, immediately adjourned the sitting in respect to the memory of our old and esteemed member, Mr J. Taylor."

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, to the Eaglehawk Cemetery. The cortege consisted of about sixty vehicles,

Eight of the committeemen of the Exchange carried the coffin, which was of polished oak, to the grave in the Wesleyan ground. The burial service was read by the Revs D. Telfer and Heath. The floral tributes were numerous: and were convoyed from the house to the grave in a private vehicle, which followed the mourning coaches. A number of telegrams of sympathy were received by the bereaved family.

Eaglehawk Cemetery MON K

TAYLOR Robert (108)

[THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER. \(PUBLISHED DAILY.\) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHT AND OUR RESOURCES. BENDIGO THURSDAY, NOV. 18, 1897. THE NEW CHARITIES BILL](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 18 November 1897** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT TAYLOR. An old and highly respected resident of Long Gully in the person of Mr. Robert Taylor, died early yesterday morning. The deceased, who was over 70 years of age, was amongst the earliest residents on the Gully, and settled down in Havilah-street, near the junction with the back road to Eaglehawk.

The funeral will take place to-day, leaving the deceased's late residence, for the White Hills Cemetery at half-past 3 o'clock.

White Hills Cemetery MON A1



[Advertising](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 24 November 1855** p 1

Advertising

£2 REWARD.

LOST on the 12th November, from Long Gully, a bay Mare, branded S near jaw, 2 near neck, H near shoulder, A C off shoulder. The above reward will be paid on delivery, or information that will lead to the recovery of the same by **Mr. Taylor** at the Manchester Store, Long Gully.

[MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 31 January 1866** p 2 Article

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

Yesterday afternoon, about three o'clock, Mr Robert Taylor, of the Manchester Store, Long Gully, and his wife, were driving in their buggy down Redan Hill, when just at the turn of the road into their premises the horse became restive, and instead of taking the turn ran up against a mullock heap surrounding an old quartz shaft some twelve feet long by six feet wide, and thirty feet deep.

The sudden stoppage caused by the heap threw Mr and Mrs Taylor out of the vehicle and to the bottom of the shaft. Wonderful to say, they had the presence of mind to creep into a drive, in time to escape being crushed to death by the horse and vehicle, which came tumbling down with a crash.

It appears that immediately after they were pitched into the shaft, the horse and buggy followed, but the buggy caught for a few seconds on the sides of the hole, allowing Mr and Mrs Taylor time to get into the drive, when the kicking and plunging of the horse caused the holdings to give way, and down it and the buggy fell.

Assistance was immediately at hand, and with ropes and staying, the horse not much injured, and the broken buggy were hauled up. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were then drawn up, and found to have sustained but trifling injuries. The former was able to walk about, apparently little the worse, but the latter found it necessary to go to bed. She has sustained a few cuts, but otherwise, beyond the shock to the nervous system, she is not greatly hurt, and will probably be up in a day or two.

THOMAS Matthew (462)

OBITUARY.

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 17 September 1904** - Page 4

OBITUARY.

Mr. Matthew Thomas, an old and respected resident of Golden-square, died yesterday morning, at his residence, Burrowes-street, from asthma and dropsy, at the age of 76 years. The deceased gentleman was a native of Cornwall, and had resided in Golden-square for 50 years.

Mr. Thomas never married. He had a large circle of friends, by whom he was well liked. The funeral will take place to the Kangaroo Flat Cemetery on Sunday afternoon.



OBITUARY.

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

The funeral of the late Mr. Matthew Thomas, a very old and highly respected resident of Burrowes-street, Golden-square, took place yesterday to the Kangaroo Flat Cemetery, the cortege, which included a number of members of the M.U.I.O.O.F. Lodge, of which deceased was a member, being largely attended.

The coffin was borne to the grave in the Methodist portion by Messrs. P. Cullinger, J. Odgers, V. G. Anstee, P. G. Smith, and N. G. S. Richards. The Rev. W. Shaw conducted a short service at the house, and also the burial service, whilst Bro. Bennetts read the lodge service. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Fizelle and Mulqueen.

Kangaroo Flat Cemetery Wesleyan Section

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Matthew Thomas is listed from 1856 as a miner.

Listed at Burrowes Street Golden Square from 1873.

THOMSON George Edward (133)

Transcribed as THOMPSON G E

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE EDWARD THOMSON.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 18 January 1889 p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE EDWARD THOMSON.

Death has removed another of the links that bind the early days of Bendigo to the present, Mr. G. E. Thomson, who died yesterday morning, having been one of the few remaining participators in the agitations which made the years of 1851, 1852, 1853 and 1854 famous in Bendigo history. It has been known for a very long time past that he has been in failing health, and the news of his death will not be much of a surprise.



He was under the treatment of Dr. Atkinson, and it will be remembered that about three months ago he suffered from a very sudden illness, which nearly had a fatal result. His health since then has been very precarious. On Tuesday night he left home with the intention of proceeding to Echuca, and it was thought he had proceeded by the evening train, until Wednesday morning when he was discovered in an unconscious state in his office at Albion Chambers. He was removed to his residence at Hustler's Hill Terrace, but never recovered his senses, and died quietly yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

As Dr. Atkinson was unable to certify to the cause of death it became necessary that a magisterial inquiry should be held. Mr. J. C. Stamp held the inquiry, and the evidence of Dr. Atkinson elicited the fact that death was due to an overdose of chlorodyne, which the deceased was in the habit of taking. It is surmised that Mr. Thomson took the chlorodyne previous to setting out from his office to the railway station, and, taking an overdose, fell into the state of unconsciousness in which he was found. Mr. Stamp recorded a verdict accordingly.

Mr. Thomson, as we have mentioned already, took a foremost part in the movements of early Bendigo, and his name will always be prominently associated with the anti-license agitation. But previous to his advent in Victoria he had taken an active part in English politics.

He was born at Coupar Angus, in Perthshire, Scotland, in 1825. He was very highly connected, many of his relations holding influential positions, his mother being a Miss Oliphant, of Gask, and his father a nephew of General Sir George Elliott. He was educated at Sutton Valence, near Maidstone, in Kent, and also at a Grammar school at Hertfordshire, where he was a schoolmate of the late judge Fellows. He took up his abode in London at the age of 16, becoming connected with a lawyer's office. He came in contact with many prominent men in the world's metropolis, and took a part in the Corn law and Chartist agitations, being intimately acquainted with the leaders of these movements.

In August, 1852, he sailed from England in the ship *Blouenge*, and in November of that year he arrived on the Forest Creek diggings. In April ensuing, he joined the main rush to Bendigo. It was in 1853 that the agitations on the goldfields had reached a height. Not only were the diggers dissatisfied with the iniquitous license fee of 30s. per month, but the whole population was harrassed by the mode in which the authorities collected it, and their tyrannical conduct also in reference to the sale of liquor.

That the people on the goldfields should be treated with such severity did not accord with their notions of the rights and privileges of an English population, and very soon steps were taken to obtain a redress of the grievances under which they labored. This subject has been referred to so often, and the history of the various movements has been given so recently in the columns of the Advertiser, that it will hardly be necessary here to refer to it at great length. Mr. Thomson's prominent connection with it, however, demands a reference to the part he took.

Although the movement was known as the anti-license agitation, its programme provided for an effort to obtain a change in the laws relating to the trade in spirituous liquor, the reduction of the license fee, and enfranchisement of the diggers. The movement of 1853 is well described in an article by Mr. Thomson himself, entitled "Leaves from the diary of an old Bendigonian," which was published in the jubilee history of Victoria.

Mr. Thomson speaks with authority, for he was the leader of this movement on Bendigo. He was a fluent and powerful speaker, and possessed the tact and foresight so necessary in a trusted general. At a meeting held in the Camp Reserve, near where Charing Cross now is, on the 6th June, 1853, the licensing system and the tyrannical proceedings of the camp officials were denounced in no measured terms. A memorial was prepared in reference to this and other questions, and at the end of July it had been signed by 23,000 diggers of Bendigo and Castlemaine, 8,000 signatures from Mclvor swelling it up to 31,000.

The memorial was taken to Melbourne for presentation, Mr. Thomson being one of the delegates, but the reply of the Lieutenant-Governor (Mr. LaTrobe) was, that the Government were not inclined to make any change in the existing laws.

"He was satisfied the diggers were mere grievance mongers, and that he knew what was his duty, and he would do it at all risks. If the diggers troubled the Government much more, he would let them hear how cannon could roar."

While in Melbourne the delegates held a meeting at the Protestant Hall, which was crowded. The delegates made a good impression by their relation of the state of affairs on the goldfields, and an opinion was arrived at by the meeting that efforts should be made to remove as far as possible the grievances complained of. While the delegates were in Melbourne, troops arrived on Bendigo. The raids on the diggers for their licenses were carried out more resolutely than ever, and it was said that public meetings were in future to be prohibited on the goldfield.

On the return of the delegates from Melbourne some 15,000 or 20,000 diggers assembled. The central committee was called together, and it was decided to bring the question to an issue before the end of the month.

"On the 21st of August (to quote 'Young Bendigonian,' writing in this journal), a mass meeting was held at the Hospital Hill, and every digger in sympathy with the movement wore a red ribbon as a badge, and, as may be imagined, red ribbon became a valuable article of stock with the storekeepers.

Mr. Thomson says it may fairly be estimated that 90 per cent. adopted this simple mode of showing their sympathy with the movement. The dangers of a disturbance became very serious, and the camp officials, with their military, were very apprehensive of an attack. Another meeting was held some days later, at which it was decided to tender 10s. as the license fee. Ten persons selected by the meeting went to the camp of the commissioners and tendered the 10s., which was refused, but a promise was made that a messenger should be despatched to Melbourne with an account of what had taken place, and an assurance was given that no molestation would be offered to the people assembled.

The diggers at Waranga and other places were at this time showing an opposition to the tax and the system which prevailed, which would take no denial, and at length the legislature were obliged to take the subject into consideration. The commission to inquire into the grievances of the diggers followed, and eventually resulted in the passing of the Goldfields Bill, in which it was provided that the license fee should be reduced from 30s. per month to 13s, 4d."

In the latter part of 1853 Mr. Thomson and Mr. J. H. Abbott, believing that the establishment of a newspaper in support of the cause of the digging population would be the means of aiding the movement, started the "Diggers' Advocate". That journal was printed in Melbourne, Mr. Thomson and Mr. Ebenezer Syme being the chief contributors. The paper was powerfully written, but the disadvantages against which the originators of it had to contend were too great; and it eventually succumbed.

Mr. Thomson was absent from Bendigo for 12 months after this, during the movement for the total abolition of the license tax which culminated in the Eureka Stockade riots. His name does not figure prominently in subsequent movements until the land question came into prominence in 1857. In July of that year he and Mr. Benson were appointed the Bendigo delegates to the Land Convention held in Melbourne. Mr. Thomson had always held liberal views on the land question, and some years before he had been successful in his efforts to convert into agricultural lands for the people the pastoral land monopolised in the squatting interest by Mr. Hector Norman Simpson. At the close of the land convention Mr. Thomson returned to Sandhurst with an account of the results of his mission, and the eventual success of the movement is well known.

Mr. Thomson then went to the Grampians, near Stawell, on a prospecting tour, gold having been discovered at Ararat and Stawell. His readiness to give a helping hand in any movement which commended itself to him led him to give valuable assistance to the people of Stawell in the matter of the registration of voters. Subsequently Mr. Thomson resided at Castlemaine, where he became associated with Mr. Painter, the well-known solicitor. While there, great reliance was placed in him by the public, on account of his shrewdness and ability.

He resumed his studies for the law which had been discontinued after he left England, and shortly afterwards opened a branch of the firm's business in Daylesford. After being admitted as a solicitor, he continued to practise at Daylesford, and took a leading part in local movements, being elected a member of the borough council.

In 1875 he returned to Sandhurst and became a partner of Mr. J. T. Saunders. Upon the death of the latter he assumed sole control of the business, and has practiced in this city ever since. Mr. Thomson has not been an active participant in public movements for many years, although when the recent New Guinea question was a prominent subject of discussion he was induced to come out of his retirement and speak to one of the motions submitted.

Mr. Thomson was a contributor to the local press, and on two or three occasions lately gave lectures on the early days of Bendigo. To those who were able to claim a long acquaintance with him, however, was but a shadow of his former self, for there was an entire absence of the brilliancy and pointedness which had characterised his speaking when he was able to carry thousands with him in the early days.

Those who knew him best considered Mr. Thomson a man of conspicuous ability, and exceedingly well informed on every variety of subject. He was gifted with an excellent memory, and until late years was able to refer to events of thirty years ago with remarkable accuracy. Although he never occupied any high position as a citizen, his name will ever be associated with the movements of the early days.

And what service can be looked upon with more gratefulness than that performed in laying the foundations of the future greatness of a young community, and in securing for it its first recognition as a power in the State. To Mr. Thomson and other old Bendigonians – many of them now dead – belongs the honor of such an achievement, and upon them and their memories the younger generation must perforce look with respect and veneration.

Mr. Thomson has left a widow and two sons and three daughters. The funeral will take place this morning at 11 o'clock, the place of interment being the Back Creek cemetery.

Bendigo Cemetery MON E4 (not named on headstone)

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THOMPSON James Bogne (271)

THE ELECTION.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Thursday 19 July 1877 p 2 Article

Death of Mr. J. B. Thompson. We learn from the letter of our Melbourne correspondent that Mr. J. B. Thompson, the well-known journalist and cricketer, died in the Melbourne Hospital yesterday. The deceased gentleman was for some time connected with the staff of this journal, and possessed talents of no common order, wielding the pen with great ability, force and vigor. He was an enthusiastic lover of cricket, and compiled several "guides" which met with great favor. By his cricketing comrades and friends he will be affectionately remembered.



[The Argus. PUBLISHED DAILY. "I am in the place where i am demanded of conscience to speak the truth, and, therefore, the truth I speak, impung it whoso list." TO CORRESPONDENTS. Le...](#)

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Saturday 21 July 1877 p 6 Article

Mr. J. B. Thompson, whose connexion with the Victorian press extended over a period of nearly 20 years, died on Wednesday, and his remains were yesterday interred in the Melbourne Cemetery. Mr. Thompson first entered into newspaper life at Ballarat in the early days of that gold field, and he subsequently became identified with the press both in Melbourne and Sandhurst. As a writer, his abilities were of a high order and he obtained a distinguished position in his profession. His name will also be remembered as an active promoter of cricket, rowing and other manly sports in which he was very proficient. During his career he made many friends, by whom his loss will be deplored.

CRICKET.

Article - *The Australasian (Melbourne, Vic. : 1864 - 1946) Saturday 21 July 1877 - Page 12*

CRICKET.

Death of Mr. J. B. Thompson. In the early days of cricket in this colony few persons were better known than the subject of this notice, whose death we have to announce. In athletic Sports of all kinds Mr. Thompson took an active interest, more particularly cricket, rowing and football, in all of which he was no mean proficient. As a cricketer Mr. Thompson has taken part in Intercolonial and international matches, and in one of the latter, that of Victoria v. Parr's eleven, he scored 1 and 25, getting the highest score in the second innings.

As an old Cambridge man (he graduated at Trinity College, of which his brother is now master), Mr. Thompson obtained home celebrity as an oarsman, and his love of aquatic sports prompted him to devote much time to their advancement here, whilst he was one of the select few to introduce the game of football, and draw up that simple code of rules which has found so much favour amongst those who now indulge in that popular pastime.

Mr. Thompson was for many years connected with the press, and his practical knowledge of sporting subjects enabled him to embellish the dry details of sport in such a manner as to make them acceptable to general readers. He edited the Cricketers' Guide for two or three years, and the style in which the intercolonial matches were reported has never been equalled since.

His early death, for he was only in the prime of life, is to be regretted by his many friends. He died in Melbourne on Wednesday last, and the funeral took place yesterday at the Melbourne cemetery. (*Aged 48 years*).

From Wikipedia

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J. B. Thompson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J._B._Thompson)

TIPPING Thomas (174)

Family Notices

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 2 March 1867** p 2 Family Notices

DEATH.

On the 28th February, at his residence, Happy Valley, Mr Thomas Tipping, aged thirty-nine, eldest son of Mr Jonathan Tipping, Seven Oaks, Kent, England. Home papers please copy.



THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER PUBLISHED DAILY. PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. | SANDHURST SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1867 AFTER THE VOTE.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 2 March 1867** p 2 Article

SUDDEN DEATH. An inquest was held yesterday by the District Coroner, at the deceased's residence, Happy Valley, on the body of Thomas Tipping, miner, who died suddenly in his house about three o'clock on the afternoon of the 28th ultimo. From the evidence of John Gardner, brother-in-law of deceased, it appeared that on Sunday night about eleven o'clock, deceased was brought home very drunk by two men named Angel and Barber, from Mason's restaurant. His dress was all loose, his shirt was up to his shoulders, and there were marks of violence on his back.

Upon being questioned as to how he had got the marks, he replied that he had been fighting, and a man named Langdon had kicked him in the ribs. Deceased was put to bed, but was up and about the house during the three following days, during which time he had several drinks of beer, and brandy and water. On Wednesday afternoon he lay down in the passage to enjoy the draft when his breathing became difficult, and he shortly died.

A post mortem examination was made by Dr Betham who said death had resulted from congestion of the lungs and brain, but whether from natural causes or intemperance he could not say. Death had not been caused by external violence to deceased's body. Dr Hoyle, the medical attendant of deceased, said that deceased's habits for the last three or four years had been very intemperate. The jury gave a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

Bendigo Cemetery MON E2. Aged 39 years.

CRICKET. B.U.C.C v SOUTH BENDIGO.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 1 March 1867** p 2 Article

SUDDEN DEATH. Yesterday Mr Thos Tippin, (*Tipping*) of Happy Valley, one of the shareholders in the Adventure Company, expired very suddenly at his residence. He had been unwell for the last day or two, but yesterday morning he was sufficiently well to go out. An inquest will be held today.

Death of Mrs. Agnes Tipping

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 20 December 1910** p 7 Article

An old resident of Bendigo, Mrs. Agnes Tipping, of Happy Valley, passed away at an early hour yesterday morning. Mrs. Tipping was born on 28th June, 1825, and was therefore 85 years of age. She came to Australia in 1854 with her father, Mr. Gardiner, and the other members of the family, eight in all. She arrived in Bendigo in the following year, and lived for a short time at Epsom and then removed to Ironbark.

In 1857 she married the late Mr. Thomas Tipping, who was well known in after years as a successful mining investor. He died about 40 years ago. Mrs. Tipping has lived in the same house in which she died, in Union-street, Happy Valley, ever since 1857. She leaves two sons, the elder, Thomas, being in North Queensland, and the younger, Mr. Jonathan Tipping, who, with his family, resides in a house adjoining Mrs. Tipping's.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Tipping and family she was indebted for every comfort and attention during her last illness, which has extended over the last few weeks. Mrs. Tipping's father, Mr. Gardiner, died at her house 24 years ago, also at the age of 85. Mrs. Tipping's brother, Mr. John Gardiner, still survives.

Mrs. Tipping, owing to her advanced age and infirmity, had been confined to her house for many years, but she occupied a place in the minds of many friends, who remembered her generosity, kindness of heart and other estimable qualities in earlier years. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock, the place of interment being the Bendigo General Cemetery, where her husband lies buried.

TUPPER William (247)

PERSONAL ITEMS

Article - The Ballarat Star (Vic. : 1865 - 1924) **Tuesday 13 March 1906** - Page 1

Another old and widely known pioneer of Victoria, in the person of Mr William Tupper, J.P., died at his residence, Laanecoorie, on Saturday. The deceased gentleman was a native of Nova Scotia, British Columbia, and was born in 1829.

He came to Victoria in 1852, and after working on various diggings, commenced storekeeping in the Bendigo district. In 1859 he went to Laanecoorie, where he has since carried on farming and grazing. Mr Tupper, who was 76 years of age, was a brother of Sir Charles Tupper, a former Premier of the Dominion of Canada.



OBITUARY. DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM TUPPER.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 13 March 1906** p 3 Article

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM TUPPER.

The death occurred on Saturday of Mr. William Tupper, of Laanecoorie, at the age of 77 years. Mr. Tupper was a member of the original Marong Road Board, which held its first meeting in July, 1861. When the board became the Marong Council, in 1864, he continued to be a member, and his municipal services extend over the long period of 44 years. He retired in August last year, owing to his health, and the Marong Council decided subsequently to suitably recognise his lengthy services to the shire.

Cr. Sargood, in moving that an illuminated address be presented to Mr. Tupper, said that that gentleman, was practically the father of the Council at its inception, and remained a member almost uninterruptedly until his recent retirement.

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His death, which was due to general break-up of the system, will be learned with regret in Bendigo and surrounding districts.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Article - The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Friday 6 April 1906** - Page 3

The death of ex-Cr. Tupper, who. until his retirement from the Marong Shire Council through ill-health, was generally recognised as the father of municipal councillors, was regrestfully referred to by the president, Cr. Bailey, at the Marong Shire Council meeting yesterday. During his connection with the council, which dated back from 1861, the president stated Mr. Tupper had always proved himself an able member, and his death was a matter of deep sorrow to all. He moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the bereaved relatives, and after other members of the council had expressed their regret the motion was agreed to.

Wills and Estates.

Article - Weekly Times (Melbourne, Vic. : 1869 - 1954) **Saturday 5 May 1906**

Wills and Estates.

William Tupper, late of Laanecoorie, farmer, who died on 10th March last, left estate valued at £2525 to his children.

PERSONAL.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 6 August 1903** p 2 Article

The many friends of Mrs. Elizabeth Tupper, wife of Cr. William Tupper, the popular veteran councillor of the Shire of Marong, will regret to hear of her death.

The sad event took place yesterday at her residence, Laanecoorie. The deceased lady was 71 years of age.

The funeral has been arranged to start for the Eddington Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Friday.