

D Surnames

Pioneers of Bendigo

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DARE Joseph, Rev DD (231)

DEATH OF THE REV. JOSEPH. DARE, D.D.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 29 March 1880** p 2 Article

DEATH OF THE REV. JOSEPH DARE, D.D.

It is with feelings of very deep regret that we have to announce the death of the well-known and universally respected Wesleyan clergyman, the Rev. Joseph Dare, D.D. Dr. Dare has been suffering from ill-health for a considerable time, and was compelled lately to retire from the ministry.



In consequence of his retirement steps were taken by his friends in Fitzroy to present a testimonial to him in recognition of his valuable services in connection with the churches of Australia. It was then stated by the *Argus* that it was not intended to confine subscriptions to Victoria only, but to ask the other colonies in which Dr. Dare has labored to subscribe. That was in the early part of this month, or about a fortnight ago, so that the rev. gentleman has died before the testimonial could be fully subscribed to.

The deceased gentleman was about 48 years of age, and he leaves a wife and four children to mourn their loss. The family are mostly grown up. He was born in Dorsetshire, England, and came to South Australia when very young. In 1851 he entered the Wesleyan ministry, and in 1857 was transferred from Adelaide to Sandhurst. During his residence of three years in this city, he made many friends, both by his abilities as an exponent of the gospel and as an affable and painstaking citizen. He was exceedingly popular, and many old residents will hear with much regret of his death.

The deceased was next transferred to Geelong, where he remained for three years, and was then given charge of the Wesley Church, Melbourne. After a residence of several years in Melbourne he was removed to Ballarat, where the disease he suffered from – diabetes – first manifested itself. After residing in Ballarat for a short period he proceeded to Europe, where he consulted several medical men, who pronounced the disease to be incurable.

After travelling through America and other countries he returned to this colony. Latterly the complaint from which he was suffering induced consumption, as was expected, and to this cause his death may be attributed. At the Wesleyan Conference in February last the deceased was relieved from active duty. Since then he took up his residence at Fitzroy, where he expired yesterday. On account of the severe nature of the complaint from which Dr. Dare had been suffering, his death was not altogether unexpected by the clergy of his denomination and his numerous friends.

In 1878 he was appointed to the distinguished position of chairman of the Wesleyan Conference, and last year the degree of D.D. was conferred upon him by the University of America.

Although he has not been stationed in Sandhurst since the date referred to above the deceased has frequently visited the city, and his last official visit was made on the occasion of the opening of the new church at Long Gully. He was a man of very high attainments, and an eloquent and fervent preacher.

Wherever he was located he was eminently popular, and he was considered the best platform and pulpit preacher belonging to the Wesleyan body. By the death of the Rev. Joseph Dare, the Wesleyan denomination of the colony has sustained a very severe loss.

DAVIES John Bartlett (189)

DEATH OF MR. J. B. DAVIES.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Monday 4 June 1906** p 5 Article

DEATH OF MR. J. B. DAVIES.

The numerous friends of Mr. J. Davies, the well-known stockbroker, will regret to learn that he passed away suddenly at his residence, Don-street, at 12.30 yesterday morning. Although he had been suffering from heart affection for a year past, his end was quite unexpected.



Mr. Davies was on the Stock Exchange on Saturday, apparently in his usual health. He attended a meeting of the North Don Company in the afternoon, leaving for home at 5.30. As usual, he spent the evening in the family circle. He was bright and cheery, and retired to bed at 10.45. He then complained of a spasm at his heart. He was often affected thus, and the usual restoratives were applied. As Mr. Davies did not rally, his medical attendant (Dr. Atkinson) was summoned, but Mr. Davies passed away peacefully at 12.30, his last words being "It is all right."

The late Mr. John Bartlett Davies, who was 72 years of age, was a native of Mawgan, Cornwall, and came to Australia in 1857, settling in Bendigo. He started business as a carter with Mr. H. Thomas, at Happy Valley. In 1863 he married Miss Grace Wills, daughter of Mr. Edward Wills, of Golden-square. He was associated with the business at Happy Valley for 18 years. During that period he was successful in mining ventures to such an extent that he was enabled to take a trip in the old country. Some years later he paid another visit to England, taking his family with him.

He joined the Stock Exchange when it was first formed, and was associated with it up to the time of his death. Some years ago he was largely interested in the Bendigo mines. Latterly he was a director of the Lazarus, Eureka, Don, and North Don Companies. Mr. Davies was associated for many years with the Long Gully Methodist Church as steward. Latterly he had been a member and regular attendant of the Forest-street Church.

The late Mr. Davies was held in high esteem as an upright and worthy citizen, and his kindly and genial demeanor won for him the affection of his more intimate acquaintances.

A widow and four sons and three daughters are left to mourn their loss. Of the sons, Mr. E. J. Davies was in partnership with his father on the Stock Exchange, and Mr. W. W. Davies is the local representative of the "Argus." Mrs. W. Christie, of Melbourne, and Mrs. A. Herbert, of Bendigo, are daughters.

The funeral will take place to the White Hills Cemetery at 3 p.m. to-day.

White Hills Cemetery MON A3.

DAVIS William (392)

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM DAVIS, J.P.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 3 August 1907** p 5 Article

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM DAVIS, J.P.

It is with very deep regret that we record the death of Mr. William Davis, the well-known manager of the Bendigo branch of the Colonial Bank for the past 32 years. Mr. Davis suffered from a severe attack of influenza in November last, and though he spent some weeks at the seaside when convalescent, he never completely recovered. About three months ago he again became seriously ill, and although he rallied sufficiently to be able to venture out of doors occasionally in the daytime, his progress was not such as to lead to any strong hope being entertained regarding his recovery.



The members of his family and Dr. Gaffney were unremitting in their attentions, and on Thursday Drs. Atkinson and DeRavin were called in in consultation, but the patient gradually sank and died at half-past 8 o'clock last evening.

The deceased gentleman was born in London in 1840. In 1851 he landed in Melbourne with his parents, and almost immediately afterwards they proceeded northwards to what was then known as the Mount Alexander North Station. The district was subsequently called Castlemaine, and here the late Mr. Davis completed his education.

It was in 1860 that he entered the service of the Colonial Bank, and this step marked the beginning of an honorable and useful career in that institution.

Mr. Davis had not long been associated with the bank before his abilities were recognised. He rapidly rose from the position of junior clerk to that of accountant, and in 1868 the bank still further recorded its appreciation and confidence by appointing the deceased gentleman to the managership of the Kilmore branch. There he remained for several years, and in 1875 was promoted to the management of the Bendigo branch.

From that time onward no citizen enjoyed a fuller share of public confidence and esteem than did the late Mr. Davis. He was the personification of courtesy and geniality, whether to clients of the bank or to the general public, and his whole-hearted and unstinted labors on behalf of many city institutions will ever be gratefully remembered. Bendigo became Mr. Davis's home, and he spent his energies ever with the object of advancing its interests, whether from the artistic or civic and commercial standpoint.

The Bendigo Art Gallery, of which he was president, owes much of its present-day prestige to his untiring energy on its behalf.

He was one of the original promoters of the gallery, and he occupied various official positions as the institution gradually forged ahead, and became recognised as one of the finest provincial galleries in the Commonwealth. During the last two years he was the president of the institution.

The Bendigo Benevolent Asylum also found in Mr. Davis a warm-hearted and energetic supporter, and at the time of his death he occupied the presidential chair. At the annual meeting, which was held recently, the absence of the president through illness evoked expressions of sincere regret. Members unanimously agreed that there was no one who had labored more earnestly in the cause of suffering and aged humanity for this past 25 years than the president.

Mr. Davis, in view of his failing health, had asked that he should be released from his presidential duties, but the meeting held that he could ill be spared, and he was again elected to his old office, in the hope that he would soon be restored to health. These hopes, unfortunately, were not realised.

For many years Mr. Davis occupied a seat on the directorate of the Sandhurst and Northern District Trustees, Executors and Agency Co., and in this capacity, he displayed the keenest interest, his banking experience proving of great value to his colleagues in the administration of the company's ever-expanding business.

The late Mr. Davis was one of the oldest justices of the peace in the district. He filled many offices in the city, and as a treasurer of the Easter Fair gathering, the Gold Jubilee Exhibition in 1901-2, and different Fire Brigades' Demonstrations held in Bendigo, he rendered valuable service.

Mr. Davis was a keen student of literature, and contributed several able papers to the Bendigo Shakespeare Society when it existed some years ago. In his acquaintance with the works of Charles Dickens, of whom he was a most enthusiastic admirer, he was without a peer in Victoria, and his Dickens lectures will long be remembered with pleasure by all who heard them.

When the late Mr. William Gay proposed the establishment of the Philosophical Society in 1897, Mr. Davis was one of the first gentlemen he summoned to his aid, and was the treasurer of the society from its inception. Mr. Davis possessed a great fund of native humor, a cheerful and genial personality, and was popular with all classes of the community, and the kindness and hospitality of himself and his wife have long been a household word in Bendigo.

He leaves a widow and a family of three sons and two daughters. His daughters resided with their parents at Quarry Hill. One son, Major C. H. Davis, is well-known as the commanding officer of the Bendigo Half Battalion 8th A.I.R. and the others, Messrs. George and William, are engaged in the management of stations in Queensland. Much sympathy will be felt for the family, and especially for Mrs. Davis, who has lost two sisters by death during the past year.

The funeral is announced to take place on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, leaving Mr. Davis's late residence, "Corona," Quarry Hill for the Bendigo General Cemetery.
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DAYMOND William Henry (93)

AN OLD TIME HERO.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Tuesday 9 November 1897** p 2
Article

Death of Mr. William H. Daymond.

Much surprise, and much more regret were expressed on all hands yesterday when it became known that Mr. William H. Daymond, father of Messrs. Daymond Bros., the well-known Pall Mall drapers, had died suddenly in the morning. He had been ailing for about a fortnight past, but during the last few days, under the care of Dr. Hugh Boyd, he seemed to be improving. Yesterday morning he felt strong enough to get up for breakfast. He ate a hearty meal, and afterwards sat down to read the newspaper, when suddenly he gave a gasp, fell to the floor and died in a few minutes. The cause of death was failure of the heart's action.



The deceased gentleman was well-known and respected in and about Bendigo, he having first arrived here in 1851, He was 67 years of age and was born in London. At 13 years of age he commenced a seafaring life, and followed this occupation until coming to Victoria. He came straight to Bendigo when he landed, and worked as a digger, with varying success, at Golden Gully and White Hills. Then he went to Epsom and for some time kept an hotel and store on the Sandy Creek road.

Thirty-five years ago he took up his residence in the city, within a stone throw of where he resided at the time of his death, and followed his trade, that of carpenter, till about five years ago, when he retired on a competency.

He leaves a widow and a grown-up family of five, three sons and two daughters. The oldest son, Mr. J. H. Daymond, is in business in a large way in Hamilton, as a timber merchant and ironmonger. The other two sons are Messrs. A. G. and W. A. Daymond, drapers, Pall Mall. The oldest daughter is married to Mr. Gurnett, a well-known Kerang resident, and the other is Mrs. Lapham, licensee of the Newmarket Hotel, Bendigo.

Mr. Daymond at one time did a good deal of speculation in mining shares, and for 15 years paid calls into the Carlisle Co., while at the time of his death he was a large shareholder in the Unity Co. The funeral is appointed to leave his late residence at the corner of Rowan and Violet streets, at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon.

Bendigo Cemetery MON D6

DENOVAN William Dixon Campbell (15 and 134)

[DEATH OF MR. W. D. C. DENOVAN. A PIONEER GONE TO HIS REST.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Saturday 14 July 1906** p 5 Article Illustrated

DEATH OF MR. W. D. C. DENOVAN.

A PIONEER GONE TO HIS REST.

At 10 minutes past 12 o'clock yesterday Mr. W. D. C. Denovan, one of Bendigo's staunchest pioneers, passed peacefully away at Osborne House. He was in his 77th year, and death was due to a chronic internal complaint. The demise of Mr. Denovan was not unexpected. For some years he had enjoyed but indifferent health and during the past 12 months appeared to be rapidly failing.



About seven weeks ago he was compelled to take to his bed, owing to an attack of dysentery, and gradually became weaker. His medical attendant Dr. Atkinson, bestowed on him every attention, and called Dr. Hugh Boyd in to assist, if possible, in prolonging Mr. Denovan's life. A trained nurse was also engaged, and everything possible was done by his friends for him. The veteran's physical strength, however, was worn out, and he sank painlessly and peacefully until death freed his spirit. He was conscious to the last, and passed away with friends around his bedside.

The late Mr. Denovan was never married, and leaves no relatives, except two nephews, but a large circle of friends, who cherish his memory, having held him in the highest esteem for his probity and sterling worth. Since the death of his mother, 18 years ago, Mr. Denovan resided at Osborne House, and, at his request, was allowed to die in what he regarded as his home, instead of being treated in a private hospital.

William Dixon Campbell Denovan was born in Edinburgh on 26th December, 1829. His father, Francis Garden Denovan, was for some time British Consul at Copenhagen (Denmark), and was subsequently consul at Edinburgh for several foreign States, including Denmark, Brazil, and various German States.

The subject of this notice received his education principally in private schools in Dundee. At the age of 18 he opened a school at Cupar (Fifeshire), and conducted it until the tales of the gold discoveries in Victoria reached him. The school was promptly closed, and young Denovan, then in his 23rd year, embarked on the ship *Mobile* at Liverpool in July, 1852, and sailed south.

Three months later he landed in Melbourne, and proceeded post haste to the Mount Alexander diggings. But he soon decided to push on for Bendigo, and on 14th February, he, with four other young men, full of hope and energy, pitched camp upon a wild looking spot at New Chum. By noon next day the new chums had obtained their diggers licenses, and proceeded feverishly to work.

To permit the departed pioneer to tell his own story, we cull from interviews with him appearing in the "Bendigonian" of 7th August, 1900, and succeeding dates, in which Mr. Denovan says:

"My first move from our original camping ground was to a bark hut with a chimney, an aristocratic residence in those days, which cost me £3/15/, and it was situated near where the Golden-square bridge now stands. At that time we used a fallen log for a bridge. I used to work mostly in Golden Gully, and in the flat leading down from the Shenandoah to what is now High-street.

Originally the Bendigo Creek, opposite the Exchange was a most picturesque stream, whose banks were covered with grand old native trees and undergrowth. The stream itself wound in and out, describing a very tortuous course, and looked for all the world like a silver serpent coiled in the grass.

In 1855 or 1856 the Government constructed a new creek from above the Golden-square bridge to King's bridge, on the Epsom-road, and all the curves and bends were wiped out. The commissioners, police magistrates, and others lived on Camp Hill. The old buildings are still standing and are now used as homes for the boarders attending the High School. The one next to the rocks was occupied by Mr. Panton, the chief commissioner."

Soon after Mr. Denovan arrived on Bendigo, he realised that a very strong feeling of resentment existed amongst the miners against the diggers' tax, under which they had to pay 30/- monthly for a license to dig for gold. Largely attended mass meetings were held by the miners, in which Mr. Denovan took a prominent part. At a meeting held at Golden Gully he made his first effort at public speaking, strongly protesting against the tax. Meeting followed meeting, a strong committee, known as the anti-license committee, of which Mr. Denovan was elected a member, was formed. The protest culminated in a monster mass meeting, held on the 21st August, 1853, on what is now the site of All Saints' Pro-Cathedral.

"At that meeting," said Mr. Denovan, who was present, "Dr. Jones was in the chair. I took part in the proceeding, along with George Edward Thomson, restaurant-keeper, and subsequently a solicitor of Bendigo, Captain Brown, Dr. Wall, Mr. E. N. Emmett, Mr. Grube, Mr. Ferrars (secretary), Mr. Alfred O'Connor, Dr. Owens and many others. The feeling of the meeting was at fever heat, for the diggers had determined to shake off once and for all the burdens that oppressed them so.

Resolutions were passed to hoist the red ribbon, and pay no more license fees. I will never forget the cheer that went up from the thousands of throats. It seemed like one huge sigh of relief. A few moments after there was a wild stampede to the stores for the purchase of red ribbons. Three-quarters of an hour after the meeting not a piece could be bought on the goldfields for love or money. Hundreds of diggers not possessing the beloved piece of color walked about that afternoon looking feverishly around for some substitute to replace the unpurchasable token.

Suddenly one of their number suggested red shirts, and again the stores were besieged, shirts bought, cut up, and distributed among the crowd. Yes! Saturday, the 21st of August, 1853, was a red-letter day, or, I should say, a red ribbon day, in the history of Bendigo.

Not long after this I met for the first time the late Mr. Angus Mackay, who had recently arrived from the Ovens. We became great friends. He and I became closely associated in reform movements on the goldfields for many years afterwards. I saw in him a superior man, one who thought before he spoke, and I was often thankful to him for his counsel."

The persistent agitation of the miners for the reduction of the gold license tax led to its reduction from 30/- to 13/4 per month, and a festival was held by the miners on the spot near the site of the present hospital to celebrate the concession.

The Chinese, in the first years of the goldfield, constituted a considerable proportion of the population, and in 1854 an agitation was inaugurated to prevent, if possible, their wholesale influx. Mr. Denovan, who at this time was recognised as one of the leaders of the diggers, headed the agitation. At a public meeting held on 24th June, he brought under the notice of the meeting the alarming influx of Chinese into the colony, which, if not stopped, would lead to serious disturbances. He spoke strongly on the subject, stating that unless the Government would take measures for stopping this immigration, or graduating it, so as not to interfere with the interests of the resident population, the diggers themselves would be compelled in self-defence to take the law into their own hands, and drive the whole of the Chinese off the diggings.

The 4th of July would soon be here. It was a day sacred to our American kinsmen, and it would remind British subjects of the duty they owed to themselves and their wives and families in this matter if the Government refused to come to their aid. The speech appeared in the "Bendigo Advertiser" and "Bendigo Times," and Mr. Denovan was reported in these papers, and in the "Argus" as moving a motion to the effect "that the diggers should rise on mass on the 4th July and drive the Chinese off the goldfield."

Naturally very great excitement prevailed throughout the district on the subject. Mr. Denovan stated that the reports published of what he had said were not accurate, so far as the direct resolution was concerned, but the authorities became so alarmed when the eve of the fourth arrived that at 11 o'clock at night Mr. Denovan was taken by constables before the police magistrate, Mr. McLachlan. He admitted using strong words regarding the Chinese in the course of his speech, but declared that no attack on the Chinese on the following day was intended.

The police magistrate was satisfied, and at a public meeting on the following day, Mr. Denovan made a temperate speech on the subject, and no disturbance occurred. Some time afterwards a capitation tax was imposed on the Chinese, and subsequently a residence tax, which latter, however, pressed so unfairly on the poorer Chinese that Mr. Denovan himself went to a great deal of trouble to have it abolished, his efforts being successful.

Thatcher, the comedian of the fifties, indicates the prominent part Mr. Denovan played in those strenuous times in the lines:—

"A word with thee, ambitious Denovan: All hail, thou monster-meeting man."

"In answer to many appeals to me from many of the diggers of Bendigo," says Mr. Denovan, "on the 26th August I convened a public meeting for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken to secure the entire abolition of the license tax, to obtain representation of the goldfields in Parliament and the opening up of the lands to the people. The diggers carried resolutions in favor of the above objects, and a committee, consisting of Dr. Wall, Messrs. Emmett, C. Howard, Dixon, Mackay, Meaton, Armstrong and Denovan, was appointed to conduct the movement. This movement was at once enthusiastically taken up by Ballarat and several other of the goldfields, and finally spread to all of them. . . .

On the 5th September, the day after the arrival of Sir Charles and Lady Hotham on Bendigo, a meeting of some 10,000 diggers was held in front of the Criterion hotel, and a petition to his Excellency was numerously signed, praying for the redress of the grievances aforesaid.

"The Governor received the representatives of the miners in a most courteous manner, and promised that he would take their complaints into consideration, and that he would make the tax as light as possible for them. . . . However, it was a great disappointment to all when the next session of the Legislative Council was opened, and his Excellency's speech was read. There was no mention of the diggers' grievances in it."

The utmost indignation was expressed, and the extremest disappointment felt at the Governor's inaction. A Goldfields' League was formed to continue the agitation. The hatred of the Government system increased till it culminated in the Eureka outbreak on 3rd December. On the day previous to that eventful date a public meeting was held in Bendigo, at which Mr. Holyoake, a Ballarat delegate attended and spoke. He asked Bendigo to unite with Ballarat in having the whole of the goldfields' management changed, the license tax repealed, and the necessary revenue raised by an export duty of 2/6 per ounce on gold.

Mr. Denovan was appointed to proceed to Ballarat with the delegate to assure the miners there of the hearty co-operation of the Bendigo miners. The two men left for Ballarat on 3rd December, Mr. Denovan walking and Mr. Holyoake riding. Arrived at Guildford on the following morning, they learned from the lips of a trooper of the slaughter and defeat of the miners at Eureka. The delegates were greatly shocked by the terrible news, but pushed on to Creswick to learn more of the incident. They found that martial law was proclaimed at Ballarat. They therefore decided to push on no further, but decided to part, Mr. Holyoake proceeding to Geelong and Mr. Denovan returning to Castlemaine, where he addressed a mass meeting of miners. Returning to Bendigo on foot, Mr. Denovan received a great ovation, it having been repeated that he had been arrested at Ballarat. Mr. Denovan continued to work zealously in conjunction with the league, and very soon the whole of the miners' grievances were redressed.

On 28th July, 1855, Mr. Denovan was elected a member of the first Sandhurst Mining Court. This body in due course was replaced by the Mining Board. At this time Mr. Denovan was engaged in press work, being Bendigo correspondent of the "Ballarat Times." The proprietor of that journal, then a tri-weekly, was thrown into prison, and Mr. Denovan going to his aid, brought out the first daily issue of the paper on 1st January, 1856.

Subsequently he launched on his own account a weekly newspaper, called the "Nation and Ballarat Advertiser." It met with great favour, but the expense of its publication was too great for Mr. Denovan, and he reluctantly relinquished it.

Returning to Bendigo towards the end of 1856, Mr. Denovan was appointed gold buyer for the Bank of Victoria. In the following year his office was destroyed by fire, and he once again turned to mining pursuits.

He was one of the original members of the Land League formed to support the miner and man of small means in their endeavor to obtain the land, instead of the squatters and big men having the monopoly. Leagues sprang up in many parts of the colony, with the result that radical alterations in the land laws were secured, monopoly was largely abolished, and the population of the colony increased.

In 1860 Mr. Denovan managed the British Steam Puddling Co., at White Hills, but it was not a success, and was abandoned. The crowning point of his early career was reached when, in 1861, he was returned to the head of the poll as one of the two representatives of the Sandhurst Boroughs in the Legislative Assembly. This election took place on the 10th August, 1861, the candidates for the two seats being Messrs. W. D. C. Denovan, J. J. Casey, R. F. Howard, T Carpenter and J. Henderson.

The voting was as follows:—

W. D. C. Denovan ... 1557

J. J. Casey ... 1151

R. F. Howard ... 1142

T. Carpenter ... 238

J. Henderson ... 22

(Mr. Howard petitioned against the return of Mr. Casey, and secured the seat.) The mining community was so elated at the victory that it paid all Mr. Denovan's election expenses (£147), and subscribed an honorarium of £280. Finding that his limited means would not permit him to continue in the House, he resigned in July 1862. During his short career in Parliament Mr. Denovan was instrumental in securing a vote of £6000 to reward discoverers of new goldfields.

He also acted as chairman of a select committee appointed to take evidence on the practicability of supplying Castlemaine and Bendigo with water from the River Coliban. The committee recommended the survey of the proposed route of the aqueduct, and Mr. Denovan subsequently secured a vote of £2000 for the survey.

The Coliban was not undertaken, however, till Mr. J. F. Sullivan's advent to office as Minister of Mines. In after years when Mr. Angus Mackay did so much to bring about the completion of this great water scheme, Mr. Denovan rendered able assistance, in conjunction with many other citizens, who took an active part in seconding Mr. Mackay's efforts. After acting as editor of the "Bendigo Evening News" for two or three years, Mr. Denovan in 1867 became a stock and share-broker, and was one of the founders of the local Stock Exchange.

On 20th May, 1870, Mr. Denovan received from the members of the Loyal Liberal Association, of which he was one of the founders, and at the time secretary, a recognition of the esteem in which he was held by the members in the shape of a gold chain, locket, and seal.

"To him, indeed," stated the "Bendigo Advertiser" on the following day, "in a great measure is owing the building up of one of the strongest political associations in the colony. . . . He has 'been its life' to him is due in a great measure the vigor of its action."

In the following years he was fortunate in mining speculation, and became worth at least £10,000, but lost it again.

In 1877, he was elected a member of the City Council for Sutton Ward, and in 1879 he was presented with a purse containing £307 as a reward for his great services to the district. In September, 1879, Mr. Denovan was appointed town clerk, and held the appointment for 13 years, discharging the duties of the office most zealously and successfully.

In 1892 his health was so broken that the City Council granted him seven months' leave of absence. He decided to visit his native land, but the citizens would not allow him to leave without tendering him a parting banquet. Mr. R. Burrowes, M.L.A. presided, and Mr. Denovan was presented with a set of studs made of Bendigo gold.

On his return his health not having improved, he tendered his resignation as town clerk. This was regretfully accepted, and the council, on behalf of the ratepayers, presented him with an illuminated address expressive of appreciation of what he had done for the district, and also an honorarium of £100. The officers of the corporation tendered him a dinner, and presented him with a handsome cabinet as a token of esteem.

Since that time Mr. Denovan has lived quietly. He has continued to sit as a member of the Stock Exchange, and on occasions of public rejoicing and of national demonstrations in which that body took part Mr. Denovan was usually selected as one of the speakers. During the exciting period of the South African war he gave utterance to loyal and patriotic sentiments in a manner which showed that he still retained something of the power by which he retained his hold over audiences in the early days.

In concluding his series of interviews with our representative in 1900, Mr. Denovan said "I think I am justified, as the recognised leader on Bendigo for the abolition of the license tax. etc., in saying that the results of our labors have proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that the population of the goldfields was true and loyal, and has shown by its admirable conduct since its right to be placed on the same equality of footing with all classes of her Majesty's subjects in Victoria. In the movement on Bendigo, even at this distance of time, I have to acknowledge my deep indebtedness to the able co adjuters who united with me in bringing about the reforms which have now been so long established among us. Most of these gentlemen have been gathered to their fathers, but they assisted in laying the foundations, and in building up the representative institutions of our young country on such a broad basis as will last, I trust, until time shall be no more."

Mr. Denovan was always interested in literary pursuits. Though a member of the Presbyterian Church, he was a spiritualist by belief, and in 1882 published a comprehensive work, entitled, "The Evidences of Spiritualism." He also wrote a story, which appeared in the "Australian Journal," entitled "The Heir of Crawford Abbey." He contributed largely to the daily press on various subjects.

He was for a great number of years a member of the Masonic craft, having joined the Zenith Lodge in 1866. He was appointed to the various offices, and became Worshipful Master of the Lodge. During the last two years he occupied the position of chaplain to the lodge, while the rank of Past Senior Grand Deacon was conferred on him. Recently he became a special member and chaplain of the newly formed Sandhurst Lodge, but was laid aside by illness before his installation took place.

Bendigo Cemetery MON E2

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DeRAVIN Jean Theodore (303)

DEATH OF MR. J. T. DERAVIN.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Saturday 2 December 1911 p 2
Article

DEATH OF MR. J. T. DERAVIN.

An old and valued resident of the district, Mr. J. T. Deravin, died yesterday morning after being laid up for a fortnight. Until lately he enjoyed good health, and since being stricken down he received the best attention from his son, Dr. H. A. Deravin, and Dr. T. E. Green.



Mr. Deravin, who was 78 years of age, was well-known and highly respected throughout the district. Although he took no part in public matters, he did much for the city and district, and in former years was a very heavy mining speculator.

At Mandurang for a great many years he conducted a vineyard very successfully until when phylloxera made its appearance in the locality, he was compelled to uproot the whole of his vines, even though they were not affected. A big loss was also sustained by reason of the fact that several thousand gallons of wine, which was in the cellars, was confiscated and destroyed owing to the stringent measures adopted by the Government of the day in regard to the use of preservatives. The wine was in the cellars "aging" long prior to the introduction of the legislation. Nevertheless it had to be destroyed.

From the early days Mr. Deravin was closely associated with mining. He was a large shareholder in a great many companies, and had a seat on several of the leading directorates.

He was born in the West Indies in 1833, and came to Australia in 1852, and in the following year arrived on the Bendigo goldfield, took up land at Sheep-wash, and cultivated it as a market garden. From that it was transformed into an orchard, and again into a vineyard.

Of a family of twelve, five sons are doctors, viz., Drs. H. A. Deravin, E. A. Deravin, W. Deravin, N. Deravin and G. A. Deravin. The eldest son, Mr. J. A. Deravin, is a member of the Bendigo Stock Exchange, and the others are on the land. Three daughters are also living.

Yesterday the Stock Exchange decided to send a letter of condolence to his son, and out of respect to the deceased the members adjourned over the first "room" this morning. The interment will be carried out privately.

Bendigo Cemetery MON E2

DOUGLAS Charles Wade (204)

OBITUARY. MR. C. W. DOUGLAS.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 23 March 1911** p 5 Article

OBITUARY.

MR. C. W. DOUGLAS.

The death occurred yesterday morning of Mr. Charles Wade Douglas, a well-known mining investor and auditor, at his residence, Queen-street. The deceased gentleman had been ailing for some time.

The late Mr. Douglas was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1837, and when 21 years of age he sailed for Australia. After landing in Melbourne he was engaged by Messrs. Francis Bros., of the Beehive Stores, Bendigo, as accountant, which position he filled for a number of years. When Messrs. Buick and Co. took over the Beehive Stores Mr. Douglas continued to act as accountant for the new firm, and served altogether 25 years under the two managements.



He then left to go under "the Verandah" to more closely identify himself with his mining interests, which had been growing since 1859, when he first became connected with mining on this field. He became a director of several mining companies, notably, the North Devonshire and Lady Barkly. He was also auditor of a great many mining companies.

For years Mr. Douglas was a member of the Golden and Corinthian Lodge of Freemasons, having been an original member of the old Golden Lodge. He was a trustee of the Heart of Friendship Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., for a considerable period.

A family of two sons – Messrs. Samuel A. and George, who are in Melbourne, and four daughters (Mrs. Garvin, wife of Mr. G. D. Garvin, of Messrs. Beebe and Garvin), Misses Agnes, Florence and Maud Douglas, survives.

The funeral will take place this morning, leaving deceased's late residence, "Roseville," Queen-street, at 11.30 o'clock for the Bendigo Cemetery.

Bendigo Cemetery MON C3

DOWER Peter (286)

[THE MEETING OF POLICE DELEGATES.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 17 April 1890** p 2 Article

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT.

Mr. Peter Dower, aged 73, of White Hills, a very old resident, born at Wendron, Cornwall, and who arrived in Sandhurst in 1853, and has resided here since, died at his residence, White Hills, at 9 a.m. yesterday morning. He came out in the *Sardinia* with the late Mr. Osborn, J.P., well-known as a local preacher for many years past.



DRISCOLL John (297)

[OBITUARY.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 26 January 1909** p 3 Article

OBITUARY.

Mr. John Driscoll of Garsed-street, who had resided in Bendigo since 1853 died yesterday morning after an illness extending over six months. A native of Cork, Ireland, he had reached the advanced age of 80 years.

He came to Bendigo as a young man in search of fortune, and in the alluvial days worked with varying success, but insufficient to provide against the necessity of labor in his later years. He went into the mines when they opened up, and was for 16 years engaged at the New Chum and Victoria Company's claim.

He retired 20 years ago. He was popular with his friends, and being possessed of a clear recollection of early day Bendigo life was a veritable entertainer. The deceased gentleman, who would have celebrated the jubilee of his wedding had he lived until March, leaves a widow and seven children, one of whom is Mr. J. J. Driscoll, of the firm of Messrs. Maurice Moran and Co. The funeral takes place to the Bendigo Cemetery today at 3 o'clock.



DUNCAN Alexander (293)

[WATER SUPPLY REGULATIONS.](#)

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 3 February 1888** p 2 Article

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT

Another old Bendigonian has joined the "great majority" in the person of Mr. Alexander Duncan, of Forest-street. Mr. Duncan had been ailing for the past two months, but he was not confined to his bed until a fortnight ago, and his death, which took place yesterday, was rather unexpected. The cause of death was egemea (skin disease), and typhoid fever.



The deceased gentleman was born in Rothsay, Scotland, and came out to this colony in the year 1853. With the exception of two years Mr. Duncan has resided in this city since that year. Mr. Duncan was a builder by trade, and amongst several of the old buildings which he built in this city may be mentioned the Albion Hotel in View-street.

He was a committeeman of the West Sandhurst Presbyterian Church, and he was also one of the originators of St. Andrew's Society, in which he took an active part.

Mr. Duncan, who was 69 years of age, leaves a widow who is herself in very feeble health, a son, Mr. Wm. Duncan, managing clerk in Mr. Rymer's office, and a daughter, the wife of Mr. James Rogers, of the Camp School.

Mr. Duncan was greatly esteemed as an honorable, straightforward and out-spoken man. The sadness of the event is deepened by the fact that one of the children of Mrs. Rogers also died yesterday at Queenscliff, whither she had been taken on account of ill health.

The funeral of Mr. Duncan and his grandchild will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Bendigo Cemetery MON F2

Granddaughter

Gladys Mille Pinkerton Rogers. Aged 2 years. Buried MON F2.

DUNCAN John Cowan (312)

DEATH OF MR. JOHN COWAN DUNCAN. A PIONEER MASON AND FIREMANX.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tuesday 17 April 1894 p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. JOHN COWAN DUNCAN.

A PIONEER MASON AND FIREMAN.

Yesterday information was received in the city per telegram of the death of a highly respected old Bendigonian, Mr. John Cowan Duncan, at his late residence, Canning-street, Carlton, Melbourne. It was known for some time past that the deceased gentleman was in failing health, so that the intimation of his demise did not cause much surprise.

On every hand were to be heard expressions of regret and sympathy.



The deceased was a native of the Highlands of Scotland, where his father owned an extensive paper mill. He was 76 years of age. In the early part of 1852 when the gold fever was at its height, he sailed for Victoria, amongst his shipmates being Mr. J. Mathieson, the well-known mining investor. On arrival in Melbourne he at once came on to Bendigo, where, for a time, he was engaged in mining. He then opened a saddlery shop in the Mall, and carried on business there until the opening of the railway from Melbourne to Bendigo in 1862.

In those days he took a deep interest in municipal matters and other movements for the advancement of the place. With the late Mr. J. F. Sullivan, R. Burrowes and others, Mr. Duncan started the Sandhurst Fire Brigade, now known as the veteran No. 1 Brigade, on the 25th April, 1855. When the news of his death became known in the city yesterday the flags at the depots of the various fire brigades were hoisted half-mast.

He was a member of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Scotland, and was one of the foremost workers in establishing the order in this city. He was one of the originators of the Golden Lodge, and he presented the order with the piece of land in Myers-street, on which the old Masonic Hall was built, the foundation stone of which was laid by him in January, 1856. Subsequently the Golden Lodge was amalgamated with the Corinthian, and has since been known as the Golden and Corinthian Lodge. For many years he filled the office of tyler (Keeper of the door), and was eventually succeeded by Bro. J. Quin. He always manifested a deep interest in the order, and continued his connection with the lodge up to the time of his death. The flag at the Masonic Hall was yesterday flying half-mast out of respect to the memory of the deceased gentleman.

He and Mrs. Duncan also took a prominent part in the production of "Rob Roy", which was produced by the late Mr. Angus Mackay, Mr. J. McIntyre, the present Minister of Lands, and other local amateurs, in the old Lyceum Theatre many years ago.

When the railway was opened to Bendigo, Mr. Duncan was appointed tally-clerk in the inquiry office in the goods shed, and in that position, he earned the esteem and respect of all who were brought in contact with him. About four years ago he was superannuated and retired from the service, and accepted a lump sum as compensation.

About that time his health began to give way, and a few months afterwards he and Mrs. Duncan and the younger members of the family removed to Melbourne in the hope that the change of air might have a beneficial effect on him. His advancing age, however, told upon him, and it was plainly noticeable to his friends that his system was gradually breaking up. The end came at last, and as stated above, he passed away peacefully about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

He leaves a widow and grown-up family of five sons and three daughters, for whom much sympathy is expressed in their sad bereavement. One of the sons, Mr. Charles Duncan, is well-known in fire brigade circles, and is an ex-captain of the No. 1 Brigade.

The funeral will probably take place in Melbourne.

Buried at the Melbourne General Cemetery 19.4.1894.

DUNLOP Andrew McBride (427)

THE BENDIGO ADVERTISER (PUBLISHED DAILY.) PROGRESSION, OUR RIGHTS, AND OUR RESOURCES. | BENDIGO, MONDAY, DEC. 21, 1891

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Monday 21 December 1891 p 2 Article

THE FUNERAL of the late Mr. Andrew McBride Dunlop took place on Saturday morning from his residence, Moran street, to the White Hills Cemetery, and was attended by a number of the friends of the deceased. The chief mourners were the two sons, George and Robert Dunlop, a brother of the deceased, and other relatives.



The service at the grave was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Potter. The deceased gentleman had been a resident of Bendigo for about 35 years, and was of a very retiring disposition. He was, however, greatly respected, and loved by all who knew him, and has left his family comfortably provided for.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Friday 27 May 1892 p 4 Article

Andrew McBride Dunlop, late, of Moran street, Bendigo, gentleman, who died on the 17th of December, 1891, by his will, dated 16th of December, 1891, appointed Thomas Jefferson Connelly, of Bendigo, solicitor, and his brother, Heathers Dunlop, and his son, Adam George Dunlop, trustees.

He directs that his estate is to be realised and the proceeds equally divided between his children, Adam George, Caroline Gertrude, Isabella and William Henry, upon their respectively attaining the age of 21 years.
Value of real and personal estate, £2077.

NOTES

Buried 19.12.1891 at White Hills MON G1. Aged 60.

Ancestry.com note

Born in **Ireland about 1826** to Robert Crawford Dunlop and Mary Ann McBride. Andrew McBride Dunlop married Elizabeth Wills and had 5 children. He passed away on **17 Dec 1891** in **Bendigo Vic Australia**.

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Andrew McBride Dunlop listed as Gentleman living in Moran Street.

DYASON Isaac Edward (21)

[MR. I. E. DYASON. DEATH AT BRIGHTON.](#)

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Thursday 15 July 1915** p 3 Article

MR. I. E. DYASON.
DEATH AT BRIGHTON.

After an illness extending over three weeks, Mr. Isaac Edward Dyason, one of the most prominent pioneers of the Bendigo goldfields, died at his Brighton residence on Tuesday, at the age of 83 years.

His home was in Webster Street Bendigo, and he paid occasional visits to Melbourne. It was while there three weeks ago that he became ill. Dr. Gerald Weigall, of Elsternwick, was called in, and Mr. Dyason was treated for pleurisy. He was making good progress towards recovery when at noon on Tuesday he collapsed suddenly from heart failure.



Mr. Dyason was born at Ramsgate, near London, and at the age of six years was taken to Cape Colony, where he received his education. He left South Africa for Australia in 1849 for Adelaide. In January 1851 he came to Bendigo with the first rush of diggers. He did very well at times in alluvial digging, and later on at Chewton was fairly successful in quartz mining, Dyason's mine being well known at one time.

For 40 years and until recently he was accountant for the late Mr. George Lansell. During this extended period, when the history of Bendigo was in the making, the deceased gentleman learned the quartz mining potentialities of the district and acquired extensive interests. These interests were recently taken over by the Edward Dyason Pty. Ltd., of which Mr. I. E. Dyason was chairman of directors.

Dr. Dyason was a director of the following mining companies:—Constellation, Virginia, Murchison, Great Northern, South Garden Gully, Ironbark, New Red, White and Blue Consolidated, Hercules, Cornish, Windmill Hill, Golden Age, Sea, Shenandoah, Garden Gully, United Devon, Redan, Victoria Consols, Princess Dagmar, North Johnson's, Johnson's Reef, Collmann, Clarence, Carlisle, Carlisle and Unity Committee, Confidence Extended, Suffolk, Great Extended Hustler's, New Argus and New Nil Desperandum. Thus will it be seen that Mr. Dyason was one of the leading investors in the Bendigo district.

He went through all the stirring times in the history of the city. He was exceedingly attentive to his directorate duties and had a remarkably retentive memory. In his early days he spent a quarter of a century in the volunteer forces, and had the honor of attaining the rank of captain. Up to a couple of years ago he was a regular attendant at the Mayoral Ball in his regimentals and being of a fine manly presence was always a conspicuous figure. Otherwise he lived a quiet, private life, and with his large mining interests had very little time to devote to public affairs.

Deceased leaves a widow and three children – Mrs. E. I. F. Scott, Mrs. J. K. Pearson, and Mr. E. C. Dyason. The interment, which took place yesterday at the Brighton Cemetery, was of a private character, only members of the family being present.

The Rev. A. Law, of St. Andrews, Middle Brighton, officiated at the graveside.

MR. I. E. DYASON.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Thursday 15 July 1915 p 5 Article Illustrated

MR. I. E. DYASON.

The late Mr. Dyason had attained the age of 83 years. Like the late Dr. Atkinson, he took great interest in his Bendigo mining interests almost to the end. The last meeting of directors Mr. Dyason attended in Bendigo was that of the Confidence Extended Company four weeks ago.

Almost the whole of the "live" shares in this company he held, and he discussed a new mining policy in connection with the old mine, which had been reported in these columns. Yet during the past few months his health had been failing. When it was learned a fortnight ago that he had had an attack of pleurisy his Bendigo friends feared the worst, for Mr. Dyason's heart had shown signs of weakness.

Dr. Gerald Weigall, of Elsternwick, was called in, and the patient was making good progress towards recovery, when at noon on Tuesday he collapsed suddenly from cardiac failure, and died.

The late Mr. Dyason was born in the old Kentish town of Ramsgate, of good stock. By nature and environment he acquired many of the best traits of an Englishman throughout his lengthy life, and particularly yesterday when the news of his death circulated amongst his friends, it was frequently said of him that he was "an English gentleman of the old type." He had the "reserve" of the Englishman to an unusual degree.

He was honorable and exact in all his dealings. He was just cultured and a good churchman. His religion, like his business life, was expressed in quiet and unpretentious terms. He loved his church, and was a regular and devout worshipper. He will be missed at All Saints'. As an Englishman, he believed in defending his country, and attached himself to the volunteer movement in this city in its earliest days. He kept himself efficient until advancing years justifiably exempted him from further service. He was entered on the retired list as Captain Dyason.

Away back in 1849 the deceased, then a youth of 17, arrived in Adelaide from South Africa, where he had been taken as a boy, and where he was educated at Cape Colony. He had been trained as a clerk and accountant, and his expert knowledge found for him lucrative employment in that fast growing city. But Adelaide was a few years later to be convulsed with the exciting news from the gold diggings. Thousands of young men deserted Adelaide, and tramped through the bush and over the plains to the diggings.

Mr. Dyason joined the throng, and with comrades he walked to Bendigo alongside the drays. That was in January, 1851 he came to Bendigo. Digging was then proceeding vigorously in the Bendigo valley, and he selected a spot in the area now located between the gasworks and the dredges at present in operation turning over the tailings left by the diggers. In the hurly burly and "rough and tumble" of those stirring days Mr. Dyason's quiet, unobtrusive and dignified demeanor attracted attention.

An English Gold Finding Company had been formed, and, although not connected with it, Mr. Dyason became closely associated socially with its English representatives. These latter gentlemen created a sensation by having erected two brick rooms, and it is stated to have been the first brick structure to appear in the forest of tents. It is also said the bricks were brought from England.

White Hills in those days was a thriving centre, and Mr. Dyason's erect form could have been picked out in the crowds that walked along the tracks to what is now the centre of the city. He was a tireless walker, and his love of this form of recreation proved an asset to him through life. It no doubt lengthened his years.

Eventually he found his way back to his profession, and locating in the city he was soon to occupy responsible positions. The late Mr. George Lansell had not long started in his wonderfully successful quartz mining career when he picked out Mr. Dyason as the man he needed, and gave him the management of his clerical affairs. As the years advanced Mr. Dyason became something more than a clerk and an accountant. The late Mr. Lansell placed the greatest reliance upon his experience and judgment in directing actual mining operations.

Mr. Dyason began to accumulate mining interests, and sat alongside Mr. Lansell on the boards of directors of scores of mines. In the heyday of Bendigo mining these gentlemen were on so many directorates that they had to plan out the days to a timetable to attend them all. Promptitude, precision, and decision were needed. Mr. Dyason had all these essentials. He wasted no words. Yet in short, direct questions, he ascertained from legal and mining managers the state of the mines. He often surprised them also with his grasp of details of the affairs of the company, both clerical and mining.

He was skilful in finance, and many a struggling company owed its continuance to his enterprise and ability. Like the late Mr. Lansell, Mr. Dyason had unquenchable faith in Bendigo mining. He was a great believer in deep sinking. Had there been many more men like him on the New Chum line would have still been going down yet. Mr. Dyason continued on the management of the Lansell mining interests until about 18 months ago.

As showing the and diversified interests Mr. Dyason present difficulties in Bendigo mining, it may be mentioned that he was a director in the following companies, most of them chairman of directors ? ? ?, Ironbark, Victoria Consolidated, United Hustler's and Redan, Golden Age, Great Southern, Great Extended Hustler's, Great Northern, Garden Gully, United, ? United, Carlisle, Carlisle and Unity Committee. ?? Cornish United, New Red White and Blue Consolidated, Murchison, Virginia, United Devonshire, South Garden United. ? Pandora, Sea, New Nil Desperandum, Ulster United, New Shenandoah, North Johnson's, Collmann and Tachii, Princess Dagmar. (Some names undecipherable)

In recent years, in conjunction with his son (Mr. E. Clarence Dyason), the late Mr. Dyason invested with marked success in Western Australia, and did well in the now famous Edna May group, Westonia. He and Mr. Clarence Dyason in June of last year formed the Edward Dyason Pty. Ltd. Company, with the company's office at the Equitable Buildings Melbourne. This company has extensive industrial undertakings. The capital was in 60,000 shares of £1 each.

Later in the same month Mr. Dyason settled 20,000 fully paid-up shares on his wife, Mrs. Harriet Dyason, and 8750 fully paid-up shares in the same company on each of his two daughters. It is understood that the company will carry on the late Mr. Dyason's Bendigo mining interests. Mr. Clarence Dyason remarked to a Bendigo mining man recently that he intended paying more attention to Bendigo mining. He is a skilled engineer, and if he does so it will give great satisfaction throughout the district.

The late Mr. Dyason was twice married. His first wife died in Adelaide. On the second occasion he married Mrs. Harriet Eastwood, of Victoria Hill, Ironbark. They lived at "Illenden," Inglewood-road, and Webster-street, Ironbark, and in recent years also occupied a home at Brighton. Mrs. Dyason survives, as do also three children – Mr. E. Clarence Dyason, mining engineer: Mrs. Emily Scott, and Mrs. Amy Pearson.

Mrs. Scott was well known in musical circles as an accomplished pianist. After successes in Australia she left with Kubelik's touring company for Vienna, where, with Miss Erna (Lovie) Mueller, she continued her studies. She married Professor Scott, of the Melbourne University. Mr. Pearson, who is a Melbourne manufacturer, is on a visit to Great Britain. Mrs. Pearson has been on a visit recently to the Bendigo home, and was called suddenly to Brighton on Tuesday.

As indicated, the late Mr. Dyason was connected with the volunteer military forces in Bendigo. He joined the "Old Greys" as a private in 1867, and rose in rapid stages to the rank of captain. When the "Greys" disbanded in 1883, he joined the militia, and served for another six or seven years. He was as conscientious as an officer as in all his business dealings. Years after he was seen in uniform at Hospital Sunday gatherings.

For years he was a member of the choir at All Saints', and held office as a vestryman until three years ago. He was not only a regular worshipper, but a good supporter of the church.

The late Mr Dyason never identified himself with public affairs. Nevertheless, he kept abreast with public movements, and national and international topics by reading. He followed closely developments in the world of science and mechanics, always with an eye to initiating improvements in local mining. In every respect he led an exemplary life, and his demise will be greatly deplored. He was of a most charitable disposition. His charity, though unostentatious, was widespread, and many poor people will feel his loss keenly.

The funeral, which took place yesterday to the Brighton Cemetery, was of private character, only members of the family being present.

The Rev. A. Law, of St. Andrew's, Middle Brighton, officiated at the grave.

Further information about Isaac Edward Dyason is available at the following website.

This site has been created to be an online repository for a trove of diaries and letters dating from 1847 to 1915.

<https://sites.google.com/site/dyasonletters/home>

Thanks to Angus Pearson for permission to include the link to the diaries and letters.

The website is also relevant to the life of George Lansell.