

W Surnames

Pioneers of Bendigo

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WALKER Donald (399)

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 7 January 1908** p 3 Article

OBITUARY.

One of the oldest Scottish residents of Bendigo, in the person of Mr. Donald Walker, of Moran-street, passed away last night at the age of 79 years. The deceased gentleman, who was a native of Campbelltown, Argyleshire, Scotland, came out to Australia in the sailing vessel *Fanny*, landing in Melbourne in August, 1852. He was then a young man 24 years of age, and with a company of nine shipmates started directly from the ship on a tramp to Bendigo.



The conditions on the hundred-mile journey were very primeval, and the walk occupied 10 days. Arriving at the diggings, the party halted at Kangaroo Flat, and subsequently dispersed. However, four of them remained together, and in the first hole they sunk gold was discovered, and £250 was distributed amongst the quartet as the result of a few days' work. Mr. Walker used to relate many similar incidents with great gusto, and his reminiscences of early Bendigo were always full of interest. The site of the present city at the time of Mr. Walker's arrival was a beautiful verdant valley, with a fringe of golden wattles stretching from Golden-square to Epsom.

The early diggers started from Golden-square, and walked the alluvial right on to Epsom. The late gentleman, like many another digger, experienced the fluctuations incidental to the romantic life of the searcher after gold, and after a few years on the diggings he returned to Scotland to be married to Miss Mary Bonar in his native town.

Returning with his bride to Bendigo, the late Mr. Walker followed up several of the now famous rushes with varying results. Mr. and Mrs. Walker altogether spent over 52 years of wedded life on the goldfields, and in that time they saw Bendigo grow from the tented town into the progressive city of the present day. The late Mrs. Walker passed [away] on 27th November, 1906. She lived [to] celebrate the anniversary of her golden wedding on 7th September, 1904, when she and Mr. Walker were the recipients of hearty congratulations.

The late Mr. Walker was of a retiring disposition, and took but little active interest in public affairs. He was one of the oldest members of St. Andrew's Church, and he used to describe how he heard the late Dr. Nish preach his first sermon in a tent on the diggings. He was also a prominent member of the Bendigo Caledonian Society, and one of the founders of the Loyal Albert Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F. For nearly 40? years the late gentleman was employed at the battery of the Koch's Pioneer Co. in supervising work.

A family of three sons and three daughters survive. One of the sons is Mr. Jas. Walker, the popular secretary of the Country Fire Brigades' Association, and of the Bendigo Fire Brigade, and vice-president of the Caledonian Society. The funeral will move for the Bendigo Cemetery at 4 p.m. today.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D2

DEATH OF MRS. D. WALKER.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Wednesday 28 November 1906 p 3
Article

DEATH OF MRS. D. WALKER.

Another of the early colonists passed quietly away yesterday, Mrs. Mary Walker, the highly respected wife of Mr, Donald Walker, of Little Ironbark, and mother of Mr. Jas. Walker, the popular secretary of the Bendigo Fire brigade and of the Caledonian Society.

Mrs. Walker, who was in her 78th year, had for many years been in failing health. For the past two months she was steadily growing weaker, and died at 8 am yesterday, practically from old age. The deceased lady was born in Campbelltown, Argyllshire, and she and her husband were girl and boy together. Mr. Walker immigrated to Australia in 1852, and not long afterwards returned to the Mull of Cantyre and married his intended. As husband and wife they left Scotland for Bendigo, where they resided ever since.

On September 8, 1904, they celebrated their golden wedding, when they were surrounded by many friends, and received congratulations from different parts of the world. The bereaved husband is also in his 78th year. The deceased also left three sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. At the monthly meeting of the members at the Caledonian Society last night, Mr. Geo. Mackay moved that a letter of condolence be sent to Mr. Donald Walker, and to Mr. Jas. Walker, husband and son of Mrs. Walker, sympathizing with the family in their sad bereavement. Mr. Melrose seconded the motion, which was carried. The meeting shortly afterwards adjourned, out sympathy with the secretary.

WALKER James Charles (246)

DEATH OF MR. J. C WALKER. AN OLD BENDIGONIAN.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Saturday 1 August 1896 p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. J. C WALKER. AN OLD BENDIGONIAN.

News was received in Bendigo yesterday afternoon that Mr. James Charles Walker, of J. C. Walker and Co., stock and station agents, Williamson street, had died at his residence, Armadale, shortly after noon. He became unwell about six months ago, but it was for a considerable time thought that he would recover. For a while he improved a little, and his friends became hopeful. Recently, however, his condition grew very serious. He gradually grew worse, and died yesterday as above stated. The cause of death was gangrene of the foot.



He was 69 years of age, and was descended from an old English family. When but a boy he, with his father (a clergyman) came to New South Wales. In Sydney his father conducted a large grammar school, and there Mr. Walker was educated. When a young man he became a pastoralist, and at one time owned Cudgegong station (N.S.W.). On retiring from the station he came to Bendigo as manager in this district for Ryan and Hammond, stock and station agents. Afterwards he was manager for Goldsborough and Co.'s Bendigo branch. Some years ago he took over the business and carried it on successfully till the day of his death.

He was well known, all over the colony as a most reliable and trustworthy businessman and judge of cattle. He took an active part in the Bendigo Jockey Club and was at one time its president. He was also a steward and committeeman for a number of years and at the time of his death was a trustee.

Mr. J. Hemming, secretary of the club, yesterday ordered a handsome wreath on behalf of the club, with the following inscription: "With deepest sympathy from president, stewards, committee and officials of the Bendigo Jockey Club". Mr. Reynell, who has been connected with Mr. Walker's firm for many years, will take the wreath to Melbourne this morning. He was also treasurer of the V.R.C. and an executor in the estate of the late Lachlan McBean, the rich Riverina squatter. Regret was expressed on all sides yesterday when his death became known.

He was married to Miss Broughton, in New South Wales, and besides his widow he leaves a grown-up family of three sons and four daughters. During his illness he transferred his business to Mrs. Walker and Messrs. W. J. Reynell and E. J. Cordner, who will carry it on under the old name. The funeral takes place today at 3 o'clock.

At the meeting of the Bendigo and Coolgardie Co. yesterday afternoon, the chairman (Mr. M. Thomas) referred in sympathetic terms to Mr. Walker's death. He was an energetic and valuable director, and, before his health began to fail, exerted every effort to further the interests of the company. It was with extreme regret that he heard of his death, and he was sure that deep sympathy would be felt for his widow and family in their bereavement. The Hon. J. Sternberg said he felt certain that the company had sustained a severe loss by the death of Mr. Walker. He was an energetic and valuable director. He moved that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Walker and family. The motion was carried unanimously.

DEATH OF MR. J. C. WALKER.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 1 August 1896** p 5 Article

DEATH OF MR. J. C. WALKER.

The news of the death of Mr. J. C. Walker, the well-known stock and station agent and cattle salesman, will be received with sincere regret by his numerous friends and acquaintances, not only in this district, but throughout this and the neighboring colonies.

The deceased gentleman was born at Charlton King's, Gloucester, England, in 1829, his father being the Rev. James Walker, rector of All Saints' Church there. In 1841 he came out to the colonies with his parents, arriving in Launceston. After a brief sojourn in Tasmania they proceeded to Sydney, where they landed on New Year's Day, 1843. His father opened the first Grammar School in Parramatta, and there young Walker finished his education.

When he grew up to manhood he entered into squatting pursuits, and owned the Cockitijong Station, on the Billabong, New South Wales. In 1855 he undertook the general management of the celebrated Bogot estates on the Murray and Lachlan rivers, and successfully carried them on for some time. When the Bendigo cattle market was established he joined the firm of Messrs. Ryan and Hammond, cattle salesman, of Melbourne, and established a branch business here. The firm subsequently was taken over by Messrs. Walker and Greaves, and afterwards the business was carried on solely by Mr. Walker under the style of Messrs. J. C. Walker and Co. The firm has branches in Melbourne, Rochester and Elmore.

About six months ago Mr. Walker was seized with a serious illness, one of his feet being affected so badly that he had to go to Melbourne and undergo an operation in Dr. Fitzgerald's private hospital. He appeared to improve considerably after the operation, but the family decided to remove from Bendigo and took up their residence in Armadale, one of the metropolitan suburbs. The patient improved to such an extent that he was able to be taken home. He, however, experienced a relapse and had to return to Dr. Fitzgerald's institution, and about a week ago he was seized with a paralytic stroke, and it soon became apparent to those who were permitted to see him that the end was not distant. The patient retained his mental faculties up to the last.

It was only on Wednesday that he executed a deed of gift of all his property in favor of his wife, and arranged that the business should be carried on by her and Messrs. Cordner and W. Reynell, who have had the management of the Melbourne and Bendigo branches of the business respectively for some time past.

The deceased passed away quietly shortly after noon yesterday. The funeral takes place this afternoon, leaving his late residence at 3 o'clock. Mr. A. M. Lloyd, the veteran inspector of the municipal cattle yards, a very old and close friend of the deceased's, and Mr. Reynell, will leave Bendigo by the express train this morning for Melbourne in order to attend the funeral.

The deceased gentleman was deservedly held in high esteem by all who knew him, and possessed a great reputation for strict integrity and straightforwardness in all his business transactions. The wealthy squatter, the late Mr. L. McBean, who was accidentally killed some two or three years back, had by his will appointed Mr. Walker as one of the executors of his extensive estates. As a judge of cattle Mr. Walker had few equals in the colony. He was a genuine sportsman, and for many years occupied the position of treasurer of the V.R.C. He was also a life member of the Bendigo Jockey Club, of which he had been president for three years, and afterwards held office for many years as steward and committeeman.

When the news of the death reached Bendigo yesterday afternoon, the secretary, Mr. John Hemming, on behalf of the club, forwarded to the widow and family a handsome wreath of flowers, to which was attached the memo.: "With deepest sympathy, from president, stewards, committee and officials, Bendigo Jockey Club."

The deceased gentleman was a warm supporter of mining, and was a director in the Windmill Hill, Bendigo and Coolgardie and other companies. At the half-yearly meeting of the Bendigo and Coolgardie Co. yesterday, the chairman, Mr. M. Thomas, expressed his sorrow at hearing of the death of his late colleague. The deceased had been a most enthusiastic and energetic director, and had taken the deepest interest in the company. They all sincerely sympathised with the widow and family in the loss they had sustained. Mr. J. Sternberg, M.L.C., said that all were agreed that in the death of Mr. Walker the board had sustained an irreparable loss, and he moved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the widow and family in their sad bereavement. Mr. A. Beeson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The deceased gentleman married Miss Broughton, a member of a very old and highly respected family of New South Wales. He leaves a widow and grown up family of three sons and five daughters.

WALL James Egan (36)

DEATH OF DR. WALL.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 10 March 1883** p 3 Article

DEATH OF DR. WALL.

After a painful illness of about three months duration, one of the oldest residents of Sandhurst, and a colonist of forty years standing, has passed away. Mr. James Egan Wall arrived in New South Wales about the year 1843, and being connected with pastoral pursuits in that colony was frequently called upon to exercise his medical knowledge and skill in aid of sick persons and in cases of accident in the remote bush; and although not a duly qualified medical practitioner, his profession being that of a chemist, obtained the title of doctor, commonly given in the early days to any man capable of relieving suffering. This his pharmaceutical education enabled Mr. Wall to do, and his services were often sought after in districts in which surgical aid was very difficult of attainment.



Very shortly after the discovery of gold in Victoria Mr. Wall left the sister colony, and cast in his lot with the early pioneers of Bendigo. He took a prominent part in all the public movements on this goldfield whilst what is now the City of Sandhurst was a mere hamlet of tents. In those times he was recognised as a leading local politician, and it would be unjust to refuse him credit for having worked energetically for the assertion of the rights of the early population, and for the establishment of many useful institutions which have had a very beneficial effect as regards the progress of the district.

His attempts to practice as a medical man were strongly opposed by local members of the faculty, and his perseverance on them brought him into many difficulties. We need not allude to an event which led to his imprisonment for a considerable period. There can be no doubt it proved his own death blow, and, if he was guilty of wrong doing he has paid the penalty. Let us draw the curtain therefore. The man is dead, and common charity forbids that we should dwell upon the errors which ended his career.

He was a man of great energy, with much kindness in his disposition, and in fact one always ready to do a fellow creature a good turn. He died yesterday at his residence at the White Hills, where he has lived almost ever since his arrival in the district, at the age of about seventy years.

White Hills Cemetery

SANDHURST.

Article - The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) Tuesday 24 January 1882

SANDHURST.

Our Sandhurst correspondent writes: Yesterday, James Egan Wall appeared at the city police court on a writ of habeas corpus, on a charge of having on 1st August, 1881, performed an operation (*abortion*) on one Margaret Smith, whereby he caused her death. The case was conducted by Mr. Kirby, on behalf of the Pharmacy Board of Victoria; Mr. Hornbuckle, instructed by Mr. Rymer, appearing for the defence. The case occupied some time, several of the leading doctors and chemists being examined, also the coroner (Mr. R. Strickland).

The case hinges on that tried in the last court of assize, when Wall was charged with murder, but subsequently found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. On the present occasion Wall received a further sentence of three months, cumulative on that which he is at present serving, with a nominal fine of 1s. The prisoner's name will now be struck off the pharmaceutical register, for which object the case was more particularly undertaken.

WALLIS Thomas (455)

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 7 January 1913 p 5 Article

The friends of Mr. Thomas Wallis will regret to hear of his death, which occurred at his residence, Booth-street, Golden-square, yesterday afternoon. The deceased gentleman was well known in mining circles. He was a consistent investor in many of the Bendigo mines, and was a director of several companies.



Mr. Wallis was a native of Tamworth, Staffordshire, England, and came to Victoria when 21 years of age. He had resided in Bendigo for about 30 years. Prior to that he followed farming pursuits at Tylden for some years. At one time he was manager of the Victorian Pyrites Works at Specimen Hill. Mr. Wallis was in his 82nd year, and had been confined to his home for about seven weeks.

He was highly respected by all who knew him for his upright, straightforward dealings, and his amiable, pleasant disposition won for him a large circle of friends. He leaves no family. Mrs. Wallis pre-deceased her husband by nearly 12 months.

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 9 February 1912 p 5 Article

OBITUARY.

The friends of Mr. Thomas Wallis, of Booth-street, will regret to hear of the death of his wife, Mrs. M. A. Wallis (Mary Ann), which sad event took place yesterday morning. The deceased lady who was 87 years of age, was a native of Tamworth, England. Mrs. Wallis had resided in Victoria for 59 years, and was an old resident of Golden-square, where she was well known and greatly respected. For a number of years Mrs. Wallis was an active worker in St. Mark's Church of England.

WALTER George Frederick (328)

ANOTHER PIONEER GONE. DEATH OF MR. G. F. WALTER.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Monday 28 September 1903 p 2
Article

ANOTHER PIONEER GONE. DEATH of MR. G. F. WALTER

Alter an illness of about a month, Mr. George F. Walter of Olinda street, Quarry Hill, died last evening at the age of 73 years. His demise removes another of the links which binds us to the days of Bendigo's alluvial riches, and creates another gap in the rapidly thinning ranks of the early '50 men. The late Mr. Walter was the fifth son of Mr. Joseph Walter, marine artist, of Bristol, and was born in that city in 1830.



At the age of 23 he left the share broker's office in which he was engaged, and joined the eager band of gold seekers to Victoria. He came out in the ship *Clair Symes*, and after mining for a while at Forest Creek he took part in the rush to the McIvor field.

At the end of 1853 he was amongst the diggers who were becoming rich at White Hills, but after working there for about 12 months he met with a serious accident, which prevented him continuing his work his work with the shovel and tin dish. His skull was fractured by a bucketful of dirt falling on his head. When he left the hospital Mr. Walter became a tent maker, and established a thriving industry. The first five years' work was so profitable that he was able to take a trip to England. While there, he married Miss Aldridge, daughter of a prominent Bristol citizen.

In 1860, on returning to Bendigo, the deceased gentleman opened a draper's shop in View street. At the time of the quartz mining boom, in the early seventies, Mr. Walter became a speculator in a pretty big way, but his ventures were not happily selected, and a good deal of money was dropped. Disposing of his business he founded an accountant's and real estate agency in Forest street, and in this business he continued for some time.

Mr. Walter has been a valued citizen who gave practical assistance to all the local philanthropic institutions. For 12 years he had a seat on the Benevolent Asylum committee, while the Hospital and Mechanics Institute also had his warmest support. He was Secretary and collector of the Art Gallery for three years, and was also at one time the School of Mines collector, while the interest displayed by him in manly sport was evidenced by the fact that for 21 years he was treasurer and committee man of the Bendigo United Cricket Club.

A widow, three sons (Messrs. F. J. Walter, of Sutton's; W. Walter of Mr. J. Hemmin's office; and G. F. Walter of Campbell & Co. , Geelong), and six daughters survive. The funeral will take place at the White Hills Cemetery tomorrow afternoon.

DEATH OF MR. G F. WALTER. A PIONEER OF 50 YEARS.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 28 September 1903** p 5 Article

DEATH OF MR. G. F. WALTER. A PIONEER OF 50 YEARS.

The death occurred at 8 o'clock last evening, at his residence in Olinda-street, of Mr. George Frederick Walter, a Bendigonian of 50 years' standing. His demise will be mourned by a large circle of friends, by whom he was highly esteemed for his kindly disposition and upright character. Mr. Walter had been ailing for some time past, and his end was not unexpected, his medical adviser, Dr. Atkinson, having stated that the system of his patient was rapidly breaking up.

The deceased gentleman leaves a widow, three sons and six daughters to mourn their loss. The eldest son, who for many years was highly esteemed in business circles in Bendigo, recently accepted a situation in Geelong.

The death of Mr. Walter removes an interesting figure from this goldfield, and one associated with it from its earliest history. He had attained the age of 73, having been born in Bristol in the year 1830. In 1853 he came to Victoria, and with high hopes set out for the gold diggings. After visiting Forest Creek, and joining in the rush to the McIvor fields, he arrived at White Hills at the end of the year 1853.

He soon abandoned mining for business enterprises, and in a few years had saved sufficient money to warrant him making a trip to his native land. There he married Miss Aldridge, the daughter of a prominent Bristol citizen, and returned to Australia. In 1860 Mr. Walter again took up his residence in Bendigo, and successfully engaged in commerce.

Mr. Walter was a member of the Society of Old Bendigonians, and was closely connected with the management of the local philanthropic and other institutions. For 12 years he was on the committee of the Benevolent Asylum. He was also a member of the committees of the Hospital and Mechanics' Institute, and for 21 years filled most capably the position of treasurer and committeeman of the Bendigo United Cricket Club.

Mr. Walter was an esteemed correspondent of the "Bendigo Advertiser" for nearly 50 years, and frequently related reminiscences of the early days with a vividness which afforded proof of the possession of a very retentive memory. The funeral will take place to the White Hills Cemetery to-morrow.

White Hills Cemetery MON A1

WARNE George (284)

Family Notices

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 6 February 1888** p 2 Family Notices

DEATH.

WARNE. On the morning of 4th February, at Barnard-street, Sandhurst, George Warne, aged 81 years.



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Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 6 February 1888** p 2 Article

DEATH OF AN OLD BENDIGONIAN. Mr. G. Warne, an old Bendigonian, and whose wife and daughters are carrying on a millinery business in View-street, has passed away to that bourne from which no traveller returns. He had been ill for some considerable time, and having passed the allotted term of man's existence, being 81 years of age, his system succumbed to the attack of the destroyer. Deceased was long associated with Wesleyan Church work, and acted as a local preacher, and he also took an active part in the temperance movement. He was much respected amongst a wide circle of friends.

Bendigo Cemetery MON L7

Death of Mrs Harriet Warne

FRIGHTFUL RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT ALBERT-PARK. A BENDIGO VISITOR KILLED INSTANTLY.

Article - The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) **Friday 28 August 1891**

FRIGHTFUL RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT ALBERT PARK.
A BENDIGO VISITOR KILLED INSTANTLY.

A peculiarly terrible and sad accident occurred at the Albert-park railway station a few minutes after noon yesterday, resulting in the death of an old lady, named Mrs. Warne, who was down from Bendigo on a holiday trip. Just as the 12.20 p.m. up-train was leaving the Albert-park station Porter McKay noticed Mrs Warne walking along the platform beside the slowly moving train, and turned aside to attend to his duties. A scream from a young lady on the platform alarmed him, and then he was horrified to see that the old lady had fallen between the carriages.

It needed only the work of a second or two to bring the train to a standstill, but even that was too long, for the woman's body lay on the rail crushed and lifeless. The wheels had passed over the chest and arms, and had almost cut the trunk and the limbs in two. Senior-constable Flannery was summoned to the spot, and he took the body to the Morgue, where subsequently its identity, which at the time was unknown, was established. How the accident happened can only be conjectured.

Mrs Warne had been visiting some friends at St Kilda, and had ridden in the train which killed her as far as Albert-park. There she got out, intending to visit more of her friends. As the train started from the platform she moved along with it, and just when the first American carriage had passed her she fell between it and the next. The most likely cause of the accident was a sudden giddiness or fainting fit, probably the latter, for she gave no sign, no warning cry even, of her danger.

Mrs Warne was about 70 years of age, but was in mental and bodily activity much younger. She resided with her daughters at Barnard street, Bendigo, for many years, and with them carried on a remunerative millinery and ladies' drapery business in View-street.

She was much esteemed by her friends, and well respected by her acquaintances, and in spite of her years frequently delivered addresses upon Christian temperance, a subject which she and her husband (deceased two years ago) were exceedingly enthusiastic in advancing. Her visit to Melbourne, indeed, was in connection with the annual gathering of the Victorian Temperance Alliance, to which body she was a delegate from the Bendigo Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Bendigo Cemetery MON L7

WARREN James (467)

DEATH OF MR. JAMES WARREN.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 6 February 1895** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. JAMES WARREN.

The news of the death of Mr. James Warren, formerly secretary of the Huntly Shire Council, will be received with regret as widespread as it is sincere. For several years past the deceased gentleman had been in failing health, and although he consulted the highest medical authorities, yet he slowly weakened and died yesterday morning at his lodgings at Manningtree-road, Hawthorn. The cause of death, we understand, was paralysis of the spine.



The sad tidings were communicated by wire to Mr. J. D. Crofts, an old and very intimate friend of the departed gentleman, and he at once sent word to Mr. E. Warren, the present secretary of the Huntly Shire Council, and brother of the deceased. Mr. Warren only returned to Huntly on Monday, after being at his brother's bedside for some days. He was advised that the patient might linger on for several days longer, and Mr. Warren having to prepare business for the Huntly Council, which meets on Thursday, came back.

In Mr. James Warren a very old Bendigonian has passed away, and one who was universally esteemed and respected. His urbanity, his kindly and genial demeanor and uprightness of character endeared him to all who had the pleasure and privilege of his acquaintance, and his loss will be deeply felt by a large circle of friends.

James Warren was born in County Cavan, Ireland, in the year 1836, consequently he was 59 years of age at the time of his death. He came to Victoria in the early days of the gold fever, being then only about 16 or 17 years of age. He immediately made his way to Bendigo, where his two brothers were carrying on a store at the White Hills. This was about the year 1853. He joined his brothers, and assisted in the business for some years. The brothers became some of the first landowners on the Bullock Creek later on, and established a farm there, which they carried on for years.

During this time, the deceased, who was gifted with considerable intelligence and ability, used to collect statistics for Government, and was appointed a valuator of station properties under the Land Act. He was the first chairman of the Marong District Road Board in 1861, which in 1864 became the present Marong Council. He filled the position for two years with great credit. The following is extracted from Mr. George Mackay's "History of Bendigo":

"In 1865 Mr. James Warren was appointed clerk to the Huntly District Road Board pro tem., and in April following he was elected clerk, valuer and rate collector.

He held the position until December, 1881, when he was appointed town clerk of Hawthorn. Mr. Warren was an old resident of Bendigo, having arrived in 1853, when quite a young man. He was one of the first members of the Marong Road Board, which afterwards became the Marong Shire Council, and for two years he was chairman of the board. He was esteemed very highly throughout the whole of the Bendigo district. He was succeeded by his brother, Mr. Edward Warren, who was elected on the 22nd December, 1881."

Subsequent to his appointment as town clerk of Hawthorn he qualified himself as an engineer, and retained the position up to three or four years ago, when he resigned in consequence of failing health. He was unmarried.

The body will be brought to Bendigo on Thursday for interment, and the funeral will leave the local railway station on the arrival of the 4.25 train.

Bendigo Cemetery MON F3

Report below of the death of Alexander Warren, brother of James Warren.

SHOCKINGLY SUDDEN DEATH AT THE SHAMROCK HOTEL. AN OLD BENDIGONIAN DROPS DEAD.

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 22 March 1888** - Page 2

AN OLD BENDIGONIAN DROPS DEAD.

Last evening a shocking affair occurred at the Shamrock Hotel, which will be a source of deep regret to many an old Bendigonian who intimately knew the deceased, who came to Bendigo in the pre historic period, as it might be called, that is, anterior to the gold discovery. Mr, Alexander Warren, manager for Mr. Matthew O'Shanassy's *Madowla Park* station, on the Murray, near Echuca, was the victim of the sudden and entirely unexpected march of the dread enemy death.

Mr. Warren had arrived from Echuca by the evening train to superintend a sale of highly bred pigs from *Madowla Park*, which was advertised to take place today. He went to the Shamrock hotel and engaged a room; he then partook of dinner and showed a perfectly healthy appetite. After dining he went into the bar, where there were several friends of his. At this time the town clock showed that it had passed the hour of nine. Mr. Warren seemed in the best of spirits, and in answer to the orthodox query, "How do you do?" he remarked that he never felt better in his life.

As was his wont, Mr. Warren indulged in cheery and jovial conversation. Shortly afterwards someone made a remark to one of the two young ladies at the bar, and Mr. Warren, in a joking strain, said "How will one of you girls look this way?" The young ladies looked round, and as they did so, Mr. Warren, who seemed about to make further remarks, fell back on the floor. This was looked upon as a sort of a joke, and some of those present called upon him to get up.

After some unattended demands of this description, an idea was held that something serious had happened, but no one realised the full extent of the sad event. However, one of the barmaids deemed it prudent to call Mr. Wilkins, and on the landlord arriving and seeing the state of affairs he at once telephoned for a doctor, using restoratives in the meantime. Dr. James Boyd was promptly on the scene, and, after viewing the body, pronounced Mr. Warren to be dead. There was no doubt that death was instantaneous.

The authorities were duly communicated with, and money and other valuables found were handed over to Mr. Wilkins for custody. On inquiry, it transpired that Mr. Warren, six weeks or two months ago, felt unwell, and went to Melbourne for a change. However, on his return he seemed well and hearty, and his sudden death will thus be a more serious shock to his numerous friends in Sandhurst, Echuca, and elsewhere.

Deceased has a history in connection with the very earliest discovery of gold on Bendigo, and apart from this he was esteemed by all who knew him as a hearty, good-natured, and upright specimen of manhood. He was also a thoroughly temperate man. Those who did not know deceased personally, will doubtless know some of his brothers. Perhaps none are known better on Bendigo than Mr. James Warren, who formerly was for some years engineer and shire secretary of the Shire of Huntly. Another brother, Mr. Edward Warren, now occupies the position named; and Mr. James Warren is Town Clerk of the City of Prahran, near Melbourne. A third brother is manager of another of Mr. M. O'Shanassy's stations – *Moir Park* – situated but a few miles from *Madowla Park*, but across the border in New South Wales. A fourth brother is in England, as a manager of one of the branches of the Provincial Bank.

Deceased may be well esteemed as an old Bendigonian. He arrived in Australia about 1849, and after a shore season in the Western district, he came to Bendigo where, as stated before, he was associated with Mr. Fred. Fenton, before the discovery of gold. Deceased was 57 years of age last birthday, and on the ensuing Queen's Birthday, 24th of May, he would have been 58.

One of his earliest locations in this district was in Commissioner's Gully, a place famous in the history of old Bendigo. In his early years he became acquainted with Dr. Jas. Boyd, and only a few days ago he called on the doctor but never mentioned any ailment. Some time after his arrival here he took up a farm at Bullock Creek, where he lived for a number of years. Later on he removed to Campbell's Forest, where beekeeping formed a prominent portion of his occupation,

A few years ago, about 1883 or 1884, he took the management of *Madowla Park*, and so pleased Mr. O'Shanassy that the whole management of the station was left in his hands. One of his ideas was that pigs of a good breed would pay the owner better than sheep. He also had a fancy for beekeeping as a sort of recreation, and this he indulged in fully. So greatly had he the confidence of his employer, that he felt it irksome, and only a few weeks back he complained that Mr. O'Shanassy could not be got to "grumble at him."

Amongst those present at the time of Mr. Warren's sudden demise was Mr. J. D. Crofts, a very old intimate of deceased, and shortly before his death he was speaking to several old acquaintances. On the news getting round town quite a shock of painful surprise was felt, as Mr. Warren, being a robust and active man, gave promise of many years of life. Mr. Wilkins, host of the Shamrock, at once telegraphed to all the known friends of deceased, and a cab was sent to Huntly to inform Mr. E. Warren of the sad event. Mr. James Warren, who lives at Manning Tree Road, Prahran, was advised, and will doubtless be up to-day.

Mr. William Warren, of Moira Park, N.S.W., was also advised by telegram via Echuca. The melancholy tidings were also conveyed to Mr. M. O'Shanassy. It seems almost certain that an inquest will be held as no one can certify the cause of death, which as there is no appearance of apoplexy, seems to be due to disease of the heart. The inquest will probably be held today

WARREN John Frederick (466)

DEATH OF MR. J. F. WARREN. AN OLD AND RESPECTED CITIZEN.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 22 October 1912 p 7 Article Illustrated

DEATH OF MR. J. F. WARREN. AN OLD AND RESPECTED CITIZEN.

A very old and highly respected Bendigo man, in the person of Mr. J. F. Warren, expired at his residence, "Bowden", Barnard-street, at half-past nine o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. Warren, who was 78 years of age, was apparently in the best of health up to 10 o'clock on Sunday night, when he suddenly became ill. Dr De Ravin was immediately summoned, but despite his efforts to relieve the sufferer he gradually became worse, and passed away as stated, the cause of death being heart failure.

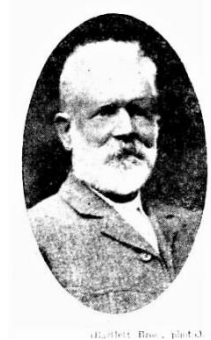


Born in Exeter, Devonshire, England, in 1834, Mr. Warren proceeded to London when 18 years of age. Four years later, attracted by the reports of important gold discoveries, he came to Australia, and immediately on arrival in Victoria journeyed to Bendigo, where he had resided continuously up to the time of his death, with the exception of a few months which he spent in mining in New Zealand.

On reaching Bendigo Mr. Warren joined the ranks of the diggers for about 18 months, after which he started business as a contractor, and subsequently as a timber merchant. This latter business he carried on successfully until ten years ago, when he decided to enter upon a life of retirement, and transferred his interests to his sons, who still continue the management. Mr. Warren was a member of the committee of the Bendigo Art Gallery, and took an active interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of that institution.

In 1868 he married Miss (Rebecca) Baird, at St. Andrew's Church, Myers-street, Bendigo, the officiating clergyman being the late Rev. Dr. Nish. In addition to a widow, the deceased gentleman leaves a grown-up family of seven children – two sons and five daughters.

The sons are Messrs. J. F. and J. B. Warren, whilst the two married daughters are Mrs. Hoffmeyer and Mr. Weddell. The funeral, which will be of a private character, will take place to-day at 4 p.m., to the Bendigo cemetery.



Bendigo Cemetery MON H1

MR. J. F. WARREN. A BRIEF ILLNESS.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Tuesday 22 October 1912 p 4 Article

Mr J. F. WARREN
A BRIEF ILLNESS

Mr. J. F. Warren, one of Bendigo's oldest and most prominent citizens died at his residence, Barnard street, yesterday, after an illness lasting, less than 12 hours. Mr. Warren who it is said, had gone through his life without the necessity of seeking medical aid, was in his usual health on Sunday up to 10 p.m. when he was overcome by a feeling. Dr Deravin was called in and during the night he rallied somewhat, but towards the morning he got worse and passed peacefully away at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr Warren was born at Exeter, Devonshire, in 1834, and was consequently 78 years old. When he was 18 years old he made his way to London and commenced to learn his trade as a carpenter. Four years later he was attracted to Australia by the reports of the gold discoveries. Bendigo has been his home for all the time excepting a couple of years. These he spent mining in New Zealand. On arrival on the field he spent about 18 months mining but then took to contracting and later on opened up the timber business in Hargreaves street that he successfully carried on up to about 10 years ago, when he left the conduct of the business to his sons.

About 40 years ago he married Miss Baird of Bendigo. Mrs Warren and a family of two sons and five daughters are left to mourn their loss. The deceased was an active member of the art Gallery committee and took great interest in the institution. The funeral which will be private, takes place this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

OBITUARY. LATE MRS. J. F. WARREN.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 18 May 1917 p 4 Article

OBITUARY.
LATE MRS. J. F. WARREN.

Mrs. J. F. Warren, a well-known and highly respected citizen, passed away early on Thursday morning at her residence in Barnard-street. The deceased lady, who was 78 years of age, had been ailing for the past 18 months. Her husband, the late Mr. J. F. Warren, was a well-known timber merchant in the city. The late Mrs. Warren was born in Donegal, Ireland, and came to Bendigo in 1862. One of the sons, Mr. J. F. Warren, who is a well-known vocalist, carries on the business established by his late father. Another son, Corporal James Warren, has served with the King Edward Horse in France almost from the inception of the war. He was invalided to England, and is still in hospital.

There are five daughters – Mrs. W. Weddell, of Bendigo; Mrs. Hoffmeyer, of Bendigo; Mrs. A. J. Moore, of Echuca; and Miss Warren and Miss M. Warren, of Bendigo. The funeral, which will be private, will take place at 10 o'clock this morning to the Bendigo Cemetery.

Bendigo Cemetery MON H1

WATKINS Edward William (409)

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (UBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS AND OUR RESOURCES. BENDIGO, WEDNESDAY, JUNE [?]. UTILITY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Wednesday 6 June 1900 p 2 Article

ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF PROPERTY.

About a fortnight ago an old man named Edward William Watkins, who resided in Larritt-street, died in the hospital after a short illness. During the past two years the deceased had been employed, when required, as bailiff by the local sheriff's officer, Mr. Pickup. He had also occupied that position under the former sheriff's officer, Mr. Allan.



Yesterday a lady named Mrs. Webb, who resided near Watkins, called at Mr. Pickup's office, and said that the old man had expressed the wish that Mr. Pickup should see that he was decently buried out of the money which he had left. Until yesterday, however, no word was sent to Mr. Pickup, and as Watkins's effects are said to have been removed from the house, the case is regarded as mysterious. Sergeant Kilfeder was acquainted with the facts, and the police are now making inquiries.

Bendigo Cemetery MON P2 Aged 80 years.

No Obituary or further information could be found.

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WATSON Darnton (75)

DEATH OF MR. DARNTON WATSON.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 8 September 1906** p 5 Article

DEATH OF MR. DARNTON WATSON.

Still another old Bendigonian passed away last night, in the person of Mr. Darnton Watson, who for years was a prominent figure in the mining world, particularly in the seventies, when he gained a fortune as the result of successful mining ventures.

Mr. Watson had been ailing for some time. Six months ago his heart troubled him considerably, but in a short time he appeared to have fully recovered. About a month ago, however, he attended All Saints' Church on a Sunday morning, and on returning home complained of a severe chill. Dr. Green was summoned, and Mr. Watson took to his bed.



At intervals he was able to sit up in his chair. An affection of the heart and pleurisy however, told on his constitution, and he passed away peacefully at his residence, Harrison-street, Ironbark, at 9 o'clock last night. In addition to Mrs. Watson, who still survives, and enjoys comparatively good health, there is one son, Mr. G. D. Watson, solicitor, of Bull-street.

The late Mr. Watson was largely associated with mining ventures in the Bendigo field. At the time of his death he was chairman of directors of the Unity and Carlisle mines, and was one of the largest shareholders of the Bendigo Gas Company. He was also a director of the Bendigo Mutual Permanent, Land and Building Society. For many years the late Mr. Watson took an active interest in the affairs of All Saints' Church, being a vestryman and warden.

The late Mr. Watson was born in 1835, in Meltham, near Huddersfield, Yorkshire, his father being a well-known mill proprietor. At the time of his death he was therefore 71 years of age. At the age of 19 years – in the year 1854 – Mr. Watson sailed for Australia. He landed in Melbourne, where he spent a brief week, afterwards making his way to Bendigo, then a community of tents and modest buildings. It was the time of official despotism, when diggers were chained to logs for trivial offences, and when the goldfield was seething with discontent.

He at once commenced digging. He was not very successful, although he tried in several places. Subsequently he opened a retail hay, corn, and produce store. Prices were high, but the business was remunerative, and Mr. Watson amassed a competency. In 1872 he retired from business. However, it was not altogether to business that Mr. Watson owed his success. Although he had retired from active mining, he continued speculating, and made some good investments.

He was an original shareholder in the following companies: - Great Extended Hustler's, North Johnson's, Rose of Denmark, Victory and Pandora, and Unity, amongst others. He held shares in all these mines when they were in the heyday of their prosperity. His interest in the Great Extended Hustler's Co. was especially profitable. He was chairman of directors when the company was turning out its phenomenal cakes of gold. During that period Mr. Watson showed much business acumen in conducting the affairs of the company. In 1871 he retired from most of the mines.

The deceased gentleman, who was widely known, and highly esteemed for his upright character and genial demeanor, was a member of the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum committee for many years, and at one time occupied the position of president.

The funeral will take place tomorrow leaving the deceased gentleman's late residence, "York House", Harrison-street, at 3 p.m.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D4

WATSON George Harris (49)

OBITUARY. DEATH OF MR. G. H. WATSON.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 23 May 1908** p 4 Article

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MR. G. H. WATSON.

Early yesterday morning, at his residence in Forest-street, there passed away peacefully in death Mr. George Harris Watson, who, together with his brother Robert, surveyed the railway line from Melbourne to Bendigo.



Mr. Watson was born at Darlington, near Totnes, Devonshire, England, on 19th June 1824, and came to Australia in 1852 in the ship *Hampshire*. On his arrival he went first to Simmons and Perry's station, on the Upper Yarra, and in 1853 he came to Bendigo. Shortly afterwards he went for a time to Mr. Cay's station, on the Upper Loddon. Subsequently he became associated with his brother Robert, who was then engineer-in-chief of railways, and together they undertook the survey of several railway lines. Later on Mr. Watson was engaged in contract surveying in the Western district, but returned to Bendigo, and practised at contract and mining surveying very successfully until about 20 years ago, when he retired.

In 1873 he married the second daughter of Mr. Henry Barrow, of Charterhouse, Runnymede, and the newly-married couple visited England, returning in 1873 to Bendigo, where they resided ever since. Mr. Watson was of a most affectionate and kindly disposition – a gentleman in the finest sense of the word. His retiring disposition withheld him from being identified with public life. But in his wide circle of friends he endeared himself by his serene and lovable nature. His friends almost invariably referred to him as "Dear Old Mr. Watson," and little children passing by his gate learned to recognise him as a kind companion. Often he would take them by the hand, and chatting to them all the while, would accompany them along the street.

For years he was a prominent member of All Saints' Church, and only with the decline of years had he to relinquish his duties as an officer. His end was calm and not altogether unexpected. About three weeks ago he gave signs of the general failing of his powers, but he retained consciousness up till Saturday. Since then he gradually sank until he fell into his final sleep.

During his illness he received the most constant attention from Dr. Atkinson. In a few weeks Mr. Watson, had he lived, would have attained the age of 84 years. It is a curious coincidence that both his mother and his aunt died three weeks before they reached the age of 84. Just before the end he said to his daughter, "I wonder if I am dying; but I have had a fair innings, haven't I?"

He leaves behind him a widow and five children. His oldest son, George, is in Western Australia, while the other son, Walter, is in South Africa. The three daughters are Misses Willmot, Hilda, and Harriet. Mr. Watson is a brother of the late Mrs. Hannaford, of Beechworth, and two sisters survive him in England. He is also a brother-in-law of Mr. W. C. Vahland, J.P., of this city.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D4

WATSON John (357)

DEATE OF MR. JOHN WATSON.

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 16 October 1882** - Page 3

DEATH OF MR. JOHN WATSON.

This morning will be committed to the grave the remains of a gentleman to whom Bendigo and the colony generally owe a great deal as a pioneer of quartz mining.

Mr. John Watson formerly of Latham and Watson, expired on Saturday morning at his residence, Hustler's Reef, after a painful illness of three months duration.

His death has caused a deep feeling of regret amongst a numerous circle of friends, by whom he was deservedly held in high respect, for a more genuine hearted man, or one of greater enterprise and fortitude, never existed in the community.



Amidst all the varying circumstances of his career, he was always the same John Watson. The possession of wealth caused in him no vain elation, and the loss of it no undue dejection. His energy and industry were equal to all obstacles and difficulties lying in his way, and in whatever position he was placed he showed himself possessed of indomitable pluck. Generous to a fault his purse was always open in cases which he knew to be deserving of assistance, and he was thoroughly free-handed with his money when any public, demands were made upon his charity.

It would be difficult to particularise all his acts of liberality, but we are aware that at one time he made a handsome donation to the Wesleyan Church in Forest Street. Strictly a hard worker, wedded to the employment in which he was engaged, he could never be persuaded to take any public position, though he was strongly pressed on several occasions to stand for the Mining Board.

At the time of his death, Mr. Watson was within a few weeks of 60 years of age, having been born in December, 1822. His native place was Galgate, in Lancashire, a small town within a few miles of the city of Lancaster. He belonged to a family of practical engineers, and was brought up to that profession.

He arrived in the colony on the 13th March, 1852, in company with Mr. Jonathan Latham. Mr. William Caldwell, who was for a long time in the employment of Messrs. Latham and Watson as a blacksmith, and is still a resident at Hustler's Reef, came out in the same ship. They had shipped in England for Sydney, to which port their passages were paid, but on arrival in Melbourne, the news of the goldfields just then being opened up induced them to remain in this colony. Mr. Watson together with Mr. Latham soon found their way to Bendigo, and engaged in alluvial digging in Maiden Gully, White Hills. After working there some time the great rush to the Ovens took place, and they proceeded to that district. They left for Melbourne about Christmas, and remained there some time.

During their stay they had some sport in the immediate vicinity of the now big city, and their friends will remember having heard them talk of having shot thirty brace of wild duck on the present Flemington Racecourse, and also of having witnessed the grand National Steeplechase which was won by Mark Tapley.

In the early part of 1853, they returned to Bendigo, and in company with Mr. Horseman, started a store on the flat, near the White Hills, somewhere about the site of Mr. Bruce's brewery. They extended their business considerably, having several branch stores on this field and one at Mclvor.

In January, 1854, Messrs. Latham and Hustler brought the well-known quartz claim in Ironbark, since known as the Hustler's, from a colored man, of the Dunlop. They worked the claim together for some time, getting a good deal of gold out of it. But they found they could not save it, and, in order to avail themselves of Mr. Watson's professional knowledge, they gave him a share in the claim, and he made a machine, a model of which is to be found either in the Melbourne University Museum, or that of the Public Library, and which worked very satisfactorily.

In 1876, Latham, Watson, and Hustler went into partnership with a digger, who was known as Yankee Sam, in sluicing operations at the White Hills, and put up a splendid plant there. Eventually they sold out of that venture, and devoted their attention entirely to the reef. Shafts were unknown in those days in the quartz which was worked entirely by open cuttings. About that time the celebrated Lola Montez, who was then performing in the little theatre attached to the Criterion Hotel, visited the claim, and expressed her surprise at its richness, declaring that she had never seen anything like it in California.

As the price of crushing was then £3 a ton, some idea may be formed of the general richness of the stone being worked on Bendigo. About the end of 1856 Hustler sold out. The claim then appeared to be getting worked out, and very little was obtained from it during the following year. In 1858 Latham and Watson purchased a half-share in the adjoining claim, which extended into the bed of the gully belonging to Messrs. Sibley and Putnam. The latter gentleman sold out, and Mr. Sibley, our well-known fellow citizen, and captain of our local Volunteer Cavalry, joined the firm and continued a member of it until 1860, when he sold out.

In the same year ('58), Mr. Watson married (*to Elizabeth Whelan*) In the following year, his brother William, whom many old residents will remember, was lost in the *Royal Charter*. The upper reef having been worked out very little was got from the claim until 1862, when a new formation, or second reef, the first ever struck in the district, for which they had been for some time sinking, in spite of the warnings and ridicule of the savants was found. The firm was rewarded by excellent returns for a long time. It was visited by his Excellency Sir Charles Darling and several distinguished foreign visitors, and in 1868 by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, to whom Latham and Watson made a present of a beautiful and valuable collection of specimens which had been obtained from various levels in the mine.

Having worked the second reef for a considerable period, they proceeded to sink for a third one, the depth then being 100 feet. At 600 feet no quartz having been met with a crosscut was put in, and in about 20 feet a solid body of stone, 20 feet in width was struck. This, however, ran into the Great Extended Hustler's and from it the largest dividends of that company' were obtained.

Latham and Watson continued sinking, and having got down to 700 feet formed a company, which was called the Great Hustler's. We should mention that the original quartz claims were only of the same size as the alluvial, namely twelve feet square, although Messrs. Latham and Watson got theirs subsequently extended to 40 yards.

They were the first who worked the quartz in a scientific manner, and some idea may be formed of the extent of their operations when it is stated that, during the time they held their claims, they paid in wages the sums of £150,000. They invested largely in other gold mines, in some of which they lost money. But their great misfortune was their entering into coal mining at Kilcunda. That venture ruined them, and Mr. Watson afterwards superintended the operations of the Government diamond drill, by means of which prospecting for coal has been carried on in the same locality.

Mr. Watson lost his first wife (Elizabeth), by whom he had three children, the youngest of whom is now 19 years of age, in 1863, by a very sad and terrible accident. One of the engineers having been taken ill, Mr. Watson had taken his place, and in the evening, the unfortunate lady went out to call her husband in to supper, when her dress became entangled in the machinery, and she was drawn over it, sustaining dreadful and fatal injuries, both her thighs being broken, and her body horribly mangled. She lingered, but for a brief period, expiring at last in great agony.

Mr. Watson's second wife (Margaret Elizabeth Morton married in 1864) who survives him, is a daughter of the late Captain Morton. Only two children by that marriage are living. Poor Mr. Watson, who was suffering from abscess of the liver, feeling himself sinking, desired to return to his old home, a house built in the long gone time by his partner, Thomas Hustler, and there, as stated above, he breathed his last on Saturday morning. His interment is to take place early this morning in the Back Creek Cemetery, where this good old pioneer will be consigned to his repose by the side of his first wife.

Bendigo Cemetery MON E5

FATAL AND DISTRESSING MACHINERY ACCIDENT.

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 27 March 1863** - Page 2

FATAL AND DISTRESSING MACHINERY ACCIDENT.

At a late hour last night we received intelligence of a most lamentable catastrophe, which had occurred at Hustler's Reef, to Mrs. Watson, the wife of Mr. John Watson, of the well-known firm of Latham and Watson. On inquiry, our reporter learned that Mrs. Watson having been into Sandhurst during the afternoon, returned home in the evening, and went into the engine house to see Mr. Watson (who was driving the engine during the temporary absence of the regular driver), and that while it is supposed, she was passing a portion of the machinery, her dress was drawn into the vortex.

Mr. Watson, who had just started the engine, had his attention drawn to the position of his wife by a scream, and in a moment he saw she was being hurled over the drum. Before he could bring the engine up she was in the cogs, and it is unnecessary to say, frightfully mangled. In spite of the injuries she had received, Mrs. Watson retained her consciousness to the last, and spoke several times.

She died within half an hour of the accident. Drs. Boyd, Betham, and Atkinson attended promptly but their services were of no avail. Mrs. Watson leaves several children, and true to maternal instinct, we believe her last thoughts, as expressed in words, were for them. An inquest will be held on the remains.

CORONER'S [?]

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 28 March 1863** - Page 2

Yesterday afternoon the District an inquiry at the house of William ? at Ironbark, on the body of Elizabeth Watson having come by her death from injuries received the previous evening. The jury having visited the locality where the accident occurred, viewed the body, the following evidence was received: -

John Watson, the husband of the deceased proposed that about nine o'clock on Thursday he was driving the steam engine on their workings when his wife came into the engine-house and spoke to him, when he saw that her dress was caught by the spokes of the chain wheel which drew her over the wheel and the ? wheels.

He immediately placed valve-lever ? and stopped the engine, and with the assistance of Frederick Boys released his wife from the hold which the cogwheel had on her thigh. Deceased was taken into ? and medical assistance was at once sent for. Mrs Watson lived about an hour. Frederick Boys, a workman, who was working at the time of the accident, confirmed the evidence of the first witness.

Dr. James Boyd deposed that he was called upon to attend Mrs. Watson, and found the patient, suffering from severe injuries of the right thigh, extending from there upwards to the gluteal muscles ... the laceration was very deep. The ? were slightly injured. There were no other signs of violence on the body.

The deceased was conscious to within a few moments of death which occurred twenty or thirty minutes after his arrival or three quarters of an hour after the accident. In witness' opinion, the death of the deceased was from injuries received to the thigh, and from damage to the nervous system. There was very ? haemorrhage from the wound, which would ? greater if the shock to the system had ? severe.

(On The platform where the accident happened there is a handrail, about two feet high, but no protection at the lower edge, that it is supposed a draft of air from behind must have carried the dress of the deceased forward till it was caught by the wheel as described by the first witness.)

WATSON John Boyd (2)

DEATH OF MR. J. B. WATSON, A SANDHURST MILLIONAIRE.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 5 June 1889** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. J. B. WATSON, A SANDHURST MILLIONAIRE.

At twenty minutes past seven o'clock yesterday morning Mr. John Boyd Watson, the wealthy mining investor of Sandhurst breathed his last at his brother's residence in Waverly, a suburb of Sydney, N.S.W. Mr. Watson, who was 65 or 66 years of age, had been ailing for a very considerable time. For the last seven or eight years he never enjoyed what might be called really good health, and was attended to off and on during that time by Dr. MacGillivray. Latterly he became much worse, and his medical advisers ordered him to take a trip to San Francisco as the only means of recruiting his rapidly declining health.



Accordingly, Mr. Watson left on a voyage to San Francisco in company with one of his daughters last December. He returned to Sydney in the early part of last week, having derived no benefit whatever from the change, but on the contrary his health was more impaired than ever, and it became evident that his end was approaching. He took up his residence with his brother, but despite all that medical skill could do, he gradually sank, and died as already stated, the cause of death being a general breaking up of the system.

The news of his demise was telegraphed to his wife and family in Sandhurst early in the forenoon, and Mrs. Watson, accompanied by her eldest son (Mr. John Watson) and Miss Watson, left by the noon train for Melbourne in order to catch the Sydney express, which will reach its destination between 11 and 12 o'clock today.

Mr. Watson was born in Sydney about the year 1823 or 1824. In 1840 he went to California, but returned very soon, and, attracted by the early discoveries of gold in this district, he came to Bendigo. He was amongst the earliest diggers on the White Hills, once famous for their wonderful stores of the golden treasure. For many years he remained in that locality, but he was not very successful. He then turned his attention to the Paddy's Gully Reef, named after its discoverer, an Irishman, named Lomnasey. It is situated to the east of, and lying parallel with the Garden Gully line of reef, just behind Mr. Watson's late residence, in Wattle street.

Lomnasey parted with his interest in the claim to Kelly and Clissold in the early days and these purchasers subsequently sold their interest to Mr. Watson and Company, amongst whom was Mr. John Wade. Mr. Watson's fortunes now took a turn, and it was at this period that he obtained the nucleus of the colossal fortune which he amassed in succeeding years.

The new proprietary of the Paddy's Gully claim went actively to work, and for a short time the mine yielded largely, some of the stone returning as much as 17 ozs. to the ton. The richest stone was found between the surface and the 55 feet plat.

During the first quartz mining excitement the prospects were so excellent in this locality that an offer of £20,000 in cash was made for 373 yards of the ground held by the Paddy's Gully Company, who refused to sell under £24,000, and the negotiations ceased.

In 1863, Mr. Wade relinquished his interest in the mine, and Mr. Watson carried on operations for some time without any profitable results. The surface reef ran out at 55 feet below the surface, and the ground being extremely hard, and the influx of water unusually heavy, work was suspended. This was some 10 or 15 years back.

Mr. Watson's next venture, and the one that eventually made him one of the wealthiest men in the colony, was on the Garden Gully line of reef where about 20 years ago he became possessed of the Golden Fleece, the Kent, and the Central Garden Gully claims. These mines adjoined each other. They were amalgamated, and they are now represented in the present Kentish mine, which was carried on by Mr. Watson up to the time of his death.

Between 1871 and 1880 the Kent mine turned out prodigious quantities of gold. From one reef alone Mr. Watson obtained the enormous yield of 13 tons of the precious metal, valued at nearly a million and a half sterling. With such returns as these coming in for a long time, it is not surprising that Mr. Watson became one of the richest men in the district. A brief history of the mine was published in our mining columns yesterday, also an account of the discovery no later than Friday last of a splendid reef at a depth of 1,785 feet: hence it would seem that the mine is inexhaustible in its mineral riches.

There was a good deal of litigation over the prized mine just prior to the first rich discovery of gold. Mr. Benjamin Keast and others "jumped" the Golden Fleece claim, which Mr. Watson held under miners' right. The case came before the warden in due course, and Mr. Watson was defeated. The Keast party however was ordered to pay £40 compensation to Mr. Watson for improvements on the mine. The money could not be subscribed, and the mine again reverted to Mr. Watson, who, profiting by his recent experience, renewed work, and very shortly electrified the district by the tremendous output of gold.

In later years Henry Marwood sued Mr. Watson before His Honor Judge Skinner to recover one twelfth share in the Golden Fleece claim, valued at £10,000, but Mr. Watson gained the case, and continued ever since in sole possession. Mr. Watson also invested largely in several of the mines of the district. He held a large number of shares in the Catherine Reef United Company's mine, and also in the Confidence mine. These were the two principal public companies that he was connected with. He was one of the projectors of the Cornish United Company, whose mine adjoins the Kent claim on the north.

Mr. Watson acquired property of immense value in Sandhurst, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Tasmania, which he retained up to his death. He had numerous properties right in the heart of Melbourne, which were purchased in the time of the "Berry Blight." These have since quadrupled themselves in value. He was also the owner of many valuable properties in Sydney and was largely interested in squatting pursuits in Queensland.

He was a large shareholder in the Steamship Company that runs from Sydney to Watson's Bay and other well-known watering places. He was with the late Hon. Angus Mackay, one of the promoters of the "Sydney Daily Telegraph", and was a director and one of the biggest shareholders in the Deniliquin Railway Company. Mr. Watson took up 30,000 shares in the Melbourne Tramway Company, and afterwards sold out 10,000, which covered the cost of the whole investment. He was connected with the Federal Bank directory. He was formerly a director in the old Oriental Bank, and, receiving word of the impending failure, he was reported at the time to have withdrawn £60,000 just before the bank stopped payment. Mr. Watson's fortune is roughly estimated at over £2,000,000.

The deceased was a close plodding sort of man, and never took any prominent part in public matters. He leaves a widow and two sons, and five daughters. Of the latter, the three eldest are married. The eldest is the wife of Mr. F. A. Cooper, formerly of Kangaroo Flat, who contested the recent general election for the Shepparton and Euroa electors. The second daughter married Mr. McEacharn, and the third daughter wedded Mr. W. L. Murdoch, the well-known cricketer and solicitor of Melbourne.

Mrs. Watson has just recovered from a severe illness contracted in Melbourne, and the journey to Sydney will be a severe strain upon her system. In addition to a brother in Sydney, Mr. Watson had a sister living in the Rochester district.

The coffin containing the remains of the deceased will be brought over to Sandhurst by train, and will be placed in the family vault at the Sandhurst Cemetery. The vault was opened yesterday afternoon, and prepared for the reception of the coffin. The funeral will take place perhaps on Thursday. On receipt of the intelligence of Mr. Watson's death, work was at once stopped at the Kentish mine and the flag hoisted half-mast. The mine will be idle until after the funeral.

An Australian Millionaire. THE LATE MR. J. B. WATSON.

Australian Town and Country Journal (Sydney, NSW : 1870 - 1907) Saturday 15 June 1889 p 19 Article Illustrated

THE LATE MR. J. B. WATSON.

Mr. John Boyd Watson, who died in his brother's residence, Isle Ornsay, Waverley, Sydney, on the 4th instant, was born in 1825 in Paisley, a well-known manufacturing town in Scotland. He came out to Sydney with his family when he was quite a stripling, and for some time resided in Windsor (N.S.W.), where he was engaged in the currying business.

Soon he removed to Sydney, and worked as a currier for Mr. Alderson. His younger brother James, who was learning the butchering trade, was so excited by the news of the gold discovery in California that he left his work and his family, and went thither, returning in a little more than twelve months with a fairly good pile of gold. He went back to California, taking with him Mr. J. B. Watson (his brother), and Mr. Tristram Bowd (his brother-in-law), and they were again lucky. It was while working there that they accidentally obtained an old newspaper containing an account of the discovery of gold in New South Wales, and in consequence Messrs. Bowd and J. B. Watson returned to Sydney, leaving James to work out the ground in California.

On his arrival in Sydney Mr. J. B. Watson found that the discoveries at Orange, Bathurst, Sofala, &c, had been completely eclipsed by the greater glories of Bendigo and Ballarat. He had three wagons built, and started overland to Melbourne with his three loaded horse teams. On arriving in Bendigo he sold his teams and provisions at a profit, and began work on the White Hills in 1854, and was lucky.

At that time the diggers would in their spare time crush a small piece of quartz with a hammer, and speculate on the piles they would make if they could only get the gold out in large quantities. When the crushing batteries were first mentioned, Mr. Watson grasped the idea, and was one of the proprietors of the first crushing plant on Bendigo. His first trial was at Paddy's Gully, where for a time his luck seemed to have forsaken him. The work was expensive and Mr. Watson's money dwindled away until, in spite of rigid economy in the household, he was reduced to almost his last half crown, and had worried himself into a rheumatic fever, when news was brought that gold had been struck. From that time the gold simply rolled in.

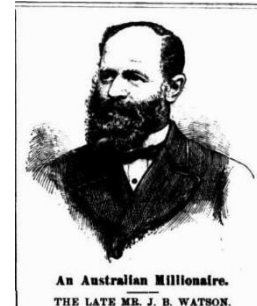
He had shares in the Central and Golden Fleece, the Catherine Reef, the Confidence Extended, and other paying mines. But his name was principally identified with the Kentish Mine on the Garden Gully line, from which, it is said, he obtained no less than 13 tons weight of gold, valued at nearly £1,500,000. For some years this mine has produced nothing, though prospecting work has been carried on diligently. But on the Saturday before his death a telegram informed Mr. Watson that a 5ft gold bearing reef had been struck 1780 ft from the surface.

He invested his wealth in freehold property in Sydney and Melbourne, and had shares in the Deniliquin and Moama Railway, the Melbourne Tramways, and the Federal Bank, besides station property in New South Wales and Queensland. It is impossible to say what his fortune amounted to, but it has been variously estimated at from £1,500,000 to £6,000,000. Perhaps a figure midway between these two extremes might be near the mark.

He had recently been ailing, and went to California for the benefit of his health. On his return he stayed for a night in Aarons's Exchange Hotel, Sydney, and was then conveyed to his brother's residence, Waverley, where he passed away at about half past 8 on the morning of the 4th instant. His remains were removed for interment in the vault in the Bendigo Cemetery, White Hills, near where his first mining successes were obtained.

Mr. J. B. Watson left a wife and seven children - two sons and five daughters. Of the daughters one is married to Mr. W. L. Murdoch (the well-known cricketer), another to Mr. F. A. Cooper (formerly a member of the Queensland Legislature), and a third to Mr. McEachran (of the firm of McIlwraith, McEachran and Company, and a director of the Federal Bank). The other two are unmarried.

At Deniliquin, when the death of Mr. Watson was announced, the flag at the Australian Club Hotel was hoisted half-mast high. Some years ago this hotel was presented as a gift to the Deniliquin Hospital by Mr. Watson. Our portrait of Mr. Watson is from an excellent photograph taken by Boyd, George street, Sydney.



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Death of Mrs Mary Ann Watson (nee Covell)

Mrs. J. B. Watson.

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931) Saturday 13 February 1915 p 40 Article

Mrs. J. B. Watson.

The death is announced of Mrs. J. B. Watson, widow of the late Mr. John Boyd Watson, the Bendigo mining millionaire. For some years Mrs. Watson has been living in Melbourne with her youngest daughter (Mrs. S. H. Hall), at whose home, *Pentlowe*, St. Kilda road, she died on Sunday, at the age of 82. One of her daughters is Lady McEacharn, widow of the late Sir Malcolm McEacharn, and another is the widow of the late W. Murdoch, the famous Australian cricketer.

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 9 February 1915 p 5 Article

OBITUARY.

An old and highly-respected ex-Bendigonian, in the person of Mrs. Mary Ann Watson, widow of the late Mr. John Boyd Watson, the well-known Bendigo mining investor, died at the residence of her youngest daughter, Mrs. S. H. Hall, "Pentlowe", St. Kilda-road, Melbourne, yesterday morning. The deceased lady, who was 82 years of age, had been an invalid for some time but was able to go out in an invalid's chair.

A native of Kent, the late Mrs. Watson came to Australia when very young. Shortly afterward she arrived in Bendigo, where she married the late Mr. J. B. Watson. Mrs. Watson was a very kind-hearted charitable woman, and did a large amount of good in relieving distress and poverty in an unostentatious manner.

As a result of the death of Mrs. Watson the Bendigo Hospital will benefit to the extent of about £7,000. This money was left by the late Mr. J. B. Watson, to be donated to the Bendigo Hospital on the death of his widow, and to be used preferably for the erection or maintenance of a children's wing to the institution. Up to the time of her death Mrs. Watson received the interest on the money.

The deceased lady leaves one son and five daughters to mourn their sad loss. The son is Mr. J. L. Watson, of Elsternwick, whilst the daughters are Mrs. Margaret Cooper, widow of the late Mr. Fred. Cooper, barrister, of Melbourne, Lady McEacharn, wife of the late Sir Malcolm McEacharn of Melbourne, Mrs. W. L. Murdoch of England, Mrs Paul Katz of England, and Mrs. S. H. Hall of Melbourne, at whose residence Mrs. Watson died. The late Mr. J.B. Watson, Jnr., founder of the Watson Sustentation Fund for worn-out miners, was a son of the deceased lady. Mrs. Watson's remains will be interred in the Boroondara Cemetery, Kew, this afternoon

WAUGH John Watson (63)

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 26 March 1910** p 9 Article

OBITUARY.

The death occurred on Thursday at 29 Breen-street, Quarry Hill, of Mr. John W. Waugh, the well-known builder, at the advanced age of 82 years. Mr. Waugh had been in failing health for the past nine months, and his end was therefore not unexpected.

Born at Lanark, Scotland, Mr. Waugh spent about 10 years of his early life in New York, but in the "rush" days he landed in Australia, and in 1853 came to Bendigo in search of fortune. He was on the field between two and three years when he relinquished digging and devoted his attention to his trade. Going to Melbourne, he worked for several years under the late Messrs. Cornish and Bruce, contractors.



In the sixties Mr. Waugh returned to Bendigo, and finally settled here. He pursued his business the while, and in this as well as in social circles, he was always respected. Mr. Waugh was one of the members of the old Bendigo Greys, and a unit in the militia on its formation, while he was also connected with the old St. Andrew's Society.

He leaves a family of five sons and two daughters, who live in different parts of the State. One son, George, is a well-known rifle shot, and a member of the V.R.A. Council. Mrs. Waugh (Agnes Hall) died several years ago.

Bendigo Cemetery MON C2

WEDDELL James Gray (350)

THE DEATH OF CR. J. G. WEDDELL.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 9 May 1888** p 3 Article

THE DEATH OF CR. J. G. WEDDELL.

Another well-known and much respected Bendigonian, in the person of Cr J. G. Weddell, has gone to that bourne whence no traveller returns. On Friday last after the Council meeting Cr. Weddell got into his buggy which his son had waiting for him at the town hall, and drove towards home. After passing through Kangaroo Flat township a man on horseback came violently in contact with the shaft of the buggy, and it was broken.



Mr. Weddell's horse in its fright bolted, and he advised his son to jump out, which he did. Before the frightened horse had gone far the buggy was overturned, and Mr. Weddell was thrown with great force to the ground. He was speedily taken to Dr. O'Donnell's surgery, and it was found he had sustained a fracture of the collar bone and concussion of the brain, besides bruises on the face and body. He was removed home, and Dr. Atkinson was sent for.

On his arrival he found the sufferer semi-conscious, and he remained so until Monday morning, when he was seized with violent convulsions lasting for four hours. After this he slept well, and in the afternoon recognised his near relatives. On Tuesday about midday he was again seized with convulsions, and these continued with more or less power until about 3.30, when Drs. Hinchliffe and Atkinson were summoned. On their arrival they found that paralysis had set in, and that his death was only the matter of an hour or two. At six o'clock he died.

The deceased gentleman was born in Kelso, Scotland, in 1834, and like thousands of others, attracted by the fame of the goldfields, came to Victoria in 1853 when he was 18 years of age. He stayed but a short time in Melbourne, and then came up to Bendigo, and went to work as a digger in Sailors Gully which had just been opened. After working in the alluvial ground with varying success he went with the rush to Tarrangower, glowing accounts of rich finds having come from that quarter. At this goldfield he became mates with Mr. T. H. Henderson, now of the firm of Messrs. Henderson and Goodisson, drapers, Pall Mall, but as the fickle goddess did not smile upon them as they wished, they returned to Bendigo and pitched their tent on the famous Epsom lead.

Here they met with moderate success, and sent out prospecting parties to new reefs opened in the Eaglehawk district. When the Epsom lead was flooded, the party worked for three months baling the water out, and succeeded when a fresh flood took place. This was disheartening, and the party broke up.

Mr. Weddell started a puddling machine near the upper end of Ironbark gully, and when this failed, he proceeded to work a reef at Campbell's Creek, which gave promise of rich yields, but that enterprise did not prove remunerative. Then he tried his luck at Maryborough, but after some time returned to his first love, Bendigo, and worked as a miner for wages on the Burns' Reef, now the Johnson's Reef Company's mine.

Receiving an appointment as manager of an alluvial mine in Smythesdale, he proceeded there. Subsequently he became manager of a quartz mine at Steiglitz. But his heart ever turned to Bendigo, and before long he was back to Eaglehawk as manager of the Star Reef Company. When the company was wound up Mr. Weddell became a traveller for Mr. Henry Jackson, of View Point, and continued at this employment for a short time.

A favorable opportunity offering he started as legal manager, for which his large experience well qualified him. This was about the end of 1870 when the formation of mining companies began to increase. In 1871 when Mr. H. von der Heyde gave up business, Mr. Weddell took over a considerable portion of his business, and became one of the leading legal managers of Sandhurst, and was personally largely interested in the mines of the district.

In 1883 he felt desirous of once again viewing the scenes of his youth in the old country, and ever mindful of helping forward the district in which he had spent the best part of his life, he had a pamphlet published at his own expense containing interesting particulars of Bendigo mines and their yields, with the view of inducing capitalists in the old country to send some of their spare cash to open up the untouched mines of wealth of this district. These he distributed during his few months sojourn in the old land. He also took home with him a large number of valuable mineral specimens, which he presented to various public bodies in his native town and other centres of population.

In 1884 he returned to Bendigo refreshed in mind and body, remained, and settled down to his old duties, and lived happily in the midst of troops of friends and in the enjoyment of the respect of his fellow citizens. Up to this time he had not aspired to any public position, though in a quiet yet effective way he interested himself in public matters. When Cr. Delbridge retired from the City Council as a representative of Sutton Ward in 1885 an extraordinary vacancy was created, and the friends of Mr. Weddell thought he would fill the position with credit to himself and satisfaction to the ratepayers. They interviewed him on the subject, and after some pressing he consented to stand, and was elected.

On the expiry of his term of office in August last he was re-elected without opposition, thus showing that he had fulfilled his duties as councillor in a manner approved of by the ratepayers. It was while returning from the council meeting to his home at Crusoe Gully, Kangaroo Flat, that he met with the accident which has so suddenly terminated his career. It may be mentioned that it was through Mr. Weddell's agency that the Frederick the Great and several other companies were successfully floated.

Mr. Weddell was secretary for the Agricultural Society for a number of years, a position which he filled with great benefit to the society. The deceased gentleman took a deep interest in mining matters, and it was mainly due to his efforts that the Mineowners' Association was formed as a balance on the side of capital to the Miners' Association which represented the labor side.

He was also passionately fond of trotting horses, and spent a considerable amount of money in endeavoring to create a public taste in the same direction. With this end in view he purchased a famous trotting stallion, "Sir Walter Scott," which was kept for stud purposes at the Epsom Racecourse, and was a great favorite with the public of Sandhurst and surrounding districts.

Mr. Weddell was most genial in his character and possessed a large share of that practical common sense which is more useful than more brilliant acquirements, while he had a touch of that sturdiness and independence of thought characteristic of the Scottish race and which makes its way in the world even in the midst of adverse circumstances. He was a liberal giver to worthy objects, but did not blazon his liberality abroad, and was ever ready to help a friend. He leaves a widow and a family of four children.

Constable Lysaght, of Kangaroo Flat, forwarded a report of the accident which led to Mr. Weddell's death, to the coroner last evening, and a magisterial inquiry will probably be held this day.

DEATH OF MR. J. G. WEDDELL. (BY TELEGRAPH OUR CORRESPONDENT.) SANDHURST, TUESDAY.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Wednesday 9 May 1888 p 8 Article

DEATH OF MR. J. G. WEDDELL.
(By Telegraph From Our Correspondent.)
SANDHURST, Tuesday.

Mr. J. G. Weddell died tonight from the effects of the buggy mishap at Kangaroo Flat on Friday evening. The deceased had a large circle of friends in Sandhurst and Melbourne. He was a member of the Sandhurst City Council, and was legal manager of the Shenandoah, North Shenandoah, Frederick the Great, Unicorn, Royal Hustler's, Arcadian, British, New Chum, and other mining companies.

THE LATE MR. J. G. WEDDELL.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Thursday 10 May 1888 p 2 Article

THE LATE MR. J. G. WEDDELL.

A magisterial inquiry was held yesterday at the residence of deceased, Kangaroo Flat, by Mr. J. C. Stamp, J.P., into the cause of death of Mr. J. G. Weddell. Walter Weddell, son of deceased, deposed that he was 17 years of age. Deceased and himself left Sandhurst on Friday, the 4th instant, in a buggy at 5.40 p.m. Witness was driving the horse, which had bolted on two previous occasions, but was safe unless frightened.

They drove safely to opposite M. Clifford's house, Kangaroo Flat, and did not stop at any place after starting till the accident happened, which took place a few minutes after six. There was good light, and witness could see anything approaching plainly. There was a wood cart in front going in the same direction. Witness kept the centre of the road and on overtaking the wood cart and about to pass it on the left hand side, witness first saw a boy on horseback, who crossed witness's horse, and attempted to go between the buggy and wood cart.

In doing so he struck the buggy between the wheel and shaft on the off side. That broke the shaft close to the crossbar. Deceased then seized the reins, and the jagged end of the shaft ran into the buggy-horse's flesh, causing it to kick. After deceased had driven 30 yards he told witness to jump, and witness got out over the back of the buggy. The horse bolted, and a sharp turn upset the buggy and threw deceased out. The boy who ran into us was galloping very fast.

By the jury: Witness had no lamp, it was quite light. The boy, riding bareback, could not exercise proper control over the horse. There was no room for him to pass between the buggy and the cart. If the boy had not swerved across, there would have been no accident. The boy was on his wrong side of the road, and could not pull up at the time of the accident. He called at our house the following morning, and said he did not see the buggy coming up by the side of the dray.

Sydney Ernest Courtier, assistant grocer, deposed that he had been delivering a parcel of groceries, and was returning home on horseback. There was a bridle, but no saddle on the horse. He was cantering smartly along the road when he saw a wood cart on its wrong side of the road, but did not see the buggy, and as witness attempted to pass the dray on his wrong side, he saw deceased's buggy then along side the dray. Witness attempted to go between the two, and came into collision with the buggy. Where he delivered the groceries was 300 yards further along the road on the same side. It was a cloudy night, and dusk at the time of the accident. Deceased's buggy had no light. Witness was in the middle of the road at the time the buggy was struck.

James Park, wood carter, deposed that he was driving an empty cart, and when opposite Clifford's house, deceased's buggy had quite passed his dray, when the accident happened. There was a good light at the time. Witness did not notice the boy approaching till the collision. That started witness' horse and he saw no more of the accident. The boy was rushing on the right hand side of the road, his wrong side, and going very fast.

James Alexander, a boy 15 years of age, working for Park, and who was on his dray at the time of the accident, deposed that the buggy was six yards past the dray when the collision took place. It was dusk, but light enough to see some distance. The dray was on its proper side on the edge of the metal. There was room for a horse to go between the buggy and the dray, and the boy, who was riding very fast, tried to go between.

Dr. O'Donnell deposed that deceased was brought to his surgery. He was unconscious, and was removed to his residence. He had abrasions over the left temple, and dislocation of the left shoulder. The left clavicle was torn from its attachment to the left scapula. Witness recommended a consultation with Dr. Atkinson. On Sunday evening the patient was suffering from convulsions which continued until two o'clock a.m.

Next day deceased regained consciousness about 11 o'clock a.m., which continued until the following morning when the convulsions returned, and continued up to a few hours of his death, ending in general paralysis of the whole body. He died the same evening. He believed deceased was suffering from laceration of the brain, and extravasation of blood on the brain or its membranes.

A verdict was recorded of "Accidental death".

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. J. G. WEDDELL.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 11 May 1888 p 2 Article

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. J. G. WEDDELL

The funeral of Mr. J. G. Weddell took place yesterday. At two o'clock the mourners had assembled at his residence. Kangaroo Flat, and services were held by the Rev. Dr. Nish, of whose congregation deceased was a member. A start was made for the Back Creek Cemetery shortly after two o'clock, and the great respect in which the deceased was held was shown by the large attendance which followed his remains to the grave. There were about 80 private vehicles and the cortege was about half a mile long. It wended its way into Sandhurst, and proceeded by Mitchell street to the graveyard.

At the gates of the Cemetery the cortege halted, and the coffin was removed from the hearse and borne on the shoulders of intimate friends - Messrs. J. Mathieson, T. H. Henderson, G. Petrie, and C. O. Bruhn - to the grave. The pall-bearers were the Mayor (Cr. T. J. Connelly, Crs. Cohn, Hayes, and O'Neill; and the chief mourners deceased's son Walter, his brother Geo. Weddell, and his nephew Wm. Esdale. Immediately behind were the city councillors, the town clerk, Mr. Denovan, the assistant clerk, Mr. Honeybone, and the city surveyor, Mr. Minto. Mr. A. S. Bailes, M.L.A., Mr. Burrowes, M.L.A., Mr. J. H. McColl, M.L.A., and Mr. W. P. Simpson, M.L.C. The Eaglehawk Council were represented by the mayor, Mr. McCormick, Crs. Kirkwood, Willan, and the town clerk, Mr. Spreule. The legal managers of the district were nearly all present.

The St. Andrews' Society, of which deceased was a life honorary member, a distinction conferred, as he had during his visit to the old country, purchased for the society and brought out their magnificent banner, was represented by the grand master, R. J. Liddell, J. K. McLean, P.G.M. C. Houston, P.G.M., and J. Barr, secretary, and a number of members.

There were besides a large number of influential citizens - Messrs. A. M. Lloyd, Putnam, J. Stamp, W. C. Vahland, G. H. Crawford, A. Joseph, J. Andrew, G. Mackay, H. Marks, W. Hemming, J. Del-bridge, the Rev. J. H. Potter, H. Burrige, H. von der Heyde, Fogarty, J. Robshaw, and a host of other well-known names.

The remains of deceased were interred in the Presbyterian portion of the cemetery, and the funeral service was impressively conducted by the Rev. Dr. Nish. Telegrams were received from Crs. Sterry, Harkness, and Carolin, who were in Melbourne, stating their inability to attend. It was noticeable that the shops were closed on the route taken by the procession.

Our Kangaroo Flat correspondent writes: The remains of the late Mr. J. G. Weddell passed through this afternoon en route to the Sandhurst Cemetery, and were followed by a great number of people, There being in all seventy-three vehicles. The funeral cortege was nearly a mile in length - the largest that has ever passed this way. The shutters of the different places of business were all up in honor of the memory of deceased, who was held in great respect by the inhabitants of this township. He was never known to turn anyone from the door who wanted assistance or help in any way. A great number will miss him, as he was known to be a kind, generous, and affectionate gentleman.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D3. Aged 53 years.

Death of Mrs. Matilda Weddell.

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Monday 16 December 1912 p 5 Article

OBITUARY.

An old and much respected resident, in the person of Mrs. Matilda Weddell, died on Saturday at Palmerston-street, Quarry Hill, after a lengthy and painful illness.

The deceased lady was the widow of the late Mr. J. G. Weddell, a former well-known citizen and legal manager. A native of Launceston, Tasmania, the late Mrs. Weddell had resided in Bendigo for the past 40 years. She was endeared to a large circle of friends by reason of her pure Christian life and kind and charitable disposition.

Mrs. Weddell was prominently identified with St. Andrew's Church and organisations connected therewith, and she will be greatly missed by the members of the congregation, who should, however, be sustained and inspired by her noble example.

Mrs. Weddell leaves a son and daughter. Mr. Walter Weddell, the well-known legal manager, was her stepson. The obsequies were reverently carried out yesterday afternoon, and though the arrangements were of a private nature, there was an exceedingly large attendance of sorrowing friends, including leading citizens and the officers and many members prominently associated with St. Andrew's Church.

The cortege moved from her late residence, 13 Palmerston-street, Quarry Hill, to the Bendigo Cemetery. The interment took place in the family enclosure in the Presbyterian section, the beautiful oaken casket being borne to the grave by Messrs. A. Thomson, J. Taylor, G. Mackay and J. P. Christie.

A service was held at the residence by the Rev. J. Crookston, who also solemnised the burial service, and in his prayers referred to the sad personal loss those present had sustained, and to the fine Christian life and example left by the deceased lady. There was an exceptionally large collection of beautiful floral tributes, including a domed immortelle from Mr. and Mrs. S. Ferguson. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. Farmer, McCrae-street.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D3 Aged 63 years.

Notes.

Matilda Dalglish was the second wife of J.G. Weddell and is not named on the headstone. Married in 1885.

The first wife of J.G. Weddell was Catherine Deayell. Married in 1865. She died in 1883. Aged 48 years.

WELCH / WELSH William (66)

DEATH OF MR. W. WELSH. AN OLD RESIDENT. DIES BY HIS OWN HAND.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Monday 19 July 1909 p 4 Article

DEATH OF MR. W. WELSH AN OLD RESIDENT. DIES BY HIS OWN HAND

Quite a gloom was cast over the city on Saturday when it became known that, Mr. William Welch, a very old and highly respected resident, had committed suicide by hanging himself. The deceased, who was 81 years of age, has been suffering from rheumatism and eczema for some time, and had been in a somewhat depressed state, but gave, no indications whatever as to his intention of ending his life.



It was the custom of the deceased to daily go for a stroll, and on Saturday afternoon he was missed about the usual time. Consequently the members of his family did not ask his destination. When the hour of seven arrived, and the deceased had not put in an appearance, they became anxious as to his whereabouts, as he had never remained away from his home till so late an hour. A thorough search of the house was made, and Mr. Harry Welch received a great shock, upon entering a disused room on the second floor, to discover his father hanging by a strong cord from a bracket fixed to the wall.

The truth of the situation immediately flashed across the son's mind, and he promptly summoned Dr. Atkinson. When the doctor arrived he discovered that medical aid was quite useless as the man was dead. The matter was reported to the police, and Constable Dobie took charge of the case, and in turn reported the sad occurrence to the Coroner (Mr. E. N. Moore) who conducted an inquiry yesterday afternoon. Evidence was given by Dr. Atkinson, and members of the deceased man's family. The Coroner returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased had died from suffocation caused by hanging.

The deceased, who was a native of Ilminster, Somerset, England, arrived in Sydney in 1849, where he remained two years, before leaving for Melbourne. He joined the mechanical staff of the Evening News, and later was one of the earliest compositors on the staff of the Argus. He left Melbourne and went to Ballarat in about the year in which gold was first discovered there, where he did very well on the diggings.

Subsequently he came to Bendigo, and worked in the mechanical staff of the Advertiser and the Independent remaining in the last named for several years. He then went into partnership with Mr. G. Young, in a printing business in Williamson street. The partnership was dissolved, and a stipulation was agreed to that the deceased would not start a printing business for at least two years.

This term the deceased spent on the staff of "The Courier of The Mines", which was then being published at Maryborough. He returned to Bendigo about 1869, and started a printing establishment in Charing Cross. He subsequently erected a building in View Street, where he carried on business as a printer and stationer up till about three years ago.

He was a great enthusiast on deep sinking and his letters, signed by "Progress," will be remembered by all old Bendigonians. He was a mining speculator from his earliest days in Bendigo, but up to about 20 years ago he had little success. However, his luck then changed. He was largely interested in the New Moon, South New Moon, and several other stocks in the same neighborhood, and gradually amassed a comfortable fortune.

The deceased was an honorable man and among other things was an enthusiastic in campanology. He was the originator of St. Paul's peal of bells about the year 1872, and must have spent weeks of his time in collecting the monies wherewith they were purchased. The deceased was of a retired and kindly disposition, and never figured prominently in public life. He had been for many years connected with the Oddfellows lodge. A widow and grown up family, consisting of two sons and two daughters, one of whom is married and residing in Western Australia, are left.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D6

DEATH OF MR. H. FRENCHAM. A PIONEER GOLD DISCOVERER.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 6 July 1897 p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. H. FRENCHAM. A PIONEER GOLD DISCOVERER.

On Saturday Mr. Henry Frencham, who claimed to have been the first gold discoverer in Bendigo, passed away at his residence, Berry, Richmond, at the age of 82 years, after a residence in the colony of 57 years. Our readers will remember that the deceased gentleman paid a visit to the scene of his early experiences in March, 1895, he then being hale and hearty. Prior to the City Council meeting on the 1st March of that year **Mr. William Welch**, of View-street (who, by the way was an old friend of Mr. Frencham's), introduced the veteran to the mayor (the late Cr. Heinz) and councillors in the mayor's room. **Mr. Welch's** remarks in introducing his old friend on that occasion may be appropriately quoted here:—"I beg most respectfully to introduce to you my old and esteemed friend Mr. Henry Frencham, of Richmond, as the first discoverer of gold in Bendigo in November, 1851. We were shop mates in the daily newspaper offices in Melbourne during 1850 and part of 1851. In July of the latter year he went alone on a pack horse to the Plenty Ranges, about 20 miles from Melbourne, to try and find gold, in the honest endeavor to stop the rush of people from Port Phillip to New South Wales after Mr. Hargreaves' discovery at Bathurst. He was unsuccessful in his first attempt, but soon after he went to found real goldfields in this colony until he reached Ballarat.

..... See *Henry FRENCHAM* to read full article.

WELLER George Henry (42)

DEATH OF MR. G. H. WELLER. AN OLD AND ESTIMABLE CITIZEN.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 13 January 1912** p 9 Article Illustrated

DEATH OF MR. G. H. WELLER. AN OLD AND ESTIMABLE CITIZEN.

Bendigo has suffered the loss of another of its oldest and most highly-respected residents in the person of Mr. George Henry Weller, who passed peacefully away at his late residence, "Wellesley", Forest Street, at 12.15 p.m. yesterday, at the advanced age of 85 years. The late Mr. Weller had been ailing for some considerable time past from a general break up of the system, and had been under the constant care of his medical adviser, Dr. Atkinson. His condition for some time past was such as to cause anxiety to his relatives and friends. It was recognised also that the recent death of his wife preyed upon his mind, and materially altered his condition for the worse, so that his family were fully prepared for his decease.



Mr. Weller was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, where he was born in 1826. In his early manhood he travelled to England, and for some time worked at Sheffield, until he had saved sufficient capital to enable him to sail for Australia, which he did at the age of 30 in the good ship *Golden Fleece*, arriving in Melbourne in the year 1856, after being three months on the voyage. With little delay the then enterprising young man made up his mind to follow the custom of his adopted country, and, answering the alluring call of the goldfields, travelled to Bendigo. That was 53 years ago, and Mr. Weller remained here ever since.

He gained his early experience in mining at White Hills as a digger, an occupation he followed with characteristic tenacity and thoroughness for two years, when he was able to start a butchering business in Long Gully. That business he conducted with attention and integrity, and about 19 years ago he decided to retire, and enjoy the autumn of his life in that peaceful domestic manner of which he was so fond.

With his late wife and family he removed to his cosy retreat in Forest-street, where he eventually died. In addition to his business at Long Gully, Mr. Weller had always taken an active interest in gold mining, and for some time was a director of Koch's Pioneer, the Unity, Windmill Hill, and Confidence mines.

Another of his ventures was the purchase of 2300 acres of land at Murrabit. Whilst he held this property he conducted extensive farming operations, and gave employment to a large number of farm hands. It was customary for him to crop about 300 acres of this land annually.

The rest he used for grazing sheep and cattle. He sold this land some time ago to Mr. Ralph Ross.

The late Mr. Weller's wife died on Saturday. 23rd December, and was two years younger than her husband. Like him, she was a native of Wurtemberg. Six children remain to mourn their loss. These include an only son, George Ernest, who is engaged in business in Melbourne; three married daughters - Mrs. A. Roberts and Mrs. L. Germann, of Bendigo, and Mrs. J. Lindsay, of Melbourne, and two unmarried daughters, who have always resided with their parents in Forest-street.

The remains will be interred quietly at the Bendigo Cemetery today in the German section, the services being conducted by Pastor F. Leypoldt. The funeral will move from the residence at 11 a.m. The funeral arrangements are in the hands of Mr. W. Farmer.

Bendigo Cemetery MON B6

Mrs Mary Weller died in December 1911.

OBITUARY.

Article - The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Thursday 28 December 1911** - Page 4

OBITUARY.

The interment of the late Mrs. Mary Weller, wife of Mr. G.H. Weller, were carried out on Monday. Notwithstanding the funeral was private many friends joined the cortege from her late residence "Wellesley", Forest Street, to the Bendigo Cemetery.

The oaken casket, strewn with beautiful floral tributes, was borne to the family grave in the Anglican section by Messrs. W. Eskdale, R. D. Mackay, W. Rae, G. Rae, J. Kahland and H. Bosselman. Prior to leaving Pastor Leypoldt held a brief service at the house in the presence of the members of her family. The funeral service, which was very impressive, was also conducted by Pastor Leypoldt, who gave a touching address.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. Farmer, McCrae-street.

WELLS George Edwin (255)

DEATH OF MR. GEO. E. WELLS. AN EARLY COLONIST AT REST.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 18 November 1898 p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. GEO. E. WELLS.
AN EARLY COLONIST AT REST.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of another of those sturdy pioneers who came out to the colony in its early days, and who, by their perseverance, industry and thrift have assisted to develop the resources of the colonies and bring them up to their present state of settlement. We refer to the late Mr. George Edwin Wells, who died at his residence in Webster-street, Ironbark, at an early hour yesterday morning. The deceased had been in failing health for some time past, so that his demise was not unexpected, but the news of the sad event will be received with sincere regret by a large circle of friends.



The deceased gentleman was a native of Oxford, England, where he was born in 1826. He served his apprenticeship to the coach building trade, and in 1841 came out to New Zealand with his employer, a Mr. Martin. Shortly after his arrival in Maoriland he met the late Mr. J. G. Annear, with whom he entered into partnership and carried on business in the timber line.

In 1848 he decided to return to England, but on reaching Singapore he changed his mind and came back to the colonies, reaching Melbourne in the early part of the following year. While in the metropolis he met Mr. W. Gibbs, who now resides on Mt. Korong road, Ironbark. They carried on business as storekeepers for a time, and on the discovery of gold they left their wives in Melbourne and proceeded to Ballarat, being amongst the first to open up the Black Hill. That was in 1851. After returning to Melbourne for the Christmas holidays they visited the Forest Creek (Mount Alexander) and Fryer's Creek rushes.

About the middle of January, 1852, they arrived on this goldfield and pitched their tents in Adelaide Gully at the head of Golden Gully, where they met with good results. After a brief holiday with their families in Melbourne they returned to Bendigo, and after having a look round they decided to try their luck in the vicinity of the White Hills. Mr. Gibbs was about the first man to sink a hole on the flat opposite the first White Hill, while Mr. Wells and two other men whom they had picked up on the field put down another hole some distance away. The water, however, was too strong, and as they were, comparatively speaking, "new chums" in regard to mining, and did not know how to cope with the water, they had to abandon the claim. A party of Cornishmen, who had had some previous experience of mining in California, subsequently took up the claim, and it is stated won 50lb. weight of gold from it in a remarkably short space of time.

After fossicking in several localities for a month or two with satisfactory results, Messrs. Wells and Gibbs made another journey to Melbourne, and brought back their families with them. Just about that period a rush broke out near Mount Korong, and thither the two mates went with a number of other diggers, but, not meeting with any luck, they again came back to Bendigo, and settled down near Long Gully. By this time the miners were paying some attention to gold in quartz, as well as in the alluvial workings.

Mr. Wells' old partner, Mr. Annear, had then arrived from New Zealand, and the three gentlemen, Messrs. Annear, Wells and Gibbs, took up one of the first quartz claims on the Victoria Hill, under the name of the Midway Co. No. 1. The adjoining claim was held by Messrs. Gould and Taylor. They struck the reef at a depth of 150ft., and some of the stone which was crushed at a battery at Kangaroo Flat, then owned by a Mr. Young, yielded as high as, 42oz. to the ton.

The late Mr. Ballerstedt held a claim 25 yards in extent in the same locality and next north of that Messrs Annear, Wells and Gibbs held the Midway No. 2 claim. These claims were subsequently included in the Great Central Victoria and other leases now comprised in the Victoria Consols, Victoria Quartz and Ironbark, which are adjacent to George Lansell's 180 mine. While the firm was engaged in quartz mining they were also engaged in alluvial workings in Happy Valley, and their ventures were on the whole very satisfactory.

At about that period the late Messrs. Carl Roeder, J. A. Woodward (afterwards a mayor of this city), and R. F. Howard were associated with the deceased gentleman. Mr. Wells has continued to hold an interest in the above-mentioned mines ever since. He was a director in those companies, and also in the United Hustler's and Redan Co. He was one of our most genuine investors and had unbounded confidence in the permanency of this goldfield. It is understood, however, that of late years some of his speculations have not been very profitable, although up to the last he had great faith that eventually good results will accrue. Some of his investments in financial institutions were also cramped, owing to the temporary stoppage of some of the banks, but it is believed he was still in very comfortable circumstances.

For years past he has been living privately and put in most of his time reading or busying himself in his garden. He was an ardent floriculturist and was very proud of his roses, of which he had some choice varieties. Recently his health began to fail, and in the hope that a change of air might prove beneficial, he paid a visit to his property on the Murray, some distance from Echuca, which is being managed by his two sons. The change, however, did not do him any good, and shortly after his return he was compelled to take to his bed. Dr. Atkinson was summoned and found him suffering from a complication of disorders.

As he continued to decline, Dr. Gaffney was called in in consultation with Dr. Atkinson, and after a careful diagnosis they came to the conclusion that the case was hopeless. The patient suffered very little pain and retained consciousness up to the end.

When it became apparent that the end was approaching, his six sons, Henry, George, Edwin, Alfred, Frank and Louis, some of whom were engaged in different parts of this and the neighboring colonies, were communicated with, and they were all at home when the deceased passed quietly away shortly before 2 o'clock, yesterday morning. Mr. Wells' wife and daughter pre-deceased him many years ago.

Of an affable kindly nature, courteous in his demeanor and straightforward in all his dealings, the deceased gentleman was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends, who deeply deplore his loss and sympathise with the family in their bereavement. He was of a retiring disposition, and did not take any prominent part in public matters. He was a trustee of the local Savings Bank. The flags at the 180 and all the other mines in that locality were flying half-mast yesterday out of respect to his memory. The funeral takes place to-morrow morning, and will be carried out privately.

Bendigo Cemetery MON E4

DEATH OF MR. G. E. WELLS. A GRAND OLD BENDIGONIAN.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Friday 18 November 1898 p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. G. E. WELLS.
A GRAND OLD BENDIGONIAN.

Early yesterday morning Mr. George Edwin Wells, one of the earliest and also one of the most respected Bendigonians, breathed his last at his residence, Webster Street, Ironbark. He had been suffering for some months past from a very serious internal complaint, and as reported in the Independent at the beginning of the week his case was regarded by his medical attendants, Drs. Atkinson and Gaffney as hopeless. He bore his illness with great fortitude and towards the last fully recognised that his end was approaching. He passed peacefully away between one and two o'clock yesterday morning in the presence of his sons who had been summoned to his bedside some days ago.

Mr. Wells was a native of Oxford, born in 1826, 72 years ago. He was at an early age apprenticed to the coachbuilding trade. In the year 1841 (when only 15 years old) he left England with his employer, for New Zealand, where he resided for some years, afterwards starting in the timber business with the late Mr. J. D. Annear. The young man was successful in business and determined to take a trip to the old country, but the vessel in which he sailed was wrecked near Singapore. He then returned to Australia, landing in Melbourne in 1848, when he went into business with Mr. W. Gibbs.

The diggings breaking out, Ballarat claimed their attention and they immediately left for that place. One of the first eight holes at the celebrated Black Hill was put down by them. He and Mr. Gibbs were fairly successful at Ballarat, and following up the rushes they were amongst the first at Mount Alexander (Castlemaine). Mr. Wells took out the 20th license issued on that goldfield. There again he was fortunate, and went to Melbourne for a holiday.

They shifted their camp to Bendigo, as the alluvial mining was booming here at that time. He was one of the first who worked at White Hills. In partnership with Messrs. Gibbs and Annear they next opened the Medway and Endeavor mines on Victoria Hill. (The Medway Co. was the nucleus of the Great Central Victoria Co, and the Endeavor Co. of the Victoria Consols.) In the Endeavor, Confidence and Adventure companies they subsequently had several partners, the best known of whom are Mr. R. F. Howard and the late Messrs J. A. Woodward and Carl Roeder. Mr. Wells was identified with these claims up to the time of his death.

In fact Mr. Wells, has been associated with nearly the whole of the mines on the Victoria line of reef in addition to many others, and it may be said that so great was his faith in the future of the Bendigo mines that he was one of the most consistent call payers in the district. At the time of death he was a director of the Old Chum, Great Central, Victoria Consols and United Hustlers and Redan.

He was a man of the most kindly and generous nature and as an employer is never known to have had angry word or a dispute with any of the scores of miners and others who from time to time worked under his directions. He was a trustee of the local branch of the Savings Bank, of whom the manager, Mr R. F. Howard, was one of his most esteemed and constant friends.

Several times he was asked to come out for the City Council. But public life had no attractions for him, his home and a book, a pipe and a congenial friend being much more to his taste. He leaves a family of six grown up sons, who are engaged in various pursuits. Mrs. Wells died in 1886, and her loss was a very severe blow to her husband and sons.

The remains will be buried by her side in the Bendigo Cemetery on Saturday. The funeral is to be private.

Katherine Theresa Wells

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 13 October 1886** p 2 Article

Mrs Wells, wife of Mr Geo. E. Wells, one of the pioneers of the Victoria Hill line of reef, who died on Saturday evening from paralysis after three years suffering, was buried yesterday morning in the Back Creek cemetery.

The funeral was of a private character, but among those present were Messrs. R. F. Howard, Gibbs and C. Roeder, gentleman who have been acquainted with Mr Wells for a considerable time. Mrs Wells was a resident of Sandhurst for 30 years, and at the time of her demise, which was not unexpected, was 51 years of age. She leaves six sons.

WHITE James (215)

DEATH OF AN OLD BENDIGONIAN

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Friday 10 August 1917 p 5 Article

DEATH OF AN OLD BENDIGONIAN

On Wednesday evening, at Clifton Hill, Melbourne, a gentleman who was associated with Bendigo from 1853 till late in the seventies passed away, in the person of Mr. James White, who was the first actuary of the Bendigo Savings Bank, a position which he retained till he retired about 1875.

Mr. White was closely associated with religious, charitable and temperance movements, and will be well remembered by older Bendigonians. He was 90 years of age, and with the exception of one daughter (Miss Phoebe White), the whole of his family predeceased him. He was the uncle of Mr. W. Wright, managing director of the Bendigo Independent Pty. Ltd.



WHYTE David (423)

OBITUARY.

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 21 September 1915** - Page 4

An old Bendigonian in the person of Mr. David Whyte passed away yesterday at 32 Grand View Grove, Armadale, in his 90th year. Mr. Whyte was formerly well known in business in Bendigo at the Cash Store, in Pall Mall, the firm being still known as D. Whyte and Co., the business being conducted by Mr. W. K. McKenzie. Mr. Whyte left Bendigo about 20 years ago, and has resided for some years in the suburb of Armadale. He spent much of his time on the Port Phillip Bay steamers, where he was frequently met by Bendigonians when on holiday. He continued to take an interest in Bendigo, but has not visited it for some years.



Mrs. Whyte, who was a sister of Mrs. W. K. McKenzie, died many years ago. A daughter is married to Mr. Laurence Richardson, formerly of Bendigo, but now of Ballarat. Two other daughters lived at home with their father, Mr. W. Whyte, formerly well known in connection with the business in Bendigo, was a son of the deceased gentleman. The funeral is announced to take place on Wednesday afternoon on the arrival of the 12.15 p.m. train from Melbourne, the place of interment being the Bendigo Cemetery.

Bendigo Cemetery MON C3

OBITUARY. LATE DAVID WHYTE.

Article - The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Thursday 23 September 1915** - Page 6

THE LATE DAVID WHYTE.

A large gathering of citizens attended the funeral of the late Mr. David Whyte. which took place to the Bendigo Cemetery on arrival of the afternoon train from Melbourne yesterday. Amongst the chief mourners were Messrs. R. Richardson, R Sparks and D. Whyte (grandsons), W. Whyte (son), J. Spark (son-in-law), J. Tivey (Inglewood), and W. T. Roberts. The latter was an intimate friend of Mr. Whyte, having known him at Long Gully in 1856.

The coffin was borne to the grave by Messrs. R. F. Gray, W. J. Hampton, D, G. Grant, and J. M. Clarke, The burial service was read by the Rev. J. Crookston. and the Rev. Lewers, of Eaglehawk, who has known the family for many years, read the benediction, and delivered a touching address. Mr. W. Farmer, of McCrae Street, supervised the funeral arrangements.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Article - The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Friday 17 December 1915** - Page 5

David Whyte, late of Grandview Grove, Armadale, storekeeper, who died on September 20, left real estate valued at £2866 and personal property valued at £144,812 to his children, subject to bequests of £200 each to the Bendigo District Hospital and Bendigo Benevolent Asylum, and £100 for the purchase of a picture for the Bendigo Art Gallery.

To-day's Events.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Friday 15 December 1916** p 4 Article

The late Mr. David Whyte, of Bendigo, left a sum of money for the purchase of a picture for the Bendigo Gallery. The trustees of the Whyte estate on Wednesday went to the Athenaeum Hall, Collins Street, and purchased "The Drover", by the late Walter Withers. The picture had been selected by the trustees of the Bendigo Gallery, and had been recommended to the Whyte trustees.

Sarah Rennie WHYTE died 27.8.1880 Aged 37 years.

REGISTER.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 30 November 1880** p 2 Article

HANDSOME MONUMENT. A very handsome polished granite monument has just been erected in the Presbyterian ground at the Back Creek Cemetery over the remains of the late wife of Mr. David Whyte, of the Cash Store, Pall Mall.

The monument consists of a triple flight of fine axed granite steps, each nine inches high, forming a square of eight feet ten inches at the bottom flight, and gradually diminishing to the dimensions of the bottom or surbase, which consists of a block of polished granite four feet two inches square by two feet one high; the base which follows is three feet four inches square by one foot six inches high.

The dial or pedestal upon which the inscription is cut and gilded, is two feet eight inches square by two feet eleven inches high. This is surmounted by a moulded cap, the four sides forming pediments. The column which forms the striking feature in the monument is a magnificent block of polished granite, standing ten feet ten inches high, and two feet six inches in diameter at the bottom mould. This stone weighed four tons when it left the hands of the quarrymen, and it would be difficult to realise how such an elegant and graceful column could be evolved from such a huge misshapen mass.

The polished urn, which tops the whole, stands three, feet high, and completes the highest and most massive monument in the district, and we understand that it is the largest polished granite monument in the colony. It is surrounded by a granite kerb sixteen feet square, fourteen inches by ten, and enclosed with a massive cast iron fence, beautifully finished in gold bronze.

The work has been completed by Messrs. P. Finn and Co., of the steam granite works, Dowling-street, and the manner in which it has been completed reflects the utmost credit on the firm.

OLD BENDIGO FIRM. MESSRS. D. WHYTE AND CO. MR. H'KENZIE'S JUBILEE AND DIAMOND JUBILEE. GIVES £50 TO CHARITIES.

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Saturday 19 December 1914 - Page 12

OLD BENDIGO FIRM. MESSRS. D. WHYTE AND CO.
MR. McKENZIE'S JUBILEE AND DIAMOND JUBILEE. GIVES £50 TO CHARITIES.

Mr. W. K. McKenzie, of the firm of Messrs. D. Whyte and Co., this Christmas is celebrating two jubilees – his jubilee in the grocery business, and his diamond jubilee as a resident of Bendigo. It was on 24th December, 1852, he arrived in Hobson's Bay from Liverpool. In recognition of his long connection with this city, and of the splendid support accorded him, Mr. W. K. McKenzie has decided to make the following charitable distributions, totalling £50: - Watson's Sustentation Fund, £10; St. Aidan's Orphanage. £10; St. Andrew's Ladies' Benevolent Society, £5/5/-; Salvation Army, £5/5/-; Eaglehawk Ladies' Benevolent Society, £4/4/-; St. Vincent De Paul Society, £4/4/-; St. Pauls Work Basket, £3; Bendigo Rescue Home, £3; Dorcas Society, £3; and City Poor Box, £2/2/-.

If the accredited representatives of these institutions call upon Mr. McKenzie they will receive their cheques.

The history of the Teapot Cash Store, Pall Mall, is almost as old as Bendigo. In fact, the only alteration in the appearance of the front part of the large structure since its erection, in 1856, has been in the front windows. But, particularly in recent years, constant additions have been made at the rear and particularly in the cellar, which is claimed to be the finest in Bendigo, having a length of 80ft., and a Neuchatel asphalt floor. The store was founded by W. and A. Webb in 1856, and was carried on successfully by them for a number of years.

After passing through several hands. Messrs. David Whyte and W. K. McKenzie took possession in 1875, and started trading as D. Whyte and Co. Under that title the business has since been conducted, although Mr. David Whyte retired in 1907, and the principals now are Mr. W. K. McKenzie and his son, Mr. David Anderson McKenzie. The business abilities of Mr. W. K. McKenzie are so well known as not to need emphasising in print: the successful and constantly expanding business he has been chiefly instrumental in developing speaks for itself.

It also goes without, saying that the firm has at all times met the public's demands, hence the continuance of such liberal support. Working on a cash basis, and ever striving to secure a larger and yet larger output, the firm has been able to sell the best articles at the lowest prices. With a large output small profits suffice, and both can be and have been attained by this firm on its working policy.

Above all, the firm has laid it down as a fixed principle to keep faith with the public, and to be prompt and courteous in all dealings.

Since 1875 there has been an enormous increase in the annual turnover in groceries, wines, spirits, crockery ware, furnishing ironmongery, stationery, etc., so much so that, in 1911 a three-storied warehouse had to be erected at the rear of the premises. The firm employs about 40 well trained assistants, and 15 horses, carts and lorries handle and deliver the goods.

Branches were established at Echuca, Rochester and Kerang, where large and flourishing businesses were conducted, but with a view to consolidating the business these were closed. The following branches, however, are being carried on in Bendigo and Eaglehawk: Farmers' Cash Store, Hargreaves-street; Melbourne Cash Store, Pall Mall; and Eaglehawk Cash Store, Eaglehawk.

The years have dealt kindly with Mr. McKenzie, and he is still pushing with great mental and physical vigor his vast business enterprises.

WIDDOP Alfred (446)

A QUIET OPENING.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Saturday 27 June 1896** p 2 Article

Obituary.

The death is announced of Mr. Alfred Widdop, of Specimen Hill. He was a native of Yorkshire, and was an old colonist and Bendigonian of 40 years standing. He died yesterday, aged 64, from failure of the heart. He was connected for many years with the Specimen Hill Wesleyan Church and the Loyal Heart of Friendship Lodge, M.U.V and was highly respected by his friends and neighbors.

The funeral takes place at 3 o'clock tomorrow.

Bendigo Cemetery MON M6



Son Thomas Barlow Widdop killed in a mining accident 18.1.1894 Aged 31 years.

THE FATAL MINING EXPLOSION. THE INQUEST.

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 20 January 1894**

THE INQUEST.

Yesterday afternoon at the Union Hotel, Specimen Hill, an inquest was held by Mr W, Wilson, JP, concerning the cause of death of the young miner, Thomas Widdop, who was killed by a blasting accident at the Great Central Victoria mine on Thursday afternoon. Senior constable Hayes represented the police and Mr W. H. Grainger, the inspector of mines, was also in attendance.

The following evidence was given:

Thomas R. Bolitho, mining manager of the Great Central Victoria Company, deposed that deceased was one of a party of tributors in the mine. They were engaged stopping at the back of the 750 feet level, and he saw them go down at about 7.30 on Thursday morning. About 2.30 p.m. he received, notice of an accident, having taken place, and at once descended to the place and found deceased quite dead. The party seemed to be very careful men and witness produced the tamping bar they were using which was all copper. The bar was considerably bent by the force of the explosion.

James Widdop, brother of the deceased, deposed that on Thursday he was working with him in a tribute at the Great Central Victoria mine. William Curtis and John Taylor were also at work with them on the same backs, but about 40 feet away. After witness and deceased had drilled a hole in the face they charged it with Halls granulated powder, but when fired it did not bring its burden.

The hole was about two feet six inches in depth and slightly dipping and was in slate and sandstone, mixed with quartz. After waiting about a quarter of an hour they returned to the place and the deceased suggested charging the hole with powder again. He cleaned out the hole with a scraper and then recharged it. Witness thought deceased was using the bar to tamp the powder home.

At that moment the explosion took place and witness was in the act of getting the tamping ready. The lights were put out, and witness was thrown on his hands and knees. Deceased also rolled towards witness, and he saw that deceased's shirt was on fire. Witness then took his brother's head on his knee and put out the fire on his shirt, at the same time calling for Curtis and Taylor to bring a light. Deceased breathed for a moment or two, but never spoke.

Curtis at once went for assistance. They had drilled the hole with water, but never put in water to cool the ground before recharging. The second explosion did not dislodge the ground. The tamping bar produced he believed, was the same that deceased was using.

William Curtis, miner, residing at Specimen Hill, stated that he had heard the evidence of the former witness and corroborated it.

W. H. Grainger, inspector of mines, deposed to having made an inspection of the mine that morning. He found a hole about 2 feet 4 inches in depth. The ground was slate and sandstone, intermixed with quartz spurs. He carefully examined the hole with a scraper and could discover no crack except for a few inches near the collar of the hole. The hole was a clean one and in no way rubbly. Witness found a can with some loose powder in it, close to the place and, in company with the manager, searched for the tamping bar, and found it with marks of exploded powder on it. Witness had known the deceased for many years as a very steady young man and a good practical miner. In witness' opinion the cause of the accident was the heat of the ground, the result of the first explosion.

Dr. J. M. Eadie gave evidence regarding the injuries, and the jury returned a verdict of death by an accidental explosion, no blame being attachable to any person.

Death of Mrs. A Widdop.

COUNTRY.

Article - Weekly Times (Melbourne, Vic. : 1869 - 1954) **Saturday 25 August 1906** - Page 19

Mrs Susannah Widdop, 81 years of age, was found dead in her bed at Golden Square, Bendigo, on 17th August. She had died in her sleep.

WILKINSON Frederick (29)

OBITUARY.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 12 June 1911** p 7 Article

The death took place at his residence, Carpenter-street, on Friday, of Mr. Frederick W. Wilkinson, an old and highly esteemed Bendigonian, at the advanced age of 78 years. The deceased gentleman had been ailing for some time past, but his death came somewhat suddenly, Mr. Wilkinson passing away in his chair.



The late Mr. Wilkinson was a native of Bristol, and arrived in Australia in 1855. He came to Bendigo soon afterwards, and entered the well-known solicitor's office of Messrs. Wrixon, father and son, and when the business, which had passed into the hands of the son, the late Mr. Henry Wrixon, was taken over by the late Mr. T. J. Connelly, he remained as managing clerk for the firm of Connelly, Tatchell and Dunlop. He filled this position with much honor to himself until about four years ago, when he retired. Subsequently he took a trip to the old country. He was the oldest law clerk in Bendigo.

Mr. Wilkinson took a keen interest in mining affairs. His widow is at present very seriously ill. He also leaves one son (Mr. F. G. Wilkinson) and two daughters (Mesdames H. Mars, of Ballarat, and J. Lyne, of Golden-square). The remains of the deceased gentleman were interred in the Church of England section of the Bendigo Cemetery yesterday, the cortege moving from his late residence. The pallbearers were Messrs. F. Green, G. Wilkinson, P. Wagstaff, and H. Cunninghame. The Rev. G. H. Woodhead solemnised the burial service.

Bendigo Cemetery MON G1

OBITUARY.

Article - *Bendigo Advertiser* (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 9 September 1912**

The remains of the late Mrs. Harriet Wilkinson, whose husband (the late Mr. Frederick Wilkinson) pre-deceased her 15 months ago, were interred in the Bendigo Cemetery yesterday. The funeral, which moved from her late residence, Carpenter-street, was largely attended. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. Langley, F. Green, H. Mar, and A. Osborne. The Very Rev. Dean MacCullagh conducted the burial service.

WILLIAMS G H / WILLIAMS George John (55)

Transcribed as **WILLAMS G H**

Extensive research could not locate G H Williams to fit the criteria as a Pioneer. Most likely candidate is George John WILLIAMS who was a storekeeper, in business with his brother John William Williams.

OBITUARY. DEATH OF AN OLD PIONEER.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Wednesday 25 March 1908 p 8 Article

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF AN OLD PIONEER.

The friends of Mr. George J. Williams, the well-known merchant, of High-street, Eaglehawk, will regret to hear of his death, which occurred early yesterday morning before any of the household were astir. The deceased gentleman was an early riser, and yesterday morning he had apparently gone into the yard to procure some kindling to light the fire, when he was overcome by weakness. When discovered he was unconscious. He was promptly carried inside, but the old gentleman never rallied, and passed away shortly afterwards.



In January of this year, during the abnormally hot weather, he passed through a trying ordeal, and after his recovery he seemed as hale as ever. He made his customary Sunday morning inspection of the shop and stables, and did not complain of feeling unwell until the evening. The feeling passed away, however, and he did not complain again until Monday night. Dr. Deane, who was deceased's medical adviser, states that the cause of death was senile decay and paralysis of the brain.

The deceased gentleman, it is claimed, was the oldest surviving resident in the Eaglehawk district, having arrived there in the early fifties. Born in Kilham, Yorkshire, in 1828, Mr. Williams was thus 80 years of age on his last birthday. He left England in 1851, and landed in Tasmania. After a brief sojourn there he was attracted by the gold fever, and came to Eaglehawk and entered into partnership with his brother John, who had preceded him. This was in the good old diggings days before the township was surveyed. When the township was laid out the brothers purchased the allotment at the corner of High and Napier streets, and built the shop where the business is still being carried on.

In 1873 the partnership was dissolved, and the deceased continued in the retail whilst his brother John conducted the wholesale business.

The deceased, though past the allotted span, retained all his youthful spirit, being of a very lively and jovial disposition. He was a large investor in mining, in which it is said he won and lost several fortunes. He had been on the directorates of most of the local companies, and was a director of the Clarence mine at the time of his demise. He was also one of the original shareholders in the company.

The deceased was a foundation member of the G.U.I.O.O.F., Star of Eaglehawk Lodge, and had passed through the chairs of the district lodge. He was treasurer of the lodge, a position he had held for 30 years, and was also a trustee of the Bendigo District G.U.I.O.O.F. for the last 25 years. The lodge flag was yesterday flying half-mast above Camp Chambers. Mr. Williams was also a prominent member of the Masonic Lodge in Eaglehawk, being one of the very few surviving foundation members. He had gone through the chairs of this lodge on several occasions.

About 16 years ago the deceased gentleman aspired to municipal honors, but as there was a large number of candidates he was not successful. At one time deceased and his brother owned farms at Axe Creek and Bullock Creek, and at the latter place erected a hotel and store, which was known as the Argyle.

In 1869 Mr. Williams was married to a daughter of the late Mr. Benjamin Clothier. A family of three boys and three girls was the result. Two of the daughters are married, and one of the sons is at present in New Zealand. Sincere regret was expressed in the borough yesterday when it became known that the grand old pioneer had passed away. The funeral, which will be private, will leave his late residence, Parsonage Grove, at 10.30 o'clock this morning.

At the ordinary meeting of the Masonic Lodge at Eaglehawk last night feeling reference was made by Bro. Anderson, P.M., to the loss the lodge had sustained by the death of one of its oldest members, Bro. Williams, who was a Past Grand Lodge officer. Many members who were personally acquainted with the deceased gentleman spoke in appreciative terms of his sterling worth, and the high character which he bore. During the evening the incidental toasts were honored in silence, out of respect to the memory of the deceased brother.

Eaglehawk Cemetery MON A2

WILLIAMS John William (65)

Transcribed WILLIAMS

Most probably John William Williams, JP, Councillor and Mayor, Eaglehawk Council and a storekeeper, in business with his brother George John Williams.

Another possibility is William Lanyon Williams, father of Henry Roberts Williams (1848 – 1935) mining director and politician. W.L. Williams was a pioneer miner in the 1850s, but no obituary could be found. He died in 1868.



John William WILLIAMS

DIVISION OF MANDURANG.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Monday 8 August 1881 p 2 Article

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT.

We regret to state that Mr. J. W. Williams, J.P., of Eaglehawk, whose illness we have previously referred to, died yesterday. The deceased gentleman was a very old resident of the borough, and for many years he took an active part in its public affairs. He and his brother, Mr. G. J. Williams, were for some time in business as general store keepers. Having retired from this firm the deceased gentleman subsequently carried on a somewhat similar business himself, which however he relinquished some three or four years ago, and, we believe, has since been living privately.

For some years he was a member and also mayor of the Eaglehawk Borough Council, and he was the returning officer for the Mandurang electorate. He was a large investor in the local mines, in the value of which he had considerable faith, and we believe he was one of the shareholders in the York and Durham when it was a private claim, yielding splendid returns. Like many others, however, who have contributed to raise the industry to its present importance, he suffered some serious reverses.

About four years ago he was prostrated by a sunstroke, from the effects of which he never thoroughly recovered. His age was 51 years, though he looked a good deal older. Whilst his death was not unexpected, it will occasion much regret amongst the old residents of the borough.

Eaglehawk Cemetery MON K

WILLIAMS R (97)

Inconclusive evidence exists as to who R. Williams may have been.

A Robert Williams was in partnership with John Smith, trading as Smith & Williams in Pall Mall as early as 1857. (Bendigo Advertiser 17.1.1857)

Robert Williams subsequently advertised that property for lease when he was trading as Robert Williams, Sewing Machines, Bull Street. (Bendigo Advertiser 2.6.1857)



On 21 June 1858, he wrote a letter to the Bendigo Advertiser regarding the purported discovery of gold on Vancouver Island.

Despite extensive research, no further conclusive evidence could be found as to what happened to him.

Advertising

Advertising - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 5 September 1855** - Page 4

SMITH & WILLIAMS, Bread and Fancy Biscuit Bakers, Confectioners, &c., Market-Square, Sandhurst.

Advertising

Advertising - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 16 January 1857** - Page 3

PALL MALL

TO Let on Lease for two years, the Shop and Premises formerly occupied by Smith and Williams, now in possession of Mr. J. Richards, chemist. Apply Robert Williams, Bull-street, opposite Mr. Gripe's timber yard.

Advertising

Advertising - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 2 June 1857**

TO LET, on Lease for Two Years, the Shop and Premises occupied by Mr. Richards, Chemist. Apply Robert Williams, Sewing Machines, Bull-street.

GOLD IN VANCOUVER'S ISLAND. (To the Editor of the Bendigo Advertiser.)

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Monday 21 June 1858 - Page 3

GOLD IN VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.

(To the Editor of the Bendigo Advertiser,)

Sir, Permit me to correct a statement which appeared in your journal of Thursday last headed "Discovery of Gold on Vancouver's Island".

Allow me to inform you that gold has not at any time been found on that island.

Fort Langley, alluded to in the *Puget Sound Herald*, is situated on the N.W. coast of America, about seven miles up the Frasers' River, and distant from Ft. Victoria, Vancouver's Island, about 130 miles. Puget Sound would be the most likely place where a supply of provisions could be obtained: at Victoria they would be very limited.

I have just received a letter from a gentleman connected with the Hudson's Bay Company, in which he states gold has been discovered at St. Colville, and the Governor of Victoria had despatched a party of men to establish another fort and further explore.

The Indians were opposed to the whites, but the tribe was not very numerous. This information you may rely on; and should I receive another communication I shall be most happy to furnish you with full particulars. Fort Colville is distant from Victoria 220 miles.

In conclusion, may I be allowed to state that I have no doubt gold will be found in very considerable quantities all about that district, having passed many years in the service of H. B. Co. on that coast, and took particular notice of the geological formations, which in every respect resemble the goldfields of this district.

On Queen Charlotte's Island, a little north of Vancouver's Island, gold was found four years since. A ton of quartz was sent to San Francisco to be tried: its yield (13 dwts.) was considered not worth the trouble of working, and was abandoned. Specimens of gold-bearing quartz may still be seen at the Hudson's Bay House, London, which were obtained at the above island.

I am, Sir,

Yours Most Respectfully

ROBERT WILLIAMS

Bull Street Sandhurst. 20th June 1858.

WILLIAMS Richard (4)

DEATH OF MR. RICHARD WILLIAMS. A VETERAN MINING MANAGER.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 10 September 1903** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. RICHARD WILLIAMS. A VETERAN MINING MANAGER.

Many expressions of regret were heard throughout the city and Borough of Eaglehawk yesterday, when it was learned that Mr. R. Williams. J.P., manager of the Johnson's Reef Gold Mines Co., had passed away about 6 a.m. at his residence, California Hill. On Friday morning, 28th August, when Mr. Williams was about to arise at his usual hour, he complained of severe pains in his right side, and hand, and shortly afterwards lost the faculty of speech. Subsequently he became unconscious, in which condition he remained for two days. Drs. Cowen and Jones, who were called in, pronounced the case as one of paralysis.



The patient continued to remain in a critical condition, for some time, but frequently rallied, and was able to recognise the members of his household, who had been summoned from various parts of the State. Frequently during his conscious moments he spoke of meeting with his loved ones in the better land, and as his condition became worse, he prayed that God would relieve him from his suffering, and take him home. Throughout his latter days he remained quite conscious, and exhibited the true spirit of Christian resignation.

One night he feared that his end was coming, and bade all his children and relatives good-bye. During the past week it became evident that the end was drawing near, and his condition was watched with anxiety. On Tuesday night his son-in-law (Mr. Rupert Smalley) was keeping the usual midnight watch by the bedside, and noticed that he was unusually restless. At 4 o'clock yesterday morning he was raised to have a little nourishment, and shortly afterwards grave symptoms were manifested. The household were summoned, and about a quarter to 6 o'clock he passed away peacefully.

The deceased gentleman was always a prominent figure in any movement for the alleviation of distress and the welfare of the district. Very few charitable efforts were carried out in California Gully or Eaglehawk in which directly or indirectly the assistance of Mr. Williams was not a conspicuous feature, and many a widow and orphan will long bless his memory for timely financial, and other assistance. In this as well as in other respects he was a citizen whom the community can ill afford to spare.

The deceased gentleman was born in Cornwall in 1831. After receiving a brief education, he began to work in the Cornish mines like his father and grandfather before him. When only 13 years of age he lost his parents. He and his elder brother, however, continued to work below, and acquired a knowledge of mining that proved of inestimable value to him in after life.

Eventually his eldest brother succumbed after an illness of two years to that dread disease called miners' complaint. That sad incident in Mr. Williams's life left a marked impression upon him, and throughout his lengthy connection with the mining industry here he indefatigably endeavored by every means that lay in his power to combat the ravages of the disease by providing good ventilation in the mines under his control.

The Johnson's Reef Gold Mines Co. has long borne an excellent reputation for its system of ventilation, and its mines are frequently cited as an evidence of what can be accomplished in the way of improved methods of ventilation. Upon attaining his majority, he relinquished work in the Cornish mines, and determined to go to the United States. Arriving in New York by the s.s. *Roscious*, he made his way to Buffalo, and from thence he traversed the great chain of lakes from Lake Erie to Lake Superior. Detroit was eventually reached, and from that place he went on to Chicago, where he remained for some time viewing the sights of the place.

He afterwards proceeded to Coal Harbor, Michigan, and after seeing all that was interesting and of advantage to him there, he went on to the Eagle River copper mines, nine miles further ahead. There he was offered work by the proprietary of the South Cliff North American mine, and he accepted the employment. After working there for eight or nine months he decided to return to Cornwall, where for another three years, he worked in the mines.

The news of the gold discoveries in Australia by this time, was attracting considerable attention, and each succeeding mail brought glowing accounts of the wealth of the Sunny South. Mr. Williams at length decided to try his fortunes in Australia, and with his wife and two children landed in Melbourne on the 20th December, 1857. Bendigo was eventually reached, and going on to Epsom, Mr. Williams followed mining for five years. Here his mining experience stood him in good stead, and he soon became well-known on the field.

In 1864 Mr. George Lansell offered Mr. Williams the management of the Cinderella claim. The splendid results accruing from his management induced Mr. Lansell to subsequently offer him the general management of the whole of his properties. Mr. Williams accepted the position, and his term of office in that capacity marked a distinctly progressive period for Mr. Lansell's mines. After acting in this capacity for two and a half years, he resigned to take charge of the Johnson's Reef Company.

For 37 years, right up to the time of his death, he continued to be associated with the management of the company. Under his shrewd and capable management the mine made great progress. With pardonable pride, he frequently referred to his lengthy association with the company, and claimed to hold the Australian record for length of service in the capacity of mining manager.

In Mr. Williams Bendigo possessed a citizen of sterling worth. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the School of Mines, and held a seat on the administrative council for years. Only recently he vacated the presidential chair, which he occupied with great credit for the past two years.

From the time he took up his residence at California Hill he manifested a keen interest in the welfare of the local Methodist Church. He frequently represented his district at the annual conference. In 1885 he received an illuminated address from the officers and adherents of the church in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him in advancing the interests of the church. For over 40 years Mr. Williams was one of the principal pillars of the church and Sunday school. He was a trustee of the church, and treasurer of the Sunday School.

In Masonic circles Mr. Williams was also a notable figure, having passed through all the offices during a term of 20 years. He was a Masonic Past Master, and Past Principal of the Golden Chapter of the Royal Arch, and Past Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge.

A widow and family of nine grown-up children are left, consisting of four sons and five daughters. The sons are Cr. S. J. Williams, of the Eaglehawk Borough Council; Messrs. Geo. Williams, State School, Maryborough; Albert J. Williams, ironmonger, Bendigo; Michael J. Williams, acting manager of the Johnson's Reef Co.

The daughters are Mrs. W. C. Kidd, California Gully; Mrs. J. L. Dick, Carlton; Mrs. R. Smalley, Bendigo; Mrs. Inch, Armidale; and Miss L. Williams.

Mr. Williams was also a member of the Federated Institute of Mining Engineers of Great Britain, having had the degree of M.I.M.E. conferred upon him by that body some years ago. Throughout the day numerous telegrams were received from sympathetic friends in various parts of the State, including messages from the Revs. A. R. Edgar, E. S. Bickford (president of the Methodist Conference), Sir John Quick, M.P. and others.

When the Bendigo Stock exchange assembled yesterday morning, the chairman, Mr. J. Wills, referred in regretful terms to the death of Mr. Williams, who, he said, was an old and highly respected member of the Exchange. The deceased gentleman during his long connection with the Johnson's Reef Gold Mines had earned the confidence and goodwill of those associated with him, and he (Mr. Wills) was sure that Mr. Williams's demise would be regretted by all who knew him. It was decided to forward a letter of condolence to the bereaved family.

The funeral will move from the deceased gentleman's late residence this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. An in-memoriam service will be held at the California Hill Methodist Church by the Revs. T. Grove, J. Williams, and H. S. Heath.

Members of the various Masonic Lodges, - Golden and Corinthian, Zenith, and Royal Arch Chapter – are requested by advertisement to meet at the Masonic Hall, Bendigo, at 2.30 p.m. today, and proceed by tram to Eaglehawk, where a lodge of sorrow will be opened by the officers of the Golden and Corinthian Lodge, after which the brethren will join the cortege, and proceed to the Eaglehawk Cemetery. Members will return to Bendigo by tram at the conclusion of the proceedings.

The council of the School of Mines invites all past and present students to attend the funeral. The school and museum will be closed from 1 p.m. till 6 p.m.

REFERENCES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Prior to Sir John Quick's lecture at the Forest-street Methodist Church last evening, the Rev. T. Grove made reference to the death of Mr. Williams, who, he said, was one of the old workers of the church. The day before he passed away the late Mr. Williams had made earnest inquiries regarding the services. They were all sorry to lose such a valuable worker, but they would be glad to know that he had died a triumphant Christian death. He (Mr. Grove) trusted the congregation would remember the family in their prayers.

WILLIAMS Thomas Stephens (418)

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 14 June 1901** - Page 2

DEATH OF AN OLD BENDIGONIAN.

Yesterday Mr. Thomas S. Williams, of Long Gully, passed away at the age of 74 years. The deceased gentleman had been ailing for some considerable time, and during the past few months he was under the care of Dr. Atkinson. He became much worse a day or two ago, and died peacefully yesterday morning, the cause of death being internal complaint.



The late Mr. Williams, who was a native of St. Austell, Cornwall, came to Victoria in the early "fifties", and almost immediately settled in Bendigo. He devoted himself to mining pursuits, and was for some time manager of the old Alabama G.M. Co., now the United Hustlers and Redan.

The deceased was also one of a syndicate of five that owned the old Anglo-German Co., from which some splendid yields were obtained. For several years the late Mr. Williams has retired from active work, but he has always maintained an interest in mining matters. He leaves a widow and family to mourn their loss. The funeral will leave the deceased's late residence, McIntyre-street, Long Gully, at 2 p.m. to-day.

White Hills Cemetery MON K3

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER. (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS AND OUR RESOURCES. | BENDIGO, SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1901. A TEMPERANCE CRUSADE.

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 15 June 1901** - Page 4

The Late Mr. T. S. Williams.

Yesterday the remains of the late Mr. Thomas Stephens Williams, who passed away on Thursday, were interred in the Wesleyan portion of the White Hills Cemetery. The cortege, which moved from the deceased's late residence, McIntyre street, Long Cully, was composed of a large number of private vehicles and cabs, the late Mr. Williams having been one of Bendigo's earliest pioneers. At the house the Rev. H. S. Heath conducted a short service, and also officiated at the grave. On the coffin were some beautiful floral emblems, which had been forwarded by sympathising friends. Mr. W. Farmer carried out the funeral arrangements.

WILLIAMSON Richard (110)

[DEATH OF MR. R. WILLIAMSON.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 30 April 1906** p 5 Article

DEATH OF MR. R. WILLIAMSON.

The many friends of Mr. Richard Williamson, of "Osmaston", Wills-street, will learn with sincere regret of his demise, which occurred at his residence on Saturday afternoon after a few weeks' illness, the immediate cause of death being heart disease and congestion of the lungs.



The deceased gentleman, who was born in Asbourn, Derbyshire, in 1833, and was therefore 73 years of age, came to Victoria in March, 1855, and became connected with the butchering establishment of Messrs. Perry and Dalrymple in Elizabeth street, Melbourne, he having been apprenticed to that business when a boy. In November of the same year he came to Bendigo, and opened business on his own account in View-street, afterwards becoming a partner with the late Messrs. Robert Strickland, P.M., and G. V. Aspinall, an ex-Mayor and councillor of the city for many years.

Mr. Williamson retired from business in 1870, and devoted the remainder of his career to mining pursuits. He was a large and plucky investor, and his speculations were attended with much success. At the time of his death he was a director on the boards of the South New Moon, Don, Koch's Pioneer, and Black Forest Companies. He was also a director of the Bendigo Gas Company. The deceased gentleman was of a very genial and kindly disposition, and he was universally esteemed and respected.

Mrs. Williamson pre-deceased her husband some 19 years ago. Two sons, Messrs. Thos. H. Williamson (residing in New South Wales) and Richard Williamson (manager of the Clunes branch of the London Bank), and five daughters, one of whom is married, namely Mrs. Jones, whose husband is connected with the Colonial Bank at Carlton, are left to mourn a sad loss.

The late Mr. Williamson was also interested in public property in various parts of the city, and owned the substantial double story business premises on the corner of Mitchell and Wills streets. The funeral will take place today leaving his late residence at 11.45 p.m. for the Bendigo Cemetery.

At the evening session of the Bendigo Stock Exchange on Saturday, the vice chairman (Mr. H. L. Ralph) referred to the death of Mr. R. Williamson, who was a member of the committee. The deceased gentleman, he stated, was one of the oldest and most highly esteemed members. As a mark of respect to his memory, the Exchange adjourned without transacting any business.

Bendigo Cemetery MON B2

Death of Ann Rollings Williamson (nee Storey)

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. SANDHURST, TUESDAY, DEC. 21, 1886 CHRISTMAS CHARITY.

Article - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 21 December 1886

DEATH OF MRS. R. WILLIAMSON. Great sympathy was expressed yesterday, when it became known that Mrs Williamson, wife of Mr Richard Williamson, the well-known mining speculator, had expired at her residence, Wills street.

The deceased lady has been a very old resident of Sandhurst. A fortnight ago she was attacked by illness, and Dr Hinchcliff was called in. She gradually improved, and yesterday morning it was considered that she was in as good health as during the past few days. However, at about one o'clock death took place.

There are five daughters and four sons as well as Mr Williamson left behind. Mrs Williamson at the time of her death was 46 years of age. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, the place of interment being the Sandhurst cemetery.

WOOD Charles (339)

Transcribed as **WOODS**

DEATH OF AN OLD COLONIST.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 26 July 1899** p 3 Article

DEATH OF AN OLD COLONIST.

The news of the death of Mr. C. Wood, senior, an old and respected resident, will be received with regret by his numerous friends throughout the district, where he was widely known. The deceased gentleman, who was born in London in 1833, came out to the Colony when little more than a youth, being only about 17 years of age when he arrived in Melbourne.



The discovery of gold on Bendigo drew him here in November, 1851. He also visited the Forest Creek diggings, and returned to Bendigo in February, 1852, where he pursued mining operations for some time.

He then opened a hairdressing business in Bridge-street, was afterwards licensee of the Lord Nelson hotel at Eaglehawk, and finally returned to the hair-dressing business, opening in Pike's buildings, Mitchell-street, where he successfully carried on an extensive business for many years.

For some considerable time past he was lessee of the city baths. Latterly his health began to fail, and he was compelled to retire from business. Last Easter he was compelled to take to his bed. Drs. Hinchcliff and Norris were in constant attendance, and although at times he appeared to rally slightly, yet he gradually weakened and expired at an early hour yesterday morning at his late residence in Short-street, the cause of death being a general breaking up of the system.

His wife predeceased him some years ago. A grown-up family of four sons and two daughters are left to mourn their loss, and much sympathy is felt for them in their sad bereavement. The two elder sons, Messrs. Chas and William Wood, are the ex-chairman and hon. secretary, respectively, of the Bendigo Stock Exchange; while the third son, Mr. George Wood, is secretary of the Loyal Earl of Hopetoun Lodge. The eldest daughter is married to Mr. Van Stavern, of Nathalia. The fourth son (Fritz) is at present in the Celebes Islands.

The deceased was one of the oldest Oddfellows in the district, having joined the Loyal Bendigo Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., about 42 years ago. He was also a member of the Old Bendigonians' Association. The funeral takes place this afternoon.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D4

WOODWARD John (249)

[THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER \(PUBLISHED DAILY.\) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. | SANDHURST, MONDAY, MAY 24, 1886](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 24 May 1886** p 2 Article

DEATH of Mr. John Woodward. On Saturday Mr John Woodward, father of the late Mr John A. Woodward who died in January, 1884, expired at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr J. H. Goudge. The deceased gentleman, who was 81 years of age, arrived on Bendigo in the year 1853. For seven years previously he had resided with his family in Adelaide, and previous to 1846 for some time held a position in the Tasmanian Government service.



He had five sons, all of whom preceded him to the grave. Mr John A. Woodward having been the last. His two daughters were married to Mr J. H. Goudge and Mr W. P. Gill. The deceased's wife and sons have been buried at White Hills Cemetery, whither his remains will also be conveyed.

SON Mr. John Augustus Woodward

DEATH OF MR. JOHN WOODWARD.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 8 January 1884** p 3 Article

DEATH OF MR. JOHN WOODWARD.

Although for some days past the community has been aware that Mr. John Woodward was seriously and even dangerously ill, the decease of that gentleman yesterday morning fell as a great shock on the citizens of Sandhurst. The hope was strongly entertained that his robust nature would enable him to overcome the ailment from which he was suffering, which originated in a severe cold, and that one only yet in his prime, so highly and universally esteemed, would be spared for many years to come.

To the deep regret of all who knew him, it was destined otherwise, however; and today the task will devolve on his friends and fellow citizens of laying to his rest one of the most warm-hearted and estimable gentleman the district has ever known, Mr. Woodward was in every sense of the term an excellent citizen. He has been identified with nearly every local movement of importance for very many years past, and has well and ably taken his part in the public positions occupied by him. He was of a most benevolent and charitable disposition, but never ostentatious in the performance of acts of kindness. Many persons who have been indebted to him for timely assistance will bear his memory gratefully in mind.

A great loss, therefore, has been experienced by all classes, and it has come with a peculiarly startling and depressing effect, for who would have thought, when Mr. Woodward started off on a fowling excursion at Christmas time, full of health and strength and of enthusiasm as a sportsman, that in less than three weeks he would be stricken down by a fatal illness? The record of his death is a sad one to have to make in the early year, and it is with feelings of heartfelt sorrow that we discharge the melancholy duty of including in our obituary notices the name of a man of such superior qualities and intrinsic worth.

Mr. John Augustus Woodward was born on the 13th of April, 1838, at Grasstree Hill, in Tasmania, situated on the road from Hobart to Richmond. He was the third of five sons, and his father held a high position in the Government service.

Mr. Woodward's four brothers are all dead, and with his own death at the early age of 45, the only surviving son has passed away, leaving the father still alive at the age of 79.

Mr. John Woodward the elder naturally feels his loss very deeply, and constantly refers to the death of his five sons before himself as one of the inconsistencies of nature. When a boy the deceased gentleman was instructed by a tutor, but was for some time at a school in Richmond, Tasmania. In 1846, when he was only eight years of age, the family left for Adelaide, and as a short time afterwards he was apprenticed to Mr. John Stephens, a printer in that city, he entered upon the duties of life at an early age. It was not long after this that the family came to Bendigo - in the year 1853 - and settled in Ironbark in the vicinity of the Victoria Reef.

Here the father and two of his sons, George and Thomas, were working together, while John Augustus was connected with two brothers Towzean and others in a claim some distance north of the ground held by Ballerstedt and Sons. The claim, although small, being held under a miner's right, turned out some rich yields in 1855 and 1856, and enabled Mr. Woodward to make a successful start as a speculator.

Subsequently, in conjunction with Messrs. Annear, Wells, Gibbs, R. F. Howard, and others, he became largely identified with mining on the Victoria Reef, and in 1860 acted as secretary for the Endeavor Company situated where the Victoria Consols is now, and among other mines with which he has since been connected, may be mentioned the Old Chum, the Adventure, the North United Hustler's and Redan, the Hercules and Energetic, and the Victoria Consols, and it is chiefly in the New Chum line and in the North United Hustler's and Redan that he has been interested latterly.

The genial and generous disposition which has secured for Mr. Woodward so much popularity in later days, was characteristic of him in the early days of the diggings, and this alone with the neat way in which he dressed (which was somewhat of a novelty in those days) secured for him the sobriquet of "Gentleman John," by which he was universally known on the diggings.

For many years before he entered the Council Mr. Woodward took a prominent part in the management of the Bendigo Hospital, acting for some considerable time as honorary secretary, and doing a deal of hard work which is now performed by the paid secretary.

Mr. Woodward was an excellent business man, and for his knowledge in this direction was appointed a trustee of the Sandhurst Savings Bank, a position which he held at the time of his death. His capacity for business management proved very useful to him in his position as a mining director in several different companies.

In 1874 he was returned unopposed to a seat in the City Council in place of Mr. Allingham, who retired from the representation of Sutton Ward. Mr. Woodward had previously contested Barkly Ward unsuccessfully against the late Mr. Ebenezer Neill. Shortly after his election to a seat in the council, his popularity was shown by his elevation to the position of Mayor of the city, which he held during the mayoral year 1874-5. His subsequent unopposed return to the council in 1877 was further evidence of his great popularity, and his second appointment to the position of Mayor for the year 1879-80 was again illustrative of the confidence and high opinion entertained of him by his fellow councillors. Towards the end of his mayoral year in 1880 he expressed a desire for retirement from service as a councillor, and also intimated his intention to take a trip to the home country.

Upon the occasion of his last appearance in the mayoral chair on the 11th August, 1880, and on the eve of his retirement, the late Cr. Clark paid a very high compliment to Cr. Woodward's adaptability for the position he occupied in the council, and expressed his regret at his determination to retire from among them. Cr. Clark's opinions were endorsed by the other councillors present, and a committee was appointed to prepare an address for presentation to Mr. Woodward, and the presentation was made at the annual mayoral dinner given in the following year by Mr. Woodward's successor, Cr. Hayes.

As a councillor Mr. Woodward was most attentive to the requirements of his own ward, and always tried his utmost to promote the general interests of the citizens. As a mayor he was one of the most popular in the history of the city, and as he ruled effectively, yet without giving offence, he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the whole council and all the officers. It has been frequently remarked that no one has looked more like a mayor than Cr. Woodward, and the regret at his withdrawal from the ranks of the city fathers will only be exceeded by the general mourning for his untimely death.

As a public man and as a private citizen the estimation in which he was held was remarkable, and it may be truly said he has left the world without an enemy. Never can the words "He should have died hereafter" be used more forcibly, and the truth of them be more universally acknowledged, than in speaking of the death of genial and generous John Woodward.

Mr. Woodward was created a Justice of the Peace in 1874 after his first year as mayor. He was succeeded on his retirement from the council in 1880 by Cr. Harkness. Although he intended to pay a visit to the home country at that time, business arrangements precluded the possibility of his doing so, but he meant to carry out his original intention at the first convenient opportunity. Mr. Woodward took an active part in politics. He was a strong supporter of Mr. R. F. Howard when that gentleman was returned to Parliament, subsequently of Mr. John McIntyre, and in later years of Messrs. Mackay and Burrowes.

About two years ago he received a general invitation to stand for the vacancy in the Upper House for the Northern Province, but declined. He was subsequently appointed returning officer for the Northern Province, and as he occupied this position up to the time of his death it will be necessary for a successor to be appointed. At the time of the appointment of the Tariff Commission by the O'Loughlen Government Mr. Woodward was made a commissioner, and his extensive knowledge of the requirements of the mining community, and the difficulties in the way of the mining industry, as well as his knowledge and experience in other matters investigated by the commission, made his presence among the gentlemen composing it of great advantage. The report of the commission was presented to Parliament a short time ago.

Mr. Woodward was also a member of the Exhibition Commission in 1880-81, and some years ago occupied the position of Worshipful Master of the Golden and Corinthian Lodge of Masons. For several years he was a member of the Mechanics' Institute committee, and one year held the position of president. He retired from the committee about two years ago.

On the 17th of July, 1864, Mr. Woodward married Miss Turnbull, the daughter of Mrs. Turnbull of this city, and by her he has had twelve children. Two sons and two daughters are dead, and of those surviving there are a son, Thomas, who is 17 years of age, and seven daughters, who are all younger than their brother. Great sympathy is naturally felt for the family in their bereavement, but it will be learned with general satisfaction that they are all well provided for. Mr. Woodward's son, Thomas, has been at the Scotch College, Melbourne, during the past year, but is at present at home.

Mr. Woodward's illness is attributed to a severe cold which he caught just before Christmas while on a duck-shooting excursion at the Auchmore estate, near Raywood. In company with Messrs. H. Trumble and H. Birch, Mr. J. H. Goudge, his brother-in-law, and Mr. Tassell, manager of the estate, he left Sandhurst on Wednesday the 19th December. That day was extremely warm, and the day following was very cold. It is stated that Mr. Woodward got wet while out shooting, and neglected to change his clothes soon enough. He himself attributed his illness to a chill which he felt after sitting on a log shooting ducks for about an hour in wet clothes.

On returning to Sandhurst on the 22nd December he was laid up with a very severe cold. About the end of the month he ventured into town and suffered a relapse in consequence. The cold was followed by bronchitis and congestion of the lungs, and his illness became so bad that Dr. Penfold was called in to consult with Dr. Macgillivray, his medical attendant. On Thursday last his condition slightly improved, but became worse towards the end of the week, and on Saturday night there was a slight sign of pneumonia.

Dr. Hinchcliff was called in to consult with Dr. Macgillivray, and Mr. Woodward's recovery was considered doubtful by them. On Sunday evening, Mr. Woodward professed to feel much better, but expressed a desire to have his business arrangements settled.

Shortly before 12 o'clock on Sunday night the deceased gentleman signed his will in the presence of Mr. Ellison and Mr. Roeder, and his two brothers-in-law, Mr. J. H. Goudge and Mr. W. R. Gill. His remark to Mr. Ellison after signing the document, "It's not a very steady signature", was singularly touching, and indicated his pleasant, genial nature even in such a trying moment. Mr. Ellison's remark in reply, to the effect that he could get a cheque cashed anywhere with such a signature, was a happy rejoinder, and in one sense very consoling. The relief afforded to the patient when this trying business was over was very considerable, and he sank into a quiet slumber shortly afterwards.

This did not last long, however, and during the rest of the night he dozed at times, but did not sleep for any lengthened period. The whole of the family remained with him the greater part of the night, including his aged father, and Mr. Goudge, Mr. Gill, and Mr. Roeder. He continued perfectly conscious during the whole time, and was able to speak to those around him until about seven o'clock yesterday morning. Shortly after nine o'clock he dropped off into a quiet sleep, and while in this condition he died peacefully and without pain.

When the intelligence of Mr. Woodward's death was spread throughout the city yesterday morning the deepest sorrow was everywhere manifested. The flag at the Town Hall was hoisted half-mast out of respect for his memory, and in various parts of the city other signs of mourning were displayed. The shop of his brother-in-law, Mr. Goudge, was closed during the afternoon. Many of the friends of the deceased gentleman called at his house during the day, and offered what little consolation it was possible to afford those who most deeply feel his loss. The funeral will take place this afternoon at three o'clock, and the remains will be interred at the White Hills Cemetery, where the deceased gentleman's mother and brothers lie buried.

White Hills Cemetery MON C3

DEATH OF MRS. J. A. WOODWARD.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 21 October 1892 p 3 Article

DEATH OF MRS. J. A. WOODWARD.

The news of the death of Mrs. Woodward, the relict of the late Mr. J. A. Woodward, an old Bendigonian and ex-mayor of the city, will come with rather a shock to her numerous friends and acquaintances. The deceased lady had been in indifferent health for some time past, but her condition was not such as to cause any anxiety to the members of the family.

She had taken a very active part in connection with the Grand National Fair which is being held in the Town Hall in aid of the Roman Catholic School fund, and was in attendance assisting at one of the stalls on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday afternoon she drove out to the Cherry Tree with some friends, and appeared to be in unusually good spirits. The evening she spent with her mother, Mrs. Turnbull, and her sister, who left her late at night, when she was in excellent spirits. Yesterday morning about eight o'clock one of her little daughters went into her bedroom with a cup of tea for her. The cup was placed on a table beside the bed, Miss Woodward thinking that her mother was only asleep.

As she did not appear at the breakfast table in due course someone again went to her room, and on making a close examination found that the unfortunate lady was quite dead. Drs. Atkinson and J. McIntyre Eadie were summoned but on arrival they pronounced life to be extinct. Death had evidently occurred some hours previously as the body was quite cold. A book which she had apparently been reading had fallen on the bed near her and the light had burned itself out. Dr. Atkinson, who had been in attendance on the deceased and who saw her a few days ago, was able to give a certificate that the cause of death was syncope of the heart. The matter was reported to the P.M. (Mr. Leader), who, under the circumstances, did not deem it necessary to hold an inquest.

Mrs. Woodward, who was only about 47 years of age, was a native of Queenstown, Ireland. She had been a resident of the city for some years and was held in the highest respect by all who knew her. Her husband was for some years a member of the City Council, and also filled the mayoral chair. It will be remembered that Mr. Woodward died about eight or nine years ago. She leaves a family of seven daughters and one son, Mr. Thos. N. Woodward, of the firm of Kennedy and Woodward, solicitors.

The funeral will leave the deceased lady's late residence, in Forest-street, this afternoon at half-past three o'clock, the place of interment being the White Hills Cemetery.

WRIGHT John (275)

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Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 27 February 1893** p 2 Article

ILLNESS OF AN OLD POLICE OFFICER.

Old Bendigonians, who remember Mr. John Wright, one of the first mounted constables stationed on Bendigo, will regret to hear that he is very ill in the hospital. Mr. Wright came to Bendigo in 1853 or 1854. With Mr. Panton, P. M., and the late Mr. Lyttleton, Mr. Wright laid out the racecourse at Epsom.



After being stationed here for some years he was appointed to Axedale, where he was promoted to the rank of senior-constable. He was subsequently stationed at Glenlyon and Fryer's Creek. About seven years ago he retired from the force, and has been living privately on Bendigo ever since. He has been in indifferent health for some time past.

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DEATH OF AN EX-SENIOR-CONSTABLE.

Ex-Senior-constable Wright, a very old member of the police force, died yesterday at his residence at the intersection of Forest and Boundary streets. Mr. Wright had attained a ripe age. He had suffered for very many years from consumption, and about six years ago was compelled, owing to the ravages of the disease, to quit the service. He was stationed in the early days at Strathfieldsaye, and for some years before his retirement, at Fryerstown. He was a capable officer, and was universally respected. He leaves a widow and family, some of whom are married.

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The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Tuesday 2 May 1893** p 4 Family Notices

Funeral Notices. THE Friends of the late Mr. JOHN WRIGHT (ex-constable), are respectfully invited to follow his remains to the Bendigo Cemetery. The funeral is appointed to move from his late residence, corner of Forest and Boundary Streets This Day, at half-past 3 o'clock. William FARMER, Undertaker, McCrae-street.

WRIGHT William (225)

William WRIGHT died 24.7.1888.

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Death of Mrs W Wright

OBITUARY.

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OBITUARY.

The death is reported of Mrs. Wright, widow of the late Mr. William Wright, one of the pioneer settlers, of the Sheep-wash. The deceased lady, who had reached the venerable age of 93, expired shortly after 10 p.m. on Monday night at her residence, Malvern. Her passing away was practically painless, worn-out nature simply giving way at last. Notwithstanding her great age, she was in the enjoyment of her faculties until the last, a slight deafness towards the close being the most noticeable symptom. Indeed her health and activity throughout her long life were little short of wonderful.

The late Mrs. Wright was a native of Dalkeith, Scotland, and arrived with her husband in Bendigo in 1856, and then resided in the town for about two years. They next took up land at the Sheepwash and resided there till the death of Mr. Wright, 26 years ago. She then removed to Bendigo, residing here for 11 years, and for the last 15 years at Sandringham, and finally at Malvern.

She leaves one son (Mr. William Wright, managing director of the *Bendigo Independent*), and one daughter (Miss Elizabeth Wright), who resided with her. There are also a number of grand-children and great grand-children.

The deceased lady was a sister-in-law of Mr. James White, the first actuary of the Bendigo Savings Bank. The interment takes place in the Kew Cemetery.