

## V Surnames

### Pioneers of Bendigo

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## VAHLAND W C (74)

### DEATH OF Mr. W. C. VAHLAND. ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES

*Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Thursday 22 July 1915 p 2 Article Illustrated*

#### DEATH OF MR W. C. VAHLAND. ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES.

For some months the health of Mr. W. C. Vahland, the veteran architect, has been visibly failing. Yet with characteristic persistency he attended to his business matters almost to the end. It was only about a fortnight ago that he had to keep to his room. Death took place yesterday morning at six o'clock at his residence, No. 1 Hustler's Hill Terrace. Dr. H. A. De Ravin had been in attendance. The funeral takes place to the Bendigo Cemetery, leaving Mr. Vahland's late residence at four o'clock this afternoon.



It can be literally said of the late Mr. William Charles Vahland that he "left his mark" in Bendigo. Possibly in no other city in Australia did one man design so many of the more prominent, public and private buildings as did the late Mr. Vahland in Bendigo. The full force of this remark may be felt in enumerating a few of these buildings which arose on the lines of his architecture – The Town Hall, the Hospital, the Benevolent Asylum, the School of Mines and Mechanics' Institute, the Royal Princess's Theatre, the Masonic Hall, the Jewish Synagogue, the National, Colonial and Commercial Banks, the Alexandra Fountain at Charing Cross, and "Fortuna", the residence of Mr. George Lansell. In many a northern town the art of Mr. Vahland is to be seen in the architecture of the leading banks, churches, and hotels, and other large buildings.

Mr. Vahland was born at Nienburg, on the River Weser, in Hanover, on 2nd October, 1828. At that time the British King George the Fourth was on the throne of Britain and ruled over Hanover. The connection between Hanover and Britain was separated when Queen Victoria came to the throne in 1837. The law of Hanover forbade a queen.

Thus Mr. Vahland had lived in the reigns of four Kings and one Queen – George the Fourth, William the Fourth, Victoria, Edward the Seventh, and George the Fifth. It was not until 1866 that Hanover was annexed by Prussia. Long before that Mr. Vahland had come to Victoria.

Mr. Vahland received the rudiments of his architectural knowledge in the technical college in his native town, but, when 18 years of age he proceeded to the Polytechnic school at Holzminden, where art, architecture and engineering were taught completely and with characteristic German thoroughness.

The State examinations he passed with eulogistic official commendations, and before settling down to the practice of his profession he spent a period in travel – one of the most profitable things an architect can do not only from the aspect of physical recreation, social enjoyment and pleasure, but in extending his conceptions of architecture, Mr. Vahland's travel experience proved a splendid asset.

After practising in the cities of Bremen and Hamburg, he was in 1851 appointed engineer of a section of the railway in course of construction between Hanover and Cassel. He resigned to start as an architect in the Hanoverian city of Deifholz. But the glowing reports of gold discoveries in Australia, proved as unsettling to the young men of Germany as anywhere on the continent, and as a result Australia attracted to its shores Mr. Vahland amongst the thousands of other splendid colonists from Germany.

Mr. Vahland arrived in Melbourne in 1854, and within three days left with three companions for Bendigo. Having been told gruesome stories of the ferocity of the natives, and the depredations by bands of bushrangers, and other fierce outlaws, the quartet left Melbourne armed with cutlasses and pistols. On the journey one of them nightly mounted guard. They created a mirthful sensation on arriving at the camp at Kangaroo Flat. Then, seeing their fears had been groundless they threw their cutlasses into holes. No one laughed louder than they.

He had no luck with the pick and shovel, and as the demand for architectural skill was not great in erecting the structures of those days he followed his inclinations in constructive work by working as a carpenter. The man who gave Mr. Vahland his first start in woodworking was the late Mr. Nelson Jones, and it was in the furnishing and fitting of the Crown Hotel, Hargreaves-street.

It was on this occasion that Mr. Vahland attempted his one and only piece of brick work. Mr. Jones insisted upon his building a kitchen chimney. Mr. Vahland told him that the ground might be honeycombed by miners' drives, but Mr. Jones said he would take the risk. The chimney was built satisfactorily, but after a wet night, it could not be seen. It had disappeared, having sunk bodily into underground workings. He often related the story of this incident in subsequent years with gusto. After being in business in Bridge-street for twelve months – then regarded as one of the most important business thoroughfares – in making cradles and other diggers' accessories, "Long Tom" cradles being the specialty. Mr. Vahland started in his profession as an architect in 1857.

His connection with the Bendigo Mutual Permanent Land and Building Society, Bull-street, runs away back to the year 1858. On the night of 9th July, 1858 he and over 60 other gentlemen attended the inaugural meeting of the Bendigo Land and Building Society. This society terminated on 6th November, 1865, and on the same day the "Permanent" society was born. The present society is merely a continuation of the old one, as the shareholders transferred their money to it. During the 50 years' history of the "Permanent" society Mr. Vahland was for 38 years the chairman and managing director. He retained his keen interests and practical oversight, in the affairs of the society almost to the end.

For years he was a director of the Bendigo Gas Company, and sat as a director of the Bendigo Cognac Distillery Company. For years he was also on the committees of the Bendigo Hospital and the School of Mines, He was for many years secretary of the Golden and Corinthian Lodge of Freemasons. In 1904 he published a history of Freemasonry in Bendigo. He was a P.D.G.M. of the Order.

For over 40 years he served as a justice of the peace, and was an ex-mayor of the city. The late Mr. Vahland many years ago acquired a fine property of 800 acres near Elmore, known as the Charter House Estate, where he put a large acreage under wine producing vines.

Mr. Vahland was married in 1859 at "Charter House" to Miss Jane Barrow, and there was a family of seven. Mrs. Vahland survives, and is enjoying good health. One of the sons, Mr. Harry Vahland, is dead. The other members of the family are Messrs. Fritz B. Vahland, Elmore; Otto Vahland, Atlas Fire Insurance, Co., Melbourne; Mrs. Krome, Melbourne; Mrs. C. W. Wood, Melbourne, and the Misses Alice and Marjorie Vahland.

*Bendigo Cemetery MON H1*

## VALENTINE / VALLENTINE George (242)

*Cemetery records search finds George VALENTINE.*

*Surname VALLENTINE on the headstone.*

### THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, MONDAY, OCT. 25, 1880.

**Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Monday 25 October 1880 - Page 2**

#### DEATH OF ANOTHER OLD BENDIGONIAN.

The numerous friends of Mr. George Vallentine, late manager of the Bank of Victoria, in Sandhurst, will regret to learn of that gentleman's decease, which took place on Saturday at his residence, on the Dandenong road, Windsor.

Mr. Vallentine was 55 years of age at the time of his death, having been born in Bogmuir, in Kincardine Shire, Scotland, in the year 1825. He arrived in Victoria in the year 1852, twenty-eight years ago, and was appointed manager of the Bank of Victoria, in Sandhurst, which he was instrumental in founding in the year 1852.



Mr. Vallentine shortly afterwards left for Mauritius, (1859) where another branch of the same bank was started. After two years' absence he returned to Sandhurst and continued in charge of the Bank of Victoria up to a few years ago, since which he was for a short time manager of the National Bank.

Mr Vallentine leaves a son and a daughter, both of whom are grown up; his wife (Jane Hardy) died in the year 1860. The son is on a station in New South Wales, while the daughter has resided with her father at Windsor. Mr. Vallentine did not interest himself much outside of commercial and banking affairs, and was of rather a retiring disposition. He was greatly respected by all who knew him, his generous and kind disposition rendering him deservedly popular.

He was a member of St. Andrew s Presbyterian Church. The remains of Mr. Vallentine will, by his own wish, be interred in the Back Creek cemetery alongside those of his wife, and the funeral will move from the railway station at half-past four o'clock this afternoon.

**THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, TUESDAY, OCT. 26, 1880. THE BERRYS.**

**Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 26 October 1880**

FUNERAL OF THE LATE Mr. G. VALLENTINE.

Yesterday afternoon the remains of the late Mr. Geo. Vallentine arrived by the afternoon train from Melbourne, for interment in the Back Creek Cemetery, in accordance with the wish of the deceased gentleman. The corpse was met at the railway station by a number of his friends, who formed the funeral cortege. Upon arrival at the cemetery the funeral service was conducted by the Rev. James Groundwater, Presbyterian minister, of which denomination the deceased was a member.

In reference to the notice of Mr. Vallentine's death, which we published yesterday, a correspondent mentions that an inaccuracy occurred in the dates. He says "The Bendigo branch of the Bank of Victoria was not opened until the end of 1853; prior to that date the late Mr. E. N. Emmett conducted banking business in the building, which was afterwards purchased by the Bank of Victoria.

*Bendigo Cemetery MON D3*

## VAN DAMME Karl (465)

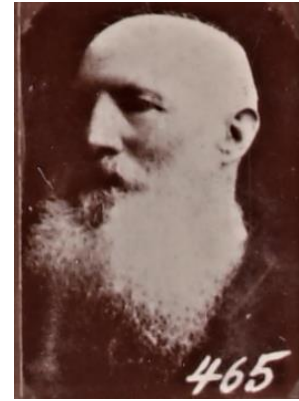
### OBITUARY. MR. KARL VAN DAMME. J.P.. J.F.

*Bendigo Advertiser* (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 6 March 1918** p 4 Article

#### OBITUARY.

MR. KARL VAN DAMME, J.P.

The death occurred at his residence, "Malmo", View Hill, Bendigo, at 10 o'clock last night, of Mr. Karl Van Damme, one of the oldest residents of Bendigo, at the age of 89 years. He was a son of the late Captain Johan Van Damme, a distinguished Swedish officer, and a descendant of Napoleon's fame: General Van Damme, while his mother was Caroline Berg, of a well-known Swedish family.



He arrived in Australia, attracted by the stories of gold, when about 20 years old, and came straight to Bendigo in 1852, purchasing a partnership in a tobacconist business, which was carried on for about a year. Returning to Melbourne, he accepted a position under the British Government in the Consulate of Fiji, and returned to Melbourne in 1861, where he married Martha Hinds, daughter of the late William Hinds, proprietor of the Treasury Hotel, Spring-street, Melbourne. He then entered the service of the Victorian Government in the Mining and Water Supply department, of which he was paymaster.

Retiring from that position in 1872, he returned to Bendigo, and bought the well-known tobacco business of Mr. Charles Schlemme, which he has carried on successfully ever since. He was for many years a plucky mining speculator, and had great confidence in the mines. Mr. Van Damme was one of Bendigo's best-known figures, and performed his duties as a justice of the peace until recently. He was president of the Bendigo Hospital for some time.

Being of an extremely charitable and kind disposition, he was greatly loved by all. No poor ever left his doors unaided, and persons came from far and near for his assistance. His letters to the Bendigo "Advertiser" during his travels around the world were favorably commented on both by the people here and in the old country, and in recognition of them he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society (F.R.G.S.). He was also a literary contributor to the "Australasian" and "Argus" in the early days.

He attained the age of 88 years in April last, and a family of two sons and three daughters survive him, viz., James and John, and Caroline, Josephine and Mrs. Claude Watts. His son James is at present with the South African Regiment. Mr. Van Damme was knocked down in Pall Mall nearly three years ago by a horse backing on him, and he never recovered from the shock. The deceased will be privately interred at the Bendigo Cemetery this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

*Bendigo Cemetery MON F3*



## VON DER HEYDE Henry (476)

Photo not included in original photo compilation. One of six photos attached to the original owned by Sandhurst Trustees.

### OBITUARY.

*Bendigo Advertiser* (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 9 March 1907** p 5 Article

An erstwhile prominent figure in Bendigo mining circles, in the person of Mr. Henry Von der Heyde, passed away yesterday at his residence, Barkly-street, St. Kilda. The deceased gentleman was for many years one of the leading legal managers in Bendigo, and on retiring some 20 years ago he transferred his interests to Mr. H. Y. North, who subsequently took into partnership Mr. J. G. Stanfield.

The late Mr. Von der Heyde, after his removal from Bendigo to the metropolis entered upon share broking pursuits, and in the Melbourne Stock Exchange, as in Bendigo, he was held in the highest esteem. He retained his interests in numerous Bendigo mines and thus was a frequent visitor to this city. Death was due to a general break up of the system. He leaves a widow but no family. He was 81 years of age.

### SANDHURST MUTUAL PERMANENT INVESTMENT AND BUILDING SOCIETY.

*Bendigo Advertiser* (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 15 December 1886** p 2 Article

SANDHURST MUTUAL PERMANENT INVESTMENT AND BUILDING SOCIETY.

The fifth annual meeting was held last evening at the office of the manager, Mr. H. Von der Hyde. There were 16 shareholders present: Mr. L. Robertson in the chair. ....

Mr Neeson ..... and spoke very Highly of Mr Von der Hyde's management, to which was mainly due the society's progress. There was a great deal of work to be done, and he was certain that if Mr Von der Hyde did not take such a deep interest in the society's affairs they would not be so far forward. He thought the society was one of the most cheaply worked in the whole colony.

### Notes

*Born 1826 as Heinrich Christoph von der Hyde in Lübeck, Germany.*

*Certificate of Naturalization dated 22.4.1862 with age listed as 35 years, address as Sandhurst and occupation as quartz miner.*

*Henry Christopher von der Heyde (Anglicized name) married Janet (Jessie) Wallace Nicoll in 1861 in Victoria. Jessie died 21.4.1913.*

*Henry von der Heyde died 8.3.1907 and is buried at Boroondara Cemetery.*