

## **J Surnames**

### **Pioneers of Bendigo**

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## JACKSON Edwin Frederick (200)

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*Bendigo Advertiser* (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Tuesday 16 March 1897** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. EDWIN F. JACKSON.—It will be learned with regret by a large circle of friends that Mr. Edwin Frederick Jackson, brother of the late Cr. W. G. Jackson, died at his residence at Back Creek yesterday. Mr. Edwin Jackson was an old resident of Bendigo. He was of a retiring disposition but very popular with the numerous clients of the firm of Messrs. W. G. Jackson and Co., with which he was connected for many years. His sterling worth was recognised by all who knew him, and all who could claim an intimate acquaintance with him will feel genuine sorrow that he has "gone to that bourne whence no traveller returns."



The deceased gentleman was well up in years – 71 – and for a considerable time past has been in very delicate health. In fact, it has long been apparent to the members of his late brother's family that the end was approaching.

The funeral is announced to take place on Wednesday morning at half-past ten o'clock, the place of internment being the Bendigo Cemetery.

*Bendigo Cemetery MON C4*

## JACKSON Henry (254)

### DEATH OF MR. HENRY JACKSON.

*Bendigo Advertiser* (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 2 March 1881** p 3 Article

#### DEATH OF MR. HENRY JACKSON.

It is our sad duty to chronicle this morning the decease of a gentleman whose name may be said to be familiar, not only in this city, but throughout the colony.

Mr. Henry Jackson, of View Point, expired yesterday afternoon at half-past five o'clock, at his private residence, in Forest-street, after an illness of about three weeks' duration. During the past few years his physical health has been on the decline, but no alarming symptoms manifested themselves until within a late period.



Ever since he was compelled to keep his bed his medical adviser, Dr. MacGillivray, has been in constant attendance, and we understand entertained little hope of his recovery during the past fortnight. Upon one or two occasions the deceased rallied a little, and a change for the better appeared to have set in, but relapses took place, and during the last day or two it became apparent that the end was not far distant. His family were consequently not altogether unprepared for his death.

The complaint from which he suffered and was the immediate cause of death was jaundice. He cannot be said to have owed his position in life to the golden products of the earth. His investments in mining though very numerous, were not so fruitful as is generally found to be the case with respect to the old pioneers of this city, and up to the time of his death his recompenses from mining ventures were far from being equivalent to the money he expended therein. His welfare was rather ensured through the indomitable tact, energy, and perseverance he displayed in the conduct of his business.

Mr. Jackson was born in Manchester in the year 1826, and on the 6th of February last was 55 years of age. His grandfather and father were engaged in the cotton trade in Manchester, but when the cotton famine broke out, they failed in business. He then entered into service in an extensive warehouse, in which his brother-in-law, Mr. Henry Jones, was also engaged. After a short period they determined upon proceeding to South Africa, but changed their minds and took their passages for Australia in the ship *Hibernia*.

They left England in the year 1851, prior to the gold discoveries. After narrowly escaping shipwreck when near their destination, which, it may be remarked, in passing, was mainly averted through Mr. Jones discovering the close proximity of the ship to a shoal of rocks, they landed at Adelaide and proceeded direct to Melbourne.

Mr. Jackson, on his arrival obtained the position of cashier to the firm of Messrs. Heape Brothers, the predecessors of the present large firm of Grice, Sumner and Co. The hon. T. J. Sumner, the Right hon. H. C. E. Childers, and Sir George Verdon, were also employed by this firm at the period of Mr. Jackson's engagement. The late Mr. William Hogarth, afterwards of the firm of Connell, Watson and Hogarth, which is now known as Connell, Hogarth and Co., was also in the employment.

On the gold discoveries taking place, Mr. Jackson was selected by Messrs. Heape Brothers to take charge of the firm's branches at the Forest Creek diggings. He was also placed in charge of their Ravenswood run which comprised the whole of the Bendigo district. He soon afterwards purchased the branch business of Heape Brothers, and on the gold excitement making headway in Bendigo, opened a general store at Golden Gully.

This venture not coming up to his expectations, he proceeded to the Mclvor rush, but after a short stay there he returned to Sandhurst and purchased the property at the corner of View Point, which has for many years been known as "Jackson's corner." The land he originally purchased extended from the Bank of New South Wales as far as Dr. Boyd's surgery, but a portion of this land is now occupied by the Oriental Bank, Mr. C. Ross's drapery establishment, and one or two other shops.

A large canvas enclosure was first erected by Mr. Jackson, which contained the businesses of a drapery, grocery, ironmongery, and gold buying store. The latter part of the business was no inconsiderable feature in those days when it was necessary for the inhabitants to sleep with their revolvers within reach. In the year 1861 Mr. Jackson relinquished the soft goods department of his business, which passed into the hands of Messrs. Finlay and Co., Buick and Co., and ultimately Charles Ross and Co., by whom the shop adjoining Mr. Jackson's establishment is now carried on.

In a few years Mr. Jackson confined his attention solely to ironmongery and gold buying, but in 1870 Mr. Henry Jones, who had previously managed the whole of Mr. Jackson's business, took over the gold buying establishment, which he has since conducted.

About the year 1873 the fine handsome building which now adorns View Point was erected by the deceased, which he has continued as an ironmongery warehouse with unvarying success up to the time of his death. Mr. Jackson speculated extensively, but generally unremuneratively in our gold mines. He was one of those who floated the Victoria Reef Gold Mines and up to the date of his decease was a managing trustee of the parent Ironbark Company. He was ever ready to contribute towards the development of our reefs. He lost considerably during the years 1874, 1875, and 1876, in consequence of the collapse of companies to which he had supplied goods.

He did not take any very active part in public affairs, but at the earnest solicitation of his friends at one period stood for the Borough Council of Sandhurst, and was elected without opposition. In the early days he was a part proprietor of the Mercury, a daily newspaper started in opposition to this journal.

He was one of the original shareholders, and the first chairman of the Bendigo Gas Company, and, although he did not appear prominently, he took a deep interest in the establishment of most of the public institutions now existing in Sandhurst. His name has lately been brought before the public in connection with the removal of the fence back to the creek at Charing Cross.

The deceased gentleman was possessed of many sterling qualities, and his death will, we are sure, be regretted deeply throughout the city and elsewhere. Mr. Jackson was married in the year 1853. He leaves a widow and eleven children, the family consisting of six boys and five girls, most of whom are grown up. Our old and respected fellow-citizen, who has just been taken from amongst us, was not only liked but absolutely beloved by all who had the pleasure of his intimate acquaintance.

Remarkably astute and precise as a business man, he was generous and free hearted to a fault; and everyone who has ever been in his employment will be ready to pay the merited tribute to his memory that he ever accorded to them the utmost kindness and liberality. The services of his employes when deserving of it were always acknowledged by him in an open-handed and substantial manner; and many of those who served him in the earlier days will look back upon his great kindness to them with most grateful feelings.

As a husband and father, no man could be more affectionate and tender. As a citizen, he was at once enterprising, liberal, and strictly honorable. As a friend, he was warm-hearted and sincere. He was of a most charitable and benevolent disposition, and was ever ready to assist the unfortunate and the afflicted.

We are glad to say that his latter end was a peaceful one, and that he passed into the arms of death almost without a sigh. For the last two days of his life he was in a semi-conscious condition, but previously, his mind prepared for the worst, was calm and undisturbed. He had led a useful life and could look back upon his career with the satisfactory feeling of having done his duty in that state of life to which God had called him.

Many a tear will be shed outside his own family circle when the intelligence of his death becomes known, and many a tongue will discourse fondly of the numerous excellencies of Henry Jackson. It was his desire that as little ceremony as possible should attend his funeral rites. He wished his interment to be witnessed only by the members of his family and his employes, and closest friends. He will be buried tomorrow in the White Hills Cemetery, when the grave will close over the remains of as worthy a man as ever broke bread in this or any other country. It is true that regrets are vain, but we cannot help feeling a deep sorrow at the loss we experience in his death.

*White Hills Cemetery MON B1*

**MRS. HENRY JACKSON. A BENDIGONIAN SINCE 1855.**

*The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Wednesday 3 June 1908 p 2 Article*

MRS. HENRY JACKSON.  
A BENDIGONIAN SINCE 1853.

Mrs. Henry Jackson, a Bendigonian since 1853, died at her residence, Forest street, yesterday afternoon from a paralytic seizure which overcame her on Friday last. Mrs Jackson's maiden name was Annie Marsden, and she was born at Warrington, Lancashire, in 1832, but lived during her earlier life at Worsley about nine miles from Manchester.

She arrived in Melbourne in 1853 and on August 9 was married to the late Mr. Henry Jackson, the late Canon Handfield, of St. Peter's Eastern Hill, performing the ceremony. Almost immediately Mr. Jackson, who was then in the employ of Messrs. Heap and Grice, wholesale merchants, was transferred to Bendigo to purchase gold on their behalf. The Bendigo alluvial diggings were then in the prime of their productiveness. He and Mrs. Jackson took up their residence here.

Later Mr. Jackson, in company with his brother, established the large ironmongery business at View Point, which is still carried on by his family. Forty-four years ago he built the commodious family residence in Forest street, near Barnard street, where the family have since resided. Mr. Jackson died in 1881.

Mrs. Jackson enjoyed the best of health throughout her life until the seizure prostrated her on Friday last. The deceased lady during her long residence in the district endeared herself to all her friends, and her death will be regretted by all. Though not publicly associated with philanthropic bodies, Mrs Jackson was of a generous disposition, and her charities reached many humble homes.

She leaves a family of six sons (Messrs. Henry, George, Charles, Frank and Dr. H. E. Jackson, who reside in Bendigo; and Mr. William Jackson, of Melbourne), also five daughters (Mrs. E. Hinchcliff and Mrs. H. Sanger, both of Bendigo; Mrs. E. S. Cunningham, whose husband is editor of the Melbourne Argus; Mrs. T. Adams, of Ballan; and Miss K. Jackson, who lived at home with her mother). The funeral will be private.

*White Hills Cemetery MON B1*

## JACKSON Robert (469)

### [FAREWELL TO A MINING MANAGER.](#)

*Bendigo Advertiser* (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 13 December 1888** p 3 Article

#### FAREWELL TO A MINING MANAGER.

Last evening a special meeting of the Sandhurst Mining Manager's Association was held at the View Point Hotel for the purpose of bidding farewell to Mr. Robert Jackson, the well-known mining manager of the New Chum and Victoria Company, who has resigned that position in order to take the management of the Chesney Cobar gold mine at Cobar. N.S.W. There was a good attendance, and Mr. W. Hicks, president, occupied the chair.



Mr. Hicks, in proposing the health of Mr. Jackson, said he was reminded that the last occasion of the kind on which they had met, was when they were saying farewell to Mr. S. Remfrey, junr., and that day a good many of them had followed to their last resting place the remains of Mr. S. Remfrey, senr.. one of the oldest managers in the district.

With regard to Mr. Jackson, he was sure they were all sorry to lose so worthy a member of their ranks from amongst them, but they had the satisfaction of knowing he was going to better himself. Mr. Jackson had been a mining manager in Sandhurst since 1857, and he enjoyed the reputation of giving the greatest satisfaction to all the companies by whom he had been engaged. His great experience on this goldfield would be of great value in other colonies, where gold mining was not so far advanced, and his ability would materially add to the reputation of the mining managers of this district. Mr. Jackson was one of the founders of the association, and had always been an active committeeman and officer.

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Prior to this gathering Mr. Jackson was entertained by the men at the mine, and hearty good feeling was shown.

Mr. Jackson leaves Sandhurst to-day.

### [A LAWYER ON " CRIMINAL LAVISHNESS."](#)

*Bendigo Advertiser* (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 17 May 1894** p 2 Article

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT JACKSON.—The demise of Mr. Robert Jackson, which was announced in yesterday's issue makes another gap in the roll of the older class of Bendigo managers. Mr. Jackson, who displayed ability of a very high order, and had an intelligent grasp of the many questions which present themselves to the manager of important mining ventures, held a deservedly high reputation for the uprightness of his character. In the early days he acquired a considerable knowledge of the characteristics of the Bendigo goldfield, and the Johnson's line in particular, at a time when marvellously rich cakes were being turned out.

He was for some time manager of Murdoch's claim, now portion of the Confidence Extended, and also held the North Johnson's mine on tribute. In later years he became manager of the Hustlers Reef, and afterwards held the same position in the New Chum and Victoria. During his term the present excellent plant was erected, and a great deal of exploration took place. At the request of some of the then directors in this company he went to New South Wales to manage the Chesney Cobar mine. Since the collapse of this venture and his return to Bendigo a marked change in his health was noticeable. Lately he has been in the mining explosive business. The funeral takes place to-day.

*Eaglehawk MON G*



## JACKSON Walter George (220)

### [DEATH OF MR. W. G. JACKSON.](#)

*Bendigo Advertiser* (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 17 December 1884** p 3 Article

#### DEATH OF MR. W. G. JACKSON.

It is with very deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. W. G. Jackson. The sad event, which occurred at his late residence, Back Creek, yesterday morning, at a quarter past 11 o'clock, has been expected for some time past, Mr. Jackson's health having been for months in an extremely precarious state. The death of an old and respected Bendigonian of Mr. Jackson's stamp will be greatly felt by the district. Of him it may be very truly remarked that he was without an enemy, and every-one who knew him will be able to speak kindly of his conduct and actions throughout life.



He had by industry and perseverance secured for himself a most honorable position in the district he made his home, and through his sterling qualities, strict integrity, and business capacity will dwell long in the affectionate remembrance of the friends he has left behind him. Without taking any very prominent position as a public man, he has ever commanded respect by his unswerving allegiance to a strictly honest course in life. Openly and fearlessly expressing his opinions, striving at all times to perform his duties conscientiously and thoroughly, possessed of considerable foresight, he proved himself a very useful councillor, and a worthy guardian of the interests of the citizens.

Walter George Jackson was the son of a very old civil officer of the East India Company service connected with the Leadenhall office. He was born at Blackheath near London, on the 28th July, 1828. Being left an orphan when very young, it became necessary for him to battle with the world at an early age, and when thirteen he was earning his own living. He followed various occupations, and early in 1848 came out to New South Wales.

He secured an engagement at the hon. Augustus Morris' station in Riverina, of which Messrs. Osborne, who afterwards bought it, were then managers. Mr. Jackson held a position of responsibility on the station. He was not induced to try his fortune at the New South Wales diggings, which were at that time engaging the attention of many, but afterwards came to Victoria, arriving in Melbourne in 1852.

He joined Messrs Goldsbrough and Rowe, and in 1859 was placed in charge of the Sandhurst branch of their business, in which he had for some time been engaged. On the retirement of Messrs. Goldsbrough and Rowe from the Sandhurst branch of the business, Mr. Jackson bought it, and has carried it on ever since.

A few years previously he married Miss Rankin, sister of Mr. James Rankin, one of the firm of McCulloch, Rankin and Co., merchants, Melbourne, and now coroner at Jerilderie, New South Wales. Mr. Jackson's career in Sandhurst has been well known. In private life he was always very much respected, and was regarded generally as a man of considerable business capacity.

He never until late years evinced much interest in public affairs, and it was the high position he occupied in the estimation of his friends, and especially those who were associated with him in business, that induced the ratepayers of Darling Ward to solicit his services as their representative. In August, 1879, he was brought out in opposition to Mr. Alexander Bayne, the retiring councillor for Darling Ward in that year. His chances of election were considered very good, and the exertions put forward by his friends resulted in his return after a tough fight. The figures were Jackson, 427; Bayne, 364. Majority for Jackson, 63.

It will be remembered that Mr. Bayne was returned about three weeks afterwards for a seat in the same ward, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. John Buckley. Mr. Jackson proved himself a very good councillor, and soon earned the high respect of his colleagues and of the ratepayers generally. His usefulness as a public man became recognized, and he was elected as a member of the hospital board, and in that capacity proved very serviceable to the institution.

On the 15th of August, 1881, upon the retirement of Cr. Hayes from the mayoralty, Cr. Jackson was unanimously elected mayor of the city, amid the hearty congratulations of his colleagues and with the general approval of the ratepayers. He discharged his duties as head of the council in an eminently satisfactory manner, while as chief magistrate he proved himself to be thoroughly at home on the bench.

Cr. Jackson was unfortunate in being attacked by inflammation of the lungs during his mayoralty, and this illness was of so severe a nature that the seeds of consumption were firmly sown. In August, 1882, he retired from the position of mayor. He expressed himself at the time heartily glad that the term of office had come to a conclusion, and there can be no doubt the bad state of health induced by the attack referred to, was increased by reason of the worry connected with the official position. Upon the occasion of his retirement very hearty congratulations were showered upon him for the manner in which he had acquitted himself, notwithstanding the very great disadvantages under which he labored.

Since then Cr. Jackson has been continually in bad health, and eighteen months ago suffered for a long time from very severe illness. A few months afterwards this was succeeded by another illness of long duration, and he was obliged to relinquish the position of President of the Hospital Board, to which he had been elected upon the retirement of Mr. J. H. Abbott.

He again rallied and during October and November last attended with regularity at the meetings of the council, where his reappearance was a matter for great rejoicing. His last attendance was on the 21st of November, when he showed how sensible he was of the necessity for precautions in sanitary matters, by inquiring of the city surveyor as to the state of the sanatorium.

A few days afterwards he was compelled to take to his bed. Dr. Hinchcliff, who has been his medical adviser all along, held out no hopes of his recovery. Diarrhœa, which very frequently supervenes at the last stage of consumption, attacked the patient, and he derived little or no nourishment from the food he took.

Indeed for a fortnight past he has subsisted on little or no food; and it is surprising that he has remained alive so long. On two or three occasions a report that he has succumbed has got abroad, and his condition has been so low that the end has been expected hourly. On Tuesday morning last week at 11 o'clock he was thought to be on the point of death, but he rallied, and in the afternoon was able to sign cheques.

During his illness he has taken a lively interest in public matters as well as in his private concerns, and almost daily has been reading the newspapers. On this account, and at the request of Dr. Hinchcliff and by the wish of the family, we have refrained from referring to the serious nature of Cr. Jackson's illness. It is said that one day recently when paragraphs appeared in our contemporaries, excuses had to be invented for those papers not being put in his hands, and he mentioned that it was rather remarkable that two papers should go astray so suddenly in one day.

Cr. Jackson was thoroughly aware of his fast-approaching end, however, and by his desire the Ven. Archdeacon MacCullagh and the Rev. Dr. Nish have been in attendance upon him. His married daughter, Mrs. J. Holdsworth, junr., has been at his late residence for several days, whilst numbers of old friends have prosecuted kindly inquiries, and rendered whatever services would prove acceptable in the house of sickness.

On Monday Dr. Hinchcliff apprised the family of the fact that death would probably take place within a few hours. Mr. Jackson passed a bad night, and his family, including his brother, Mr. Edwin Jackson, manager of the yard and foreman, remained up expecting the last. The patient was subject to constant vomiting and continued to suffer until shortly before 11 o'clock yesterday morning. He then became much easier, and at a quarter past 11 passed away peacefully and without a struggle, with his family around him. He was conscious to the last, and shook hands with everybody shortly before he died.

Mr. Jackson's affairs were all settled about a fortnight ago. By his will, Mr. T. Putnam and his son, Mr. Walter Jackson, have been appointed executors. Messrs. Motteram and Hyett, the family solicitors, drew up the will.

The deceased gentleman leaves a widow, three daughters, the eldest of whom is married to Mr. John Holdsworth, junr., and two sons, one of whom, Walter, is employed by Messrs. Powers, Rutherford and Co. The other, John, is carrying on his father's business. It is gratifying to know that he has had plenty of opportunity to become acquainted with its details, and that the family's interests are not likely to suffer by the management of it being thrown upon him.

When the news reached the city yesterday the flag at the Town Hall was hoisted half-mast, and flags were similarly displayed at the fire brigades' depots and at Cr. Bailes. Universal regret at the loss of so estimable a citizen was expressed on every hand, while most warm-hearted sympathy was manifested for the family.

Among Mr. Jackson's late employes the deceased gentleman is spoken of in the most kind and affectionate terms. They say they could not have had a better master.

In addition to the positions Mr. Jackson held as councillor and member of the Hospital Board, it should be mentioned that he was one of the founders of the Bendigo Jockey Club, in which he took a warm interest, and also belonged to the Golden and Corinthian and the Zenith Lodge of the Masonic order, and to the Oddfellows.

By his death a vacancy will be caused in the representation of Darling Ward. Cr. Jackson held office as councillor since August 1879. He was unopposed in 1882, and had he lived would have remained in office until August next.

The funeral is appointed to move tomorrow afternoon from his residence in Kennedy street, Back Creek, to the Back Creek cemetery. The members of the City Council, among whom the deceased gentleman was a very great favorite, will join in the procession.

*Bendigo Cemetery MON A3*

## JAMES William (400)

### [DEATH OF MR. W. JAMES.](#)

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

#### DEATH OF MR. W. JAMES.

Considerable regret was expressed amongst the habitues of the Beehive Exchange on Saturday, when it became known that the accident which befell the late Mr William James, the well-known mining speculator, a little over a week ago, had terminated fatally. It will be remembered that on the morning of the 2nd inst, while entering the back door of his house, Mr James slipped and fell, his head striking the ground very forcibly. Dr Hugh Boyd, who was immediately summoned, found on examination that the base of the skull was fractured, and from the first held out but the faintest hope of the patient's recovery. The deceased gentleman expired at his late residence, Maple-street, Golden-square, shortly before six o'clock on Saturday morning.



Mr James was a native of St Keverne, Cornwall, and when about twenty years of age, he, like many others, was attracted to the colony by the gold fever. Immediately on arriving in Melbourne, he came on to the Bendigo goldfield, and after working for about three years in various portions of the district, he with several others, amongst whom were Dr Hugh Boyd, who has been associated with him in mining transactions ever since, Messrs David Grant, H. Hansen, J. Wearne, J. Carter, and J. Thompson, formed a private company, and took up a piece of ground at Specimen Hill, Long Gully.

This they worked for several years very successfully. Subsequently the Tambour Major Co., was floated, and the ground then passed into their hands, Mr James retaining a large interest in it up to the time of his death. He also held scrip for a large number of shares in other companies, which at some time or other had given good returns. About five years ago he paid a visit to the old country, but was away for only six months or so.

A widow and a son about 21 years of age, are left to mourn their loss. They are, however, well provided for. Mr James was well known, and highly respected in the mining community. He was also a prominent member of the Wesleyan Church, of which he was a good supporter. Of a rather retiring disposition, the deceased gentleman did not take any very active part in public matters, although he was asked two or three times to stand for the representation of Sutton Ward in the City Council. He was about 50 years of age.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, and was very numerously attended. The cortege consisted of about 200 scholars and teachers, belonging to the Wesleyan Sabbath School, Golden-square, followed by the hearse containing the coffin, a handsome polished oaken one, covered with wreaths of flowers and evergreens.

Then came two mourning coaches, in which were seated the more intimate friends of the deceased, and after them was a long procession of about fifty private vehicles. Amongst those present were the hon K. Burrowes, M.P., Mr W. H. Grainger, inspector of mines, Dr Hugh Boyd, and the leading members of the Stock Exchange, and Mining Managers' Association, and the Heart of Friendship Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., of which the deceased was a member. The Sabbath School children dispersed after reaching Golden-square.

The place of interment was the Wesleyan portion of the White Hills cemetery, the Rev S. T. Withington, superintendent of the Sandhurst circuit, officiating at the grave. The mortuary arrangements were carried out under the personal supervision of Mr Farmer, undertaker, McCrae-street.

*White Hills Cemetery MON K2*

## JEFFREY Nicholas (458)

[DEATH OF MR. NICHOLAS JEFFREY. \(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.\)  
EAGLEHAWK, 12th July.](#)

*Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Wednesday 13 July 1898 p 3 Article*

DEATH OF MR. NICHOLAS JEFFREY.  
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)  
EAGLEHAWK, 12th July.

The painful duty of chronicling the deaths of old colonists, men who have been prominently identified with the history and progress of this district, has of late been all too frequent. Another familiar figure passed from the ranks of old and esteemed residents by the death of Mr. Nicholas Jeffrey, of Church-street, which occurred at about three o'clock this morning. Mr. Jeffrey was a sufferer from chronic bronchitis, and last Saturday week, after a visit to the New Moon mine, in which company he was a director, complained of illness. He at once took to his bed, and the illness assumed a serious phase.



Several days ago, having regard to the nature of the malady, pneumonia of the left lung, and Mr. Jeffrey's advanced age, his medical attendant, Dr. B. S. Cowen, entertained little hope of recovery. Dr. Atkinson and Dr. H. O. Cowen were also occasionally in attendance on Mr. Jeffrey.

Deceased was a native of the town of Twizel, in the North of England, and when a young man came to Victoria in about 1853. He remained in Melbourne about two years, coming to Bendigo and carrying out the wood work of the old local branch of the Bank of Victoria. Mr. Jeffrey afterwards worked at his trade as carpenter in Eaglehawk, and was very successful in mining. Taking a trip to his native place he remained at home for a few years.

In 1857 his brother, Mr. Robert Jeffrey, the well-known merchant of Eaglehawk, also came to the colony, and was associated with deceased. After his trip home Mr. Jeffrey again returned to Eaglehawk, and about 1868 was in partnership with Mr. W. V. Kneebone in a mine on Snob's Hill, which was then known as "Kneebone and Jeffrey's," but which was afterwards merged into the Williams's United Company. In this company the two gentlemen mentioned were very successful, afterwards selling out and retaining an interest in the Williams's United Company.

Mr. Jeffrey was until recently a director in that company. He was largely interested in the New Moon, South New Moon, New Argus and Sandhurst and Eaglehawk Pyrites Companies, in each of which he was a director. Mr. Jeffrey was a consistent speculator in many mining ventures. He also acquired a number of valuable properties in Eaglehawk and Bendigo, the greater portion of the block of buildings from the Eaglehawk hotel to the Miners' Arms hotel being his property.

He took no part in public matters, being of a quiet reserved character. He was one of the foremost of the Eaglehawk Bowling Club, taking much interest in the game. In church matters he was a regular attendant and supporter of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Jeffrey, who is well-known for her actively benevolent nature, has been much sympathised with in her bereavement. Two sons and seven daughters comprise the family. Three of the daughters are married. One of them, Mrs. Young, recently sustained a bereavement by the death of her husband. The other married daughters, Mrs. Stubbs and Mrs. Durrant, are in West Australia. Another daughter, Miss Jeannie, is being married today to Mr. J. Grieve in West Australia, the family here wisely keeping the sad news of her father's death from her in order that her happiness might not be prevented by a knowledge which could be of no avail.

The funeral takes place at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning.

*Eaglehawk Cemetery MON H2*



## JEFFREY Robert (344) (W. JEFFREY)

Photo 344 is listed as W. Jeffrey.

The image below confirms that this pioneer is Robert JEFFREY, brother of Nicholas Jeffrey (Photo 458)

### SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. ROBERT JEFFREY. AN OLD EAGLEHAWK RESIDENT.

**Article** - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 8 August 1900**

#### SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. ROBERT JEFFREY AN OLD EAGLEHAWK RESIDENT.

The news of the sudden death of Mr. Robert Jeffrey, of Eaglehawk, which occurred last night, will be learned with deep regret. Mr. Jeffrey was on Monday seized with a neuralgic affliction of the heart, from which he somewhat recovered, but last night he was again seized about seven o'clock, and although Dr. Jones, who was summoned, did everything possible to induce the patient to rally, he died about 9.30. Mr. Jeffrey's death, occurring under such painful circumstances, will be heard of with sincere regret by a large circle of friends and the burgesses of Eaglehawk generally. For a great many years he has been a respected leading business man of the borough. and his widow and large grown-up family will receive the sympathy of all residents of the district.



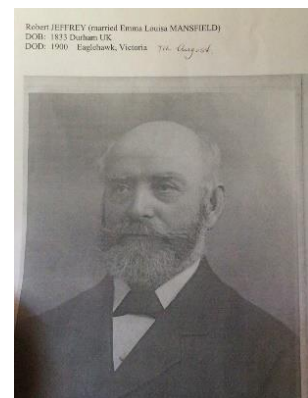
### BENDIGO. A TRAMWAY COLLISION.

**Article** - The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) **Thursday 9 August 1900** - Page 6

Mr. Robert Jeffrey, ironmonger and timber merchant, of Eaglehawk, died suddenly on Tuesday night, the cause of death being a neuralgic affection of the heart. Deceased was 67 years of age and had been in the colony since 1857.

*Image supplied by Irene Osborn 9.10.2021.*

*Robert Jeffery was the paternal grandfather of her mother-in-law.*



## EAGLEHAWK.

**Article** - Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 9 August 1900** - Page 3

### EAGLEHAWK.

The news of the sudden death of Mr Robert Jeffrey which appeared in yesterday's Advertiser, caused quite a shock to his numerous intimate friends in the borough and sympathy was expressed on all hands with the family in their sad bereavement. As already stated, such an ending of the seizure he sustained was quite unexpected by his family.

Mr. Jeffrey, who was 68 years of age was a native of Twizel, in the north of England, came to Victoria in 1857, going first to Bacchus Marsh. Coming to Bendigo afterwards, he soon embarked in business pursuits, which he followed successfully ever since. He was of strictly upright character, and of quiet unobtrusive habits, never taking a prominent part in public matters. In mining, however, he was a steadfast investor, and was associated with much of the mining development of this district.

The funeral takes place this morning at 10.30 from his late residence, "Tillmouth", Church Street.

## JENNINGS Richard (295)

### OBITUARY. LATE MR. R. JENNINGS.

*Bendigo Advertiser* (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Wednesday 7 February 1917** p 8 Article

### OBITUARY. LATE MR. R. JENNINGS.

A very old identity, and one of the pioneers of Long Gully, Mr. Richard Jennings, died yesterday at his residence, "Helstone," Backhaus-street. The deceased gentleman, who was 86 years of age, had been ailing for the past two years, and for several months he was very feeble.



The late Mr. Jennings was a native of Camborne, England, and came to Victoria in 1851. He subsequently returned to his native place, and after a brief stay there, again came to Victoria, and on to Bendigo. He entered into mining pursuits, and was manager of the Anglo-German mine, which was afterwards merged into the Confidence Extended. Subsequently he became manager of the Comet mine, later on manager of the Victory and Pandora mine. For 20 years he retained the latter position, retiring 26 years ago.

The late Mr. Jennings had resided in Backhaus-street for 54 years, and was highly esteemed. A widow survives him. The only son, Mr. Richard J. Jennings, of Wilson-street, Long Gully, is well known in scholastic circles, and is first male assistant at the Golden-square State School. Miss Jennings, a daughter, resides at home. The funeral takes place to-day to the White Hills Cemetery, leaving deceased's late residence at 4 p.m.

### THE LATE MR. R. JENNINGS.

*Bendigonian* (Bendigo, Vic. : 1914 - 1918) **Thursday 22 February 1917** p 17 Article

THE LATE MR. R. JENNINGS. The late Mr. R. Jennings, who died on the 6th February, at his residence, "Helstone," Backhaus-street, Long Gully, at the age of 86 years, was one of the pioneers of that locality.

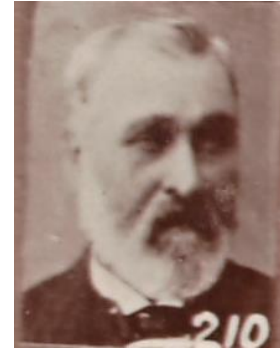
He arrived in Victoria in 1851, and following mining pursuits took an active part in the early quartz mining on Bendigo. The late Mr. Jennings was manager of several mines, but retired 26 years ago.

*White Hills Cemetery MON K2*

## JOHNSON W (210)

*Despite extensive research, the name and details of this person were not able to be determined due to a lack of relevant available information.*

*A possible candidate may be the William Johnson named in the article below as a claimant for the first discovery of gold in Bendigo. Identified by William Sandbach as a shearers' cook in evidence to the Select Committee. Not to be confused with William Henry Johnson.*



Further Research required.

### [WHO DISCOVERED GOLD ON BENDIGO?](#)

*Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Friday 24 October 1890 p 2 Article*

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**[Report from the Select Committee upon the Claims of Henry Frencham as Discoverer of the Bendigo Goldfield at link below.](#)**

<https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/papers/govpub/VPARL1890NoD3.pdf>

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## JOHNSON William Henry (196)

One of the listed first finders of gold at Bendigo. See Royal Commission report.

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### [OLD BENDIGO THE TRANSFORMATION SCENE SHEEP AND SHEPHERDS TO DIGGERS](#)

*The Bendigo Independent* (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) **Tuesday 10 April 1917** p 2 Article Illustrated

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From the quite early days of settlement in the Port Phillip district, there were stories and traditions of gold having been picked up in different places. The first evidence of this kind is in the evidence of William Henry Johnson. It was given before the Commission Inquiry which in 1890 was appointed by the Victorian Government to deal with the claim of Mr. Henry Frencham as the first discovered.

Mr. Johnson, a native of Sydney, related how he first travelled through the Bendigo district. It was in 1839, and Dutton and Darlow then had a station. In 1844 he was again in the Bendigo district. When passing from Gatto's, on the Loddon, to Bennett's Station, on the Campaspe, he picked up a piece of crystal, and underneath it got a small piece of quartz with gold in it. At the time he suspected that it was gold but was not sure. He sent it to Mr. Powlett, the Commissioner of Crown Lands, but heard no more about it.

On September 23, 1851, after seeing men washing gold, at Ballarat, he got a tin dish and making across country for what has since been known as Golden Gully, he panned off three dishfuls of surface soil. He got 1½ oz from the gravel, quartz and hard yellow clay which he put through the dish. At that time (September, 1851) there was no one else working along the Bendigo Creek.

Nor in October, either. But in November diggers began to arrive in scores.

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## JOHNSTON Robert George (353)

*Research suggests that the Robert George Johnston below is the most likely candidate to match the photo in the Pioneers of Bendigo Photographic Picture. No other R.G. Johnston could be found. The obituary below however suggests that he was born c1843 as he died aged 75 in 1918. The obituary states that he resided in Bendigo for 50 years which dates his arrival as c1868 the same year that he married Catherine LOCHHEAD. This places him outside the original definition for inclusion in the Picture (arriving between 1851 and 1860). He was appointed keeper of the Government Powder Magazine in 1875.*



Further Research required.

### [OBITUARY. DEATH OF MR. R. C. JOHNSTON. WELL KNOWN CITIZEN PASSES.](#)

*Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Saturday 19 October 1918 p 10 Article*

#### OBITUARY.

#### DEATH OF MR. R. G. JOHNSTON. WELL KNOWN CITIZEN PASSES.

Friends of Mr. Robert. G. Johnston, an old and highly respected resident of Bendigo, will regret to learn of his death, which occurred at his residence, Strickland-road, somewhat suddenly on Friday afternoon. A native of Belfast, the deceased was 75 years of age. For **about 50 years**, he had resided in Bendigo, and had interested himself in many movements associated with the welfare of the district.

For many years he was a member of the Easter Fair committee, whilst he was very well known amongst members of friendly societies, being treasurer of the Court Bendigo, A.O.F., and a member and one of the first presidents of the Bendigo United Friendly Societies Dispensary. As a miner Mr. Johnston took an active part in the movement, for eight hours in the mines, and in 1871 was one of the speakers at a public meeting which was held in the Lyceum Theatre.

The principle was afterwards embodied in the Regulation of Mines Act, which was brought in by Mr. Angus Mackay, Minister of Mines. Mr. Johnston was subsequently in charge of the Government powder magazine, Bendigo East, until it closed down a few years ago. For some time he had been in failing health, suffering from bronchitis. On Friday afternoon he took suddenly ill and expired in a short time.

The late Mr. Johnston's wife died some years ago. One of his sons, Private J. Johnston, is at present on active service, his wife being on the staff of the Base Hospital, Caulfield.

The funeral will take place to-day at 5 p.m., at the Bendigo Cemetery. *MON D2*

## JOHNSTON William (310)

### [DEATH OF MR. W. JOHNSTON](#)

*Bendigo Advertiser* (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Friday 4 September 1896** p 3 Article

#### DEATH OF MR. W. JOHNSTON.

Another old Bendigonian in the person of Mr. W. Johnston, the well-known brewer of the firm of Johnston and Illingworth, expired at his residence, High-street, Golden-square, yesterday morning from congestion of the lungs, supervening on a stroke of paralysis. The deceased gentleman was born near Edinburgh, Scotland, and was 66 years of age. He came to Victoria in the ship *Red Jacket* in 1854 on her first voyage, which was the quickest passage made to Australia up to that time, the trip occupying 65 days.



Like many others he tried his luck at gold digging, but without much success. On one occasion he gave up a hole he was sinking as a duffer, and another party stepped in and obtained no less than 54lb. weight of gold from the claim. Mr. Johnston then entered into partnership with Mr. J. Laurie in the coopering business in Bridge-street, and after this was dissolved he was connected with Sayers' brewery for 12 or 13 years.

About 18 years ago, with Messrs. Bond and Graham (both of whom pre-deceased him) he purchased the old established brewery of the late Mr. Geo. Elliott, at Golden square, Mr. Illingworth not becoming connected with the firm for some time afterwards. Although not taking an active part in public matters, finding his time fully occupied in attending to the supervision of the brewery, he was interested in a number of mines as a director and shareholder, and was well known throughout the Bendigo district. The deceased leaves a widow and two sons to mourn their loss.

*Born in 1836; married to Elizabeth.*

*Elizabeth died in 1913, both are buried at White Hills.*

*White Hills Cemetery MON C1*



## JONES James Nelson (94)

*Originally transcribed as T N Jones. Most likely that this person is J Nelson Jones. A T N Jones could not be found.*

### DEATH OF MR. J NELSON JONES. A BENDIGO PIONEER.

*Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Saturday 10 January 1914 p 10 Article*

#### DEATH OF MR. J NELSON JONES. A BENDIGO PIONEER.

The death occurred at his residence at Ararat yesterday of Mr. J. Nelson Jones, a resident of Bendigo in the early days, and for many years a well-known citizen.

The deceased gentleman, who was in his 88th year, removed from Bendigo about 20 years ago, but there are many citizens who were well acquainted with him during his residence here.



The late Mr. Jones was born in London. Upon leaving school he entered the Leamington pharmacy of his uncle Mr. Geo. Nelson, who was the discoverer of the well-known Nelson's gelatine. The members of the New Zealand firm of exporters, Messrs. Nelson Bros., were sons of Mr. Geo. Nelson, and therefore cousins of Mr. J. Nelson Jones.

Leaving England in 1848 Mr. J. Nelson Jones, after a five months' voyage, landed at Port Adelaide, and opened a chemist's shop in Adelaide. The rush to the goldfields in Victoria left Adelaide almost deserted and Mr. Jones followed the gold-seekers. He spent some time on the diggings at Forest Creek, but had only fair success. He therefore returned to Adelaide, but came back to this State after a short absence. He arrived on the Bendigo goldfield in May, 1852, and was gold-seeking for about 18 months, but was not particularly fortunate.

Eventually he closed his shop at Adelaide and brought his drugs to Bendigo, where he opened the first chemist's shop on the field. He shipped his goods to Melbourne, and as the cartage from Melbourne to Bendigo was about £200 a ton, he purchased a waggon and team of his own. The journey occupied five weeks, and two or three times every day the waggon was bogged. In a few years he had three chemists' shops in Bendigo, one being in what is now known as Pall Mall, and another at Market-square. The latter shop was at the time one of the best fitted-up establishments in Bendigo. After a few years Mr. Jones's health gave way, and he closed his shops. In 1856 he entered into partnership with Mr. Farrington, and opened a brewery in Lucan-street. The partnership was not of long duration, as in 1860 Mr. Jones purchased Mr. Farrington's interest, and from that time managed the business alone until 1878, when he retired from brewing, and let the brewery, which is now conducted by Messrs. Pritchard and Chamberlain.

Mr. Jones had purchased the well-known Laby Bros.' flour mills at Ararat, and about 20 years ago he left Bendigo to personally conduct these mills, which were destroyed by fire some years ago. After this misfortune he lived in comparative retirement, and only once visited Bendigo after he left this city.

The deceased gentleman was for a number of years treasurer of the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum, and he took a leading part in the establishment of the Mechanics' Institute, and was a member of the committee of that institution. He was a life-governor of the Art Gallery.

For many years the late Mr. Jones was an earnest student of astronomy. His astronomical dome at the corner of Arnold and Lucan streets was a conspicuous structure. He had a powerful equatorial telescope to aid him in his researches, and day and night he was to be found in his observatory or in the workshop below. He had penetrated well into the science of the stars. He was a leading local authority on astronomy.

Upon his removal from Bendigo his astronomical instruments were purchased by Mr. J. Beebe, of the present Bendigo Observatory. Mr. Jones was twice married, but had no children. He was highly esteemed by his acquaintances in Bendigo.

The funeral will take place at Ararat on Monday.

#### [OBITUARY. MR J. NELSON JONES.](#)

*The Ararat Advertiser (Vic. : 1914 - 1918) Tuesday 13 January 1914 p 2 Article*

#### OBITUARY. MR J. NELSON JONES.

Concerning the death of Mr J. Nelson Jones, of Ararat, which was recorded in our last issue, the Bendigo correspondent of the Ballarat "Star" writes as under:—  
"General regret was expressed in Bendigo on the receipt of the news on Friday of the death at Ararat of Mr J. Nelson Jones, at the age of 87 years.

Mr Jones opened the first chemist's shop in Bendigo, but eventually his health gave way and he established a brewery in Lucan street. Mr Jones was for many years treasurer of the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum, and took a leading part in the establishment of the Bendigo Mechanics' Institute. He was also a life governor of the Bendigo Art Gallery."

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, when the remains of deceased were interred in the Ararat Cemetery. The remains were encased in an oak casket with silver mountings. The service at the grave was conducted by the Rev. H. E. Noltenius, of Holy Trinity Church of England. The pall-bearers were Messrs J. Beebe, J. R. McQuire, P. Pritchard, R. Hargreaves, sen., H. E. Webb, P. H. Laby, J. Tuson and Dr. Bonnin, and the coffin-bearers were Messrs W. Olson, J. Seater, sen., T. Welch and S. Eastgate. Mr J. Dunn carried out the funeral arrangements.

## JONES Ralph (425)

### [DEATH OF MR. RALPH JONES.](#)

*Bendigo Advertiser* (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) **Thursday 29 December 1904** p 5 Article

#### DEATH OF MR. RALPH JONES.

The death of Mr. Ralph Jones, produce merchant, of Golden-square, took place at his residence, Panton-street, about 2 o'clock this morning. Some two years ago the deceased gentleman underwent a severe operation, and since then he had been in declining health. For some time past he had been seriously ill, and his death was not unexpected.



Although he never took an active part in public affairs, he evinced great interest in political and municipal matters.

He was one of the oldest trustees of the Golden-square Methodist Church, and for some time was a teacher in the Sunday school.

Mr. Jones was a native of County Armagh, Ireland, and arrived in Victoria in 1850. After spending a short time on several of the alluvial diggings, he arrived in Bendigo, and in partnership with the late Messrs. J. Sinclair and R. Pritchard, commenced business as a merchant in High-street, Golden-square, trading under the name of R. Jones and Co. In 1880 he established his present business in Panton-street, which he successfully carried on ever since. Owing to Mr. Jones's failing health the business has for some time past been under the management of his second son, Mr. R. Jones.

The deceased gentleman was widely known and highly respected for his probity and sterling character, and his demise will be deeply deplored by a large circle of friends. He leaves a widow and grown-up family of four sons and four daughters. Two sons and two daughters are married. Mr. Jones's eldest son, Mr. Robert Jones, has been connected with the Railway department, and is at present station master at Toorak.

At the time of his death, which was due to general debility and heart failure, Mr. Jones was 75 years of age. Some 26 years ago he lost an arm through an accident whilst attending to a chaff cutter at his own establishment.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon. The members of the Loyal James Roe Lodge, M.U., of which the deceased was a trustee, will attend.

*Bendigo Cemetery MON C5*