

THE BANNISTER/STOW FAMILY

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There is some background information on Eliza Mary Bolton STOW and her family which has been traced back to Joseph Bannister of 1770.

Let's go back in time as far as possible to see Eliza's ancestors and siblings. Who were they, where were they from, where did they go, and what did they do?

This document is a compilation of information on the families from a large variety of sources.

While every care has been taken to verify dates, places and names, there may be some inaccuracies.

Please contact me with any further information or corrections, including photographs if you have them.

This document is released as a draft. It's fairly long, but is designed to keep all relevant information together in one downloadable file.

Joseph Bannister 1770-1849

Joseph BANNISTER was the son of **Robert BANNISTER**. He was christened on 27 September 1770 in Saint Mary, Lancaster, Lancashire, England.¹

Joseph, a flower dealer, married **Isabella BOLTON** on 29 February 1796 in Saint Peter, Church Street, Liverpool, England. Isabella was born on 24 May 1775. They had three daughters: (1) **Mary** born **21/3/1797**, (2) **Jane** – **21/5/1798**, and (3) **Margaret** – **11/6/1800**.

Joseph died between October and December 1849 in Liverpool. Isabella died in late June 1838 and was buried on 2 July 1838.

Jane BANNISTER was born on 21 May 1798 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England and was christened on 10 June in Newington Chapel, Renshaw Street.

Jane married **John STOW**, who was the son of **John STOW** (1757-1832) and **Elizabeth COOK** (1744-1817), in 1823. John was born about 1778 in Ipswich, Suffolk, and died in September 1851 in Holborn, Middlesex aged 74 years. He is buried in the New Bunhill Fields Burial Ground, Islington, Middlesex. The 1841 Census records² pictured below has John's occupation as a bookbinder aged 63, and they lived in Cranbourne Alley, in the St John Baptist Parish, near Margate. Jane was 20 years younger and their two children Margaret aged 17 and Joseph aged 10 lived there also, along with Eliza aged 7 and Ann aged 4.

John Stow	63	Bookbinder
Jane do	40	
Margaret do	17	
Joseph do	10	

Cranbourne Alley	John Stow	63
	Jane do	40
	Margaret do	17
	Joseph do	10

In the 1851 Census³ pictured below, John is living in Islington, St Mary Parish, Middlesex, aged 73 years and Jane is 53. By then all the children had left home!

John Stow	Head	Mar	73	Book Binder
Jane do	Wife	Mar	53	

¹ Names and dates for these early ancestors taken from Ancestry Hints and linked family trees. Some information was unreadable or not available, and there was conflicting dates in some cases. Sometimes the names were written Stowe and Stow, and Banister and Bannister. Sometimes there were several people with the same name about the same time so it is difficult to know who is who. If anyone has correct data, please advise and provide proof. That would be much appreciated.

² Class: HO107; Piece: 468; Book: 6; Civil Parish: St John The Baptist Margate; County: Kent; Enumeration District: 19; Folio: 17; Page: 27; Line: 22; GSU roll: 306863

³ Class: HO107; Piece: 1502; Folio: 25; Page: 42; GSU roll: 87836

It is believed John and Jane had 7 children altogether:

1. **Caroline - 1819-1899**
2. **Margaret Bannister – 1823-1899**
3. **Jane – 1825-1897**
4. **Charles - 1828 - ???**
5. **Joseph Bannister – 1831-1910**
6. **Eliza Mary Bolton – 1833-1914**
7. **Ann Elizabeth – 1837-1912**

In the 1861 census, Jane Stow aged 63 years is recorded as living in Goswell St, in the Parish of Clerkenwell, Liverpool, Lancashire (a widow) and her daughter Ann Elizabeth Stow, a jewel case liner, aged 24 in Margate, Kent. Jane died between April and June 1862 in Clerkenwell.

However, it appears from records that John Stow was married before he met Jane Bannister. With **Sophia EUWINS (1780-1838)**, married on 25 December 1798 at St Mary Le Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk, they had three children: **John** b. 6 April 1799-1880, **Thomas Euwins** b. 24 April 1801 and **Marianne** b. 21 October 1803. Sophia died in 1838 in St Olave, Southwark, London. Records are unclear what happened to her first marriage to John Stow and when or if they divorced as no information could be found. More work is needed on this in the future. However the dates show that between Marianne's birth in 1803 and Margaret Bannister's birth in 1823, and as John and Jane married in 1823, thus it makes Caroline potentially illegitimate or she has a different father.⁴

⁴ Information from Ancestry.com Hints

This is a letter from Jane Stow to her children in Victoria, date unknown but probably around mid 1850s.

... indicates piece missing or indecipherable

My dear Children

I was very ... hear from you once ... confess I was very ... writing before but I ... for the post. You ... delighted I was to think that you are all together once more and I sincerely hope to live in peace and unity with each other tell your dear wife that I am quite delighted with the likeness of my dear Eliza and her beautiful boy, but how altered, if I met her in the street I should not have known her, give my love to my dear child and tell her I am waiting anxious to have a line from her and tell her to give my love to Charles and tell him I have never yet heard from him.

... my dear Jane ... learn that her dear child ... by this time it is better, my love to her husband ... quite recovered from ... and now able to work. I have been very poorly these last months but not to lay by. We have a very long winter here and the weather here is still very cold. I am now waiting the arrival of the mail to hear that you are all happy and comfortable together once more and looking for a long letter from my long lost Eliza, it is now 4 years since I had one from her. Now I must conclude with my best love to all and all the dear children, kiss them for granny, all your brothers and sisters join in love and believe me even your affectionate mother,

Jane Stow

1. Caroline STOW 1819-1899

Caroline Stow was born about 1819. She was the eldest of the Stow children.

In the 1841 Census, Caroline is reported as being 21 years of age, and resident in the St John Baptist, Margate, Kent, a tenant of the household, but the address is unclear.

It appears Caroline married on 22 May 1854 to a **George Tite**, a Servant of Belgrave Square. Her sister Anne Elizabeth Stow and brother in law George Dixie were the witnesses.

1854. Marriage solemnized at St Paul Church in the Parish of St Paul in the County of Middlesex

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
22	May	George Tite	26	Bachelor	Servant	Belgrave Square	George Tite	Farmer
	22	Caroline Stow	34	Married	-	Lyric Street	John Stow	Book-binder

Married in the St Paul Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Lieut or after _____ by me, Michael Smith

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { George Tite } in the Presence of us, { George Dixie
Caroline Stow } { Anne Elizabeth Stow }

HOUSE OF COMMONS.
20th May 1854.

APPEARED PERSONALLY *Caroline Stow*
of the District of *Saint Mark* in
of the Parish of
Saint James Clerkenwell in the County
of Middlesex a Spinster of the Age of
twenty one years & upwards
and prayed a Licence for the Solemnization of Matrimony in the Parish
Church of *Saint Mark* *in the District*
of Middlesex *between*

between *her* and *George Tite*
of the Parish of *Saint James Clerkenwell* *of the Age of*
twenty one years and upwards
and made Oath that *she* believeth that there is no impediment of
Kindred or Alliance, or of any other lawful cause, nor any Suit com-
menced in any Ecclesiastical Court to bar or hinder the Proceed-
ing of the said Matrimony, according to the tenor of such Licence.
And *she* further made Oath, that *she* the *Apparator*
hath had *her* usual Place of abode within the said *District* of
Saint Mark
for the space of Fifteen days last past.

Caroline Stow
S. James Clerkenwell

London and Surrey, England, Marriage Bonds and Allegations, 1597-1921 for George Tite

George Tite died on 15 February 1864 in Clerkenwell aged 44 years, just ten years after their marriage. He was buried at St James, St Pancras Camden.

<i>George Tite</i>	<i>Myddleton</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>St James</i>
No. <i>26854</i>	<i>(Clerkenwell)</i>	<i>1864</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>St James</i>	<i>St James</i>

(George Dixie died on 16 May 1873 at 13 Wilmington Square, Middlesex which makes the following snippets of letters from Margaret Dixie make sense.)

In an undated letter probably written in early 1879, sister Margaret says:

"... may remember was a great friend of Caroline's, she is now a widow, her husband's brother Mr Fred Darby has been living in New Zealand some years, his wife died some time ago and wishing to take another, wrote to his sister to make enquiries about Caroline and hearing she was a widow, wrote and proposed to her, and after giving it due consideration she accepted the offer and sailed from England last February, have heard she arrived safely and was to be married on the 29th of April. Mr Darby is a farmer about the same age as herself. They neither have any family so I think it will be a good thing for her, it is likely you may have heard something of her as I wished her to make enquiries about you."

Here is the registration of the marriage between Caroline Tite (nee Stow) and **Frederick Edward Darby**. No newspaper notices can be found.

<u>Registration Number</u>	<u>Bride's Given Name(s)</u>	<u>Bride's Family Name</u>	<u>Groom's Given Name(s)</u>	<u>Groom's Family Name</u>
1879/2900	Caroline	Tite	Frederick Edward	Darby

Sister Margaret in a letter from London to Eliza on 4 July 1879 states that Caroline *"lost her husband many years ago, has been in various situations, as housekeeper, the last was at Bangor North Wales, at a lady's school kept by Miss Watkins, a friend of Mrs Darby who you ... [end of letter]"*

In a letter from Margaret to Eliza dated 9 December 1879, she says: *"I have heard from Caroline since I wrote last, she is very happy in her new home and appears to have every comfort and is likely to end her days happily."*

In another undated letter *"I have not heard from Caroline lately, the last letter tells me that she is well and happy."*

On 8 July 1883 Margaret says in a letter to Eliza: *"I cannot understand why Caroline does not answer my letters, she has never mentioned you in her letters, I shall write to her this mail and ask her why. She appears quite happy, always writes in good spirits and I think she has nothing to complain of."*

Frederick Darby died in Wellington in 1893 aged 66 years (Ref BDM 1893/1213). Burial location unknown.

DARBY Frederick Edward, Ohariu, Johnsonville 1-2-1893

It appears that Caroline travelled to Victoria after her husband's death, as Margaret states in a letter written on 28 December 1898 that Caroline was with her sister Jane when she passed away: *"I suppose you have heard of Jane's death, Carrie was with her at the time, but I have not heard from her since so do not know if she is still there."*

Jane Marriott (Caroline's sister) died on 2 August 1897 in Campbell's Creek, Victoria, Australia aged about 72 years and is buried at the Castlemaine General Cemetery. It appears that Caroline died in 1899 as the Castlemaine Historical Society reports that Caroline Darby is buried with her sister Jane in Campbells Creek, although only a death record can be located, and she is not mentioned on the headstone inscription.

1899 12797 DARBY Carol parents Stow Jno and Jane (Bamster), aged 80, CAMPBELLS CREEK⁵ ⁶

It would appear Caroline did not have any children as none are mentioned in any letters.



Figure 1 - Headstone - Jane and John Marriott, and Caroline Darby, Castlemaine.

⁵ <https://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php?topic=778317.18>

⁶ <https://my.rio.bdm.vic.gov.au/efamily-history/5e49a3d1a2c8b523490ed1af/record/5c6539a54aba80ac31e19818?q=efamily&givenName=Carol&familyName=DARBY>

2. Margaret Bannister STOW 1823-1899

Margaret was born about 1823 in Margate, Kent, and christened on 14 December 1823 in St John Thanet. Margaret married **George DIXIE**, a Jewel-case maker on 22 June 1844 in Islington, London. They had 9 children: **Margaret Sarah 1846-1937, George William 1849-1890, Alice (1851-1851), Frederick Charles 1853-1919, Alfred John 1856-1895, Walter James 1857-1923, Minnie 1859-1937, Herbert Joseph 1861-1904, and Frank Alexander 1863-1950**⁷. All were born in Clerkenwell, Middlesex, England. George died on 16 May 1873 at 13 Wilmington Square, Middlesex. He suffered from heart disease and “dropsy” – what we now call congestive heart failure. According to probate, his effects were under £1,500. Margaret died on 26 April 1899 in Edmonton aged 75 years. Her probate was dated 7 June in London and granted to Frederick Charles Dixie, merchant’s clerk, and Margaret Sarah Dixie spinster. Effects £280.

DIXIE Margaret of 3 Gloucester-road Brownswood-park South Hornsey Middlesex widow died 26 April 1899 Probate **London** 7 June to Frederick Charles Dixie merchant’s-clerk and Margaret Sarah Dixie spinster Effects £280.

In the 1891 Census Margaret was living with her son Frederick, then aged 37 years, a merchant’s clerk. Frederick died on 28 May 1919 in Islington.

Margaret kept in touch with her sisters Jane and Eliza who had emigrated to Australia, Caroline who went to New Zealand, Annie who was still in England, and brother Joseph in Australia. She sent many letters, newspapers and photographs over the years, and related the news and other comings and goings from England. She wished she could have seen her sisters as they grew older, and especially all her nieces and nephews. She scolded them for not writing often enough and wondered why they were so slow to reply to her letters. She sounds like a religious woman who loved keeping in touch with her family, and she always accounted for her children and what they were up to in her letters. (See separate Letter files).

⁷ Information on Margaret Bannister Stow/Dixie family from PennyDixie family tree on Ancestry.com

Herbert Joseph Dixie 1861-1904

In one letter to her sister Eliza on 8 July 1883, Margaret says *"Herbert is going out to the colonies soon, the time is not fixed yet, he has many letters of introduction but I do not know where he will settle down, at any rate if he comes near you he will be sure to come and see you."* and in a letter on 20 October 1885, Margaret says, *"My son Herbert is now at Brisbane and appears likely to stay there at present"*. In fact, Later Margaret writes: *"My son Herbert went direct to New Zealand (it will be two years next August since he left here), he went to his aunt Caroline and from there ... clerk in one of the largest merchants in Sydney and after a few months he was sent to a branch house at Brisbane where he is now, and the firm talks of sending him to their house of business in China next year, so I think he is fortunate in finding something to suit him so well. I shall send him your address so that he may come and see you"*.

Herbert died on 26 December 1904 in Queanbeyan, New South Wales, and is buried in the Tharwa Road Cemetery. The inscription reads: *"In Memory of H.J. Dixie, who died 26th Dec 1904, aged 43 years. At rest. Erected by some of his friends."*



Figure 2 - Headstone, Herbert Joseph Dixie, Tharwa Road.

His lengthy and impressive Obituary was published in The Age (Queanbeyan NSW) on Friday 30 Dec 1904⁸ and it outlines his life in Australia and the details of his death and funeral:

Obituary.

MR HERBERT JOSEPH DIXIE

Great sympathy was felt by the whole of the Queanbeyan community when, on Monday evening, flags were hoisted half-mast announcing that Alderman H. J. Dixie had passed over to the great majority. Sudden and unexpected, his end came as a surprise to everyone. Deceased made very little complaint of feeling ill up to his last few hours. Medical aid was summoned, but it was not then considered that his time had come. At five o'clock, however, on the afternoon of the day aforementioned, he lay on his bed in Mrs. Thompson's boarding house reading, and having placed his book on his cheat, instantaneously breathed his last.

The cause of his sudden death is attributed to heart disease. Mr. Dixie was born in England in the year 1861, and immigrated to New South Wales nearly 18 years ago. Shortly after his arrival in Queanbeyan in 1887 a co-operative wool washing works were constructed on the bank of the river close by where Mr. A. W. Moriarty's residence is at present, and Mr. Dixie having had previous knowledge of the industry in England was offered the position of general manager. Mr. Dixie accepted, and held the position for some seven or eight years--the full term of the works' existence. From that date till the time of his death, deceased busied himself in several vocations. He for a time carried on a commission agency, and afterwards engaged as book-keeper with Mr. Knox, the manager of the Queanbeyan Roller Flour Milling Coy., which position he filled till the time of his death. Since the inception of the Pastures Protection Board Mr. Dixie energetically carried out the duties of Secretary, with which he gained for himself great favour with the Directors of the Board and the stockowners alike, for the exemplary manner in which he dispatched his business and the courteousness shown towards the taxpayers. When Mr Dixie came to Queanbeyan twelve thousand miles of the briny main separated him from his nearest relative, as was the case up to the last. He had one ambition to accomplish to fulfil his heart's desire, and that was to gain the confidence of the people and become popular, irrespective of class or position; and with his unselfish, unostentatious disposition Mr. Dixie very soon succeeded in sharing the good will and earning the respect of the Queanbeyan people. Mr. Dixie lent his services to every public movement that he deemed would assist in progressing the town, and by an examination of our files for ten years back we find that reports of public meetings are very well punctuated with his name. About nine years ago Mr. Dixie was persuaded to contest an aldermanic election; he was successful, and maintained his seat in the council till the time of his death. In the council Mr. Dixie made his voice heard. He was a persistent battler for the ratepayers, was thoroughly conversant with each and everyone of the by-laws, and many of the standing rules which govern the council to-day are the outcome of the deceased alderman's rational reasonings. A prominent member of the now-defunct Queanbeyan

⁸ The Age (Queanbeyan, NSW : 1904 - 1907) Fri 30 Dec 1904 Page 2 Obituary

Mounted Infantry, Mr Dixie grew very popular, latterly reaching the post of Captain. He was also a committee man of the Queanbeyan District Hospital.

Deceased proved a worthy servant to the Queanbeyan P. and A. Association, and the enthusiasm displayed by such an ardent worker as he was, will be sorely missed.

THE FUNERAL.

Mr H. Lazirus was entrusted with the funeral arrangements. The late Alderman Dixie was a Free Mason. and by direction of Lodge St. Andrew of which he was secretary, the coffin containing his remains was removed on Tuesday evening from his late residence to the Masonic Hall where it awaited the usual Masonic funeral ceremonies. The casket was an elaborate specimen of the undertaker's art. It was of highly polished cedar with very rich silver mountings some of them being of Masonic design. The breast-plate bore the inscription, "Herbert Joseph Dixie, died December 26(th) 1904, aged 43 years. At rest." The floral wreaths and other designs with which it was covered, in addition to the deceased's Masonic regalia, included a wreath from the Mayor and Aldermen and another from the Masonic body, both of highly-artistic designs,' as well as numerous others. There was a Lodge of Sorrow held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, at which a goodly number of Masons were present. The procession was formed outside the Masonic Hall at 3 p.m., the main street for a long space being lined with vehicles in waiting. The coffin was borne from the hall to the hearse by six Free Masons; and when all was in readiness the Masonic Lodge in full regalia, deeply draped in crape, preceded the hearse to the new cemetery, 2k miles distant from town. The Rev W M White (C.E.), met the coffin and preceded it to the grave, reading, as he went, the 'usual sentences. The place chosen for burial was beside the graves of the deceased's old and intimate friends, the late Captain and Mrs Tompsit.

There the coffin was placed in the earth with the solemn ceremonies observed in the interment of members of the Church of England. Close around the open grave stood the Free Masons as chief mourners (for as previously stated the deceased had no relatives in Australia). As soon as the rites of the church were terminated, the impressive formal ceremony of the Free Masons took place. Worshipful Past Masters Dr Richardson and J Gale were entrusted with the responsibility, the latter reading from the Ritual the passages appointed to be read at the grave of a deceased brother, the brethren giving the responses. At one stage a lambskin apron, emblem of purity and innocence, was laid upon the coffin ; at another, a spray of acacia, token of faith in the immortality of the soul, was reverently dropped by each Mason into the open grave; and at another stage Grand Public Honours were three times given, at the third and last time the brethren saying - "We cherish his memory here; we command his spirit to God who gave it ; and consign his body to the earth." The ceremony was deeply impressive. At its close the grave was filled in, the beautiful wreath placed upon it, and the mortal remains of Herbert Joseph Dixie left in repose.

(See separate file **HERBERT JOSEPH DIXIE 1861-1904** for details of life in Australia).

Minnie Dixie 1859-1937

Minnie was born on 6 November 1859 in Clerkenwell, Middlesex. She was the 7th child and youngest daughter of Margaret and George Dixie. She was a milliner by trade, and married **Charles Arthur Ross Sage** (1851-1930). He was born in Chr Allyghur, Bengal, India, and they were married on 25 February 1897 in Batala, Bengal. He was a Colonel in the Bengal Staff Corps attached to the 18th Bengal Infantry. In the 1901 Census, Minnie and Charles were living at Guildford Holy Trinity, Surrey along with a daughter Edith Margaret Dixie Sage aged 1 year. The record shows Charles was born in India, and that Charles' sister Maria aged 46 was "living on her own means" at the same address. On 2 April 1911 they were living in Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Minnie and Charles had the following children:

1. **Edith Mary Dixie Sage**, (1898-1898) born 7 April and died on 17 June, buried Lahore, in Bengal, India;
2. **Edith Margaret Dixie Sage (1899-1976)** born 16 August 1899, baptised 23 Sept 1899, recorded as a student aged 11 in the 1911 Census at Cowley St John, Oxfordshire, married **William Salmon Dike** (1901-1993), a cabinetmaker, on 21 April 1928 in Burstow, Dunston Surrey, resident in Berkshire, 1939. William died on 22 March 1993 in Towersey, Thames Oxford, and probate was granted on 9 August 1993. Edith died in December 1976 in East Dereham, Norfolk. They had one daughter **Elizabeth Carolyn Dike** (1935-2014).
3. **Arthur Ross Sage (1902-1987)**, born 16 February 1902, baptised 8 April 1902 at Lawrence, Stock-next-Guildford, Surrey, died June 1987, buried Felixstowe, Suffolk, England;
4. **Daisy Mary Sage (1905-1975)**, born 12 Nov 1905, married **Frederick Michael Hearn Joyce (1894-)** in July 1949 in Bakewell, Derbyshire.

In a letter from Margaret to Eliza she said that Minnie was heading to China (Hong Kong) as a missionary. However it appears she ended up in India for several years.⁹

In a letter to Eliza dated 20 October 1885, Margaret says: *"my youngest daughter Minnie is at a training college preparing to go to China next autumn as a missionary. She is going to Hong Cong with the Bishop's wife to work in their district, I have no doubt (if she has her health) she will be very happy as her heart is in the cause."*

⁹ Information and photos from PennyDixie and philippabentley family trees on Ancestry.com



Figure 4 - Minnie Dixie



Figure 3 - Minnie Dixie, left of front row. Missionary Picture.



Figure 5 - Minnie Dixie and husband Charles Sage, married 25 February 1897

In a letter to Eliza dated 28 December 1898 (several months before Margaret passed away), Margaret says: *"You ask for a copy of Minnie's Diary, I have never had one, nor do I think she has ever kept one. She has from (time to time) told me of her doings, in her letters to me, and has sometimes given me an account of her journeys to the hills when she has taken her holidays, but that is all. She is now married and I expect her husband and self will come to England next spring."*

After the loss of her first baby, Charles and Minnie moved back to England where they lived in Surrey and Suffolk. Charles died on 10 February 1930 at 2 Augusta Villas, London-road, Southborough, Kent, England.

Read about the early life of Minnie in her letter to her aunt Caroline Darby in Wellington in 1883. In this letter she tells her what she's been doing for the past few years, how she was engaged to be married but it was

broken off, how she assisted Alfred in the family business, and her deeply religious beliefs guide her in her work to help people. She also yearns to travel and marry a like-minded man, and she hopes her aunt and her new husband are getting on well in New Zealand.

(See separate file named **Story of Minnie Dixie 1859-1937**).

Minnie died on 27 September 1937 at the Holloway Sanatorium, Surrey¹⁰, and is buried Southborough Cemetery, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells Borough, Kent, England.¹¹

Their inscription reads:

*In loving memory of Charles Arthur Ross Sage,
Ghurka Rifles, Colonel (Retd.) Died February
10th, 1930 aged 79. And of Minnie his beloved
wife, who died September 27th 1937 aged 77.*

Minnie's Probate was awarded to daughters
Edith Margaret Dixie Dike and Daisy Mary Sage
on 27 September 1937, effects £251 11s.

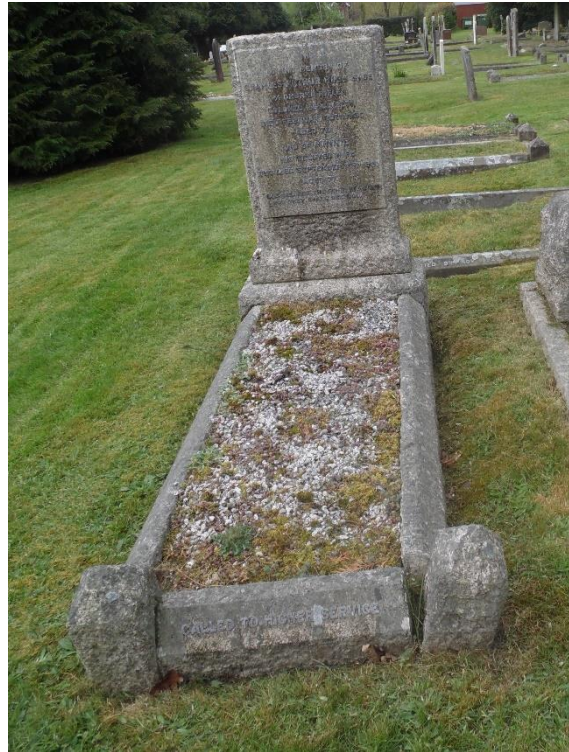


Figure 6 - Headstone - Charles and Minnie Sage,
Southborough.

¹⁰ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holloway_Sanatorium

¹¹ Find a Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 04 December 2020), memorial page for Minnie Sage (unknown–27 Sep 1937), Find a Grave Memorial no. 198926865, citing Southborough Cemetery, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells Borough, Kent, England ; Maintained by Sajzw1 (contributor 49317015) .

Other Dixie children:

Margaret Sarah Dixie – born 17 March 1846, Islington. Died 26 March 1937, Tonbridge, Kent.

George William Dixie – born 27 July 1848, Clerkenwell. Wood engraver. Died 22 September 1890, Hornsey.

Alice Dixie – Born 16 July 1851, died 1 December 1851.

Frederick Charles Dixie – born 30 June 1853, Clerkenwell. A clerk at a merchant. Married **Maud Edith Jane Harker** (1871-), died 25 May 1919, Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. Two children: **Maud Lucy Margaret Dixie** (1896-) and **Frederick Harker Dixie** (1905-1976).

Alfred John Dixie – born 15 January 1856, Clerkenwell. A jewel case maker. Married **Mary Jane Sewell** on 2 August 1879 in St George's Hanover Square, London. Died 11 March 1895 at Wood Green. Three children: **Alfred Beaumont Sewell Dixie** (1880-1952), **Douglas John Dixie** (1882-1957) and **Charles George Gordon Dixie** (1885-1960).

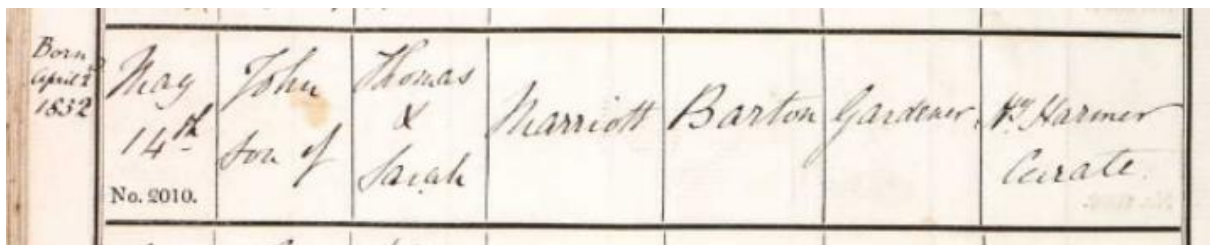
Walter James Dixie – born 2 December 1857, Clerkenwell, died 11 April 1923, Cape Town. In the 1881 England Census, Walter was recorded as being a Shipping Clerk, in Gloucester Road, Bosworth House, Middlesex, aged 23 years, along with his mother Margaret and brothers and sisters. He was married on 22 October 1894 in the St James the Less Church, Bethnal Green to **Jane Green**, aged 29, a spinster. In the 1911 England Census, the records show they had two children: **James Thomas Dixie** aged 14 years, and **Elsie Mary Dixie** aged 4 years and were living at 1 Bridge Terrace, Roding Lane, Buckhurst Hill, Epping. In the 1912 Kelly's Directory Walter James Dixie was listed as being in Albert Rd North, Buckhurst Hill.

Frank Alexander Dixie, born 26 July 1863, Clerkenwell, clothing manufacturer, died 7 June 1950, 2 Bedford M, Barnet. Married **Emma Louise Morrison** (1867-). 4 children: **James Stanley Dixie** (1890-1894), **William Leonard Dixie** (1893-1939), **Ernest Leslie Dixie** (1895-1896) and **Charles Howard Dixie** (1897-1964).

3. Jane STOW 1825-1897

Jane Stow as born about 1825 in Margate and was christened on 15 January 1826 in St John Thanet. Jane married **John MARRIOTT** on 21 May 1857 in Campbell's Creek, Victoria, Australia. At the time he was listed as a miner, and also later worked for the Standard Brewery, but became a well-known and award-winning orchardist and horticulturalist in Victoria according to his obituary and the many newspaper articles about him. It is not known how many siblings John had but there were at least 5 according to the 1841 Census, and the inscription below may well be referring to a brother with the name of James.

John was the son of **Thomas MARRIOTT** and **Sarah GARNER** who married on December 6, 1829¹² in the St. Mary the Virgin Church in Eccles, Lancashire. John was born in Eccles on 2 April 1832 and christened much later on 14 May 1854 – the record notes his parents were resident in Barton, and his father was a Gardener. Eccles is on the outskirts of the modern Manchester.



In the 1841 UK census, it lists Thomas aged 35, Sarah aged 40, as being living at the Cottage, Sandy Lane, Eccles, on the outskirts of the city of Manchester, and their children: **Alfred 1, Martha 3, Andrew 4, James 6, John 8, and Mary 10 years**. All the children were baptised at St Thomas, Pendleton.

There is a burial for Thomas and Sarah at St Mary the Virgin churchyard, Eccles with this tombstone inscription:

"In memory of Thomas Marriott of Barton Moss who died December 30th 1874 in his 70th year. Also Sarah Wife of the above who died August 5th 1881 aged 81 years. Also James Marriott who departed this life September 25th 1910 aged 77 years. Also Jane Wife of James Marriott who departed this life October 8th 1897 aged 61 years. Also George Son of James & Jane Marriott who departed this life February 3rd 1893 aged 25 years".¹³

¹² Ancestry.com. Lancashire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1936 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012.

¹³ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/148468115>

There are seven recorded children to **Jane Stow**: **Eliza Mary – 1856 (twin), Jane – 1856-1856 (twin) – father unknown, Martha (1st) – 1859-1860, Reuben – 1860-1861, Martha (2nd) – 1862-1947, Alice - 1864 and Alfred John – 1867-1903.**¹⁴

Jane originally travelled to Australia aboard the ship "*Omega*" in 1856. She had departed from Southampton for Geelong, Australia on 3 June, arriving on 16 September 1856. Twin girls were born on board the ship, Jane and Eliza Mary. Baby Jane died at 2 days on 11 September. No father was listed. Jane was met at the dock by her brother-in-law **Mr Charles DALE**, of Castlemaine. From records it is believed she was heading to stay with her sister Eliza and/or Caroline, who were in Castlemaine by that time. Jane's occupation was listed as "a cook", aged 30, and that she could read. She went with Charles on 22 September to Castlemaine.

Age	Book	Month	Page	Ship	Year	Name
I	12	SEP	210	OMEGA	1856	STOWE, ----
I	12	SEP	212	OMEGA	1856	STOWE, ----
30	12	SEP	210	OMEGA	1856	STOWE, JANE

(It is interesting to speculate why a pregnant single woman aged 30 years would be travelling to the other side of the world in those days in such a long hazardous journey, embarking when about 5 months pregnant. The risks of having twins prematurely on board would have been extremely high, and in fact is what happened, as one of the twins did not survive. I wonder if the descendants of Eliza Mary can trace back in AncestryDNA to find out who her father was!)

In "*The Argus (Melbourne)*"¹⁵ a report of the *Omega*'s arrival is noted: "The immigrants of the *Omega* were landed yesterday afternoon and will be open to engagement this morning. Among them are 56 married couples, 22 single men, 102 single women, and 94 children. The Depot was quite empty when they arrived."

Later there is this note¹⁶: "The Depot. The immigrants per *Omega* were landed yesterday afternoon. They are thus classified – 56 married couples, 22 single men, 102 single women, and 94 children. Several of the single women are English, and a majority of the married couples are not encumbered with more than two children, in some cases only one child. Not a single person was in the depot for hire before the arrival of this immigration! It is expected that the ship's company will be disposed of during the current week. The hiring commences this morning at 10 o'clock, and closes at 3 pm. These hours will be observed until the whole number are engaged."

Further in *The Star (Ballarat)*¹⁷: "The 327 immigrants who arrived here in the *Omega*, were open for engagement this morning, and in a few hours all the single females, except those who were going to their friends, had been hired at high rates

¹⁴ <https://my.rio.bdm.vic.gov.au/efamily-history> - search for Marriott to see births, deaths and marriages Victoria. Martha 1st – b. 1859 Campbells Creek (Ref 4056/1859), d. 1860 (Ref 3223/1860); Reuben b. 1860 Campbells Creek, (Ref 21502/1860), d. 1861 aged 10 months, Campbells Creek (Ref 7895/1861).

¹⁵ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Mon 22 Sep 1856 Page 5 GEELONG.

¹⁶ The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) Mon 22 Sep 1856 Page 3 LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

¹⁷ The Star (Ballarat, Vic. : 1855 - 1864) Tue 23 Sep 1856 Page 2 COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

of wage, and the greater part of the families and the single men had secured situations where money may be earned and the comforts of life secured."

As stated previously, **John Marriott** married **Jane Stow** in the Parsonage (School House), Campbells Creek, Victoria, on May 21, 1857 (#1324). The officiating minister at the wedding was John Marlow, Church of England, and the witnesses were **Joseph Stow** and **Eliza Dale** (her brother and sister). A copy of the marriage certificate records show John as being a miner, suggesting he was probably attracted to Australia by the prospect of finding gold as many young single men were at the time. As gold petered out in the Loddon region, he turned to the family business of market gardening, realising the demand for locally grown produce to feed the people. The Marriotts were well known back in the UK as market gardeners.

It is believed John travelled to Melbourne from Liverpool arriving in September 1854 on the "*Queen of the Seas*". Records state: "John Marriott. 22 (b.1832). Occ: Gasfitter. English. Appears to be travelling on his own."¹⁸ This means John could not have been the father of the twins Eliza Mary and Jane judging by the dates involved. The surviving twin Eliza Mary would have been about 8 months old at the time of the marriage, so he probably adopted her, either formally or informally. *(No research has been done on this issue, so it would be interesting to know exactly what happened and why!)*

After they married, John and Jane Marriott settled in Campbells Creek¹⁹, near Castlemaine²⁰, taking up orcharding, and the remaining children were born there over a period of 11 years. John was a leading orchardist in the Loddon region and survived a major flood in Campbell's Creek in 1889 and the wreck of the s.s. *Cheviot* in 1887.^{21 22} (See the **Fancy That** file for more on this.)

It is interesting to speculate how John Marriott developed his agricultural business and became so well-known in the region for the quality and size of his produce. As noted in his obituary, he was originally a gasfitter, and later worked for the Standard Brewery, and was occasionally noted as a miner. However, he obviously saw the agricultural opportunities in the 1860s with the gold rush in full swing, so reverted to his family's original business of market gardening. He then spent the next few years building up his properties and business by leasing or purchasing land and buildings, and in the early 1870s he started exhibiting his produce at local horticultural shows.

Cousin Stephen Collicoat, who has developed a number of documents on the Collicoat family of Castlemaine said in an email to me: "*John Marriott is a very seductive figure, partly because a great deal has been written about his achievements and also because he was such a dynamic and attractive personality. I gain the impression that he was generous often helping John Collicoat financially; Devout, as shown by his own account of surviving the wreck of The Cheviot. Not greatly interested in socialising or public affairs, except for a brief stint on Council.*"

¹⁸ <https://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php?topic=778317.0>

¹⁹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Campbells_Creek,_Victoria

²⁰ <https://www.smh.com.au/lifestyle/castlemaine-20080915-gdkqrh.html> History of Castlemaine

²¹ <https://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php?topic=778317.0> a thread seeking siblings of John Marriott which has valuable information on John Marriott and Jane Stow and their families by Stephen Collicoat.

²² <http://www.discovermorningtonpeninsula.com.au/fascinatingfacts/shipwreck-ss-cheviot.php>

Far sighted and proactive, buying and selling land or houses and building up his fortune. Hard working and skilled. Alice, his daughter had ambitions to improve the family's social standing by using her inheritance to build one of the finest houses in the town, which sadly she enjoyed for only a short time before her early death. How John made his money early isn't known, but unlike most men of the time he saw beyond the horizon, buying prime real estate near the river for his orchard for instance. You had a winning combination of a clever, brave and thrifty man at a time when land was first being released and many opportunities arose."

These personal comments are evidenced by the range of newspaper articles and other evidence collected about John Marriott's life and exploits, which are published here for you to read. They are in chronological order mainly from Trove, the Australian digital newspaper website, so you will be able to see the development of John Marriott's fortune and lives of those around him at the time, including his children. Regarding the comment about owning property near the river, this proved to be disastrous in 1889 when the area was devastated by floods, and earlier floods also posed a problem and there are newspaper reports of the local council trying to build flood defences to help protect property. However, as we know in Australia, huge short localised unexpected deluges can wreak havoc in an area, and this proved the case in John Marriott's situation, as you will read later in this document.

PURCHASE OF SHARES

In a newspaper notice in June 1871²³, a Charles Tolstrup made application to register the Phoenix Quartz Mining Company which intended to operate at Aurifera and Cumberland Reefs, Campbell's Creek. Amongst the list of shareholders is John Marriott with £10. So even at this early stage, John Marriott was still interested mining, although he may not have been an actual miner himself. Most of the gold in the area was alluvial, and had been discovered in 1851. In fact nearby Ballarat was considered the world's richest alluvial goldfield during its peak between 1852 and 1853²⁴.

²³ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 23 Jun 1871 Page 3 Advertising

²⁴ <https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/geology-exploration/minerals/metals/gold/gold-mining-in-victoria>

You can read about the goldfields of Victoria and see historical maps of their location on the Goldfields Guide website²⁵.

SALE OF PROPERTY

In a newspaper advertisement on Thursday 30 November 1871²⁶, a notice by John Marriott sought to sell some property. I have not found any earlier records of when John Marriott acquired this property or what the ill health cited meant. At the time he would have been 39 years of age.

“Monday December 4th, 1871, at 12 o’clock, at Tather’s Hotel. Sale of Freehold Land, Cottages, etc. W. E. Richards, by instructions from Mr John Marriott, of Campbell’s Creek, in consequence of ill health, will sell by auction, on the above date and place, Allot. 8 of Sec D.3, Campbell’s Creek, containing 1 rood 34 ¼ perches, upon which is erected two well-built Brick Cottages, let to good tenants. The ground is well fenced, and partly trenched. The railway line is surveyed through allotment, and to speculators and investors must be a good venture. The situation needs no comment. W.E. Richards, Auctioneer.”

John Marriott’s name started showing up in newspaper reports on local agricultural and horticultural shows, listing his exhibits and prize-winning entries. This goes on for a number of years, and each one has been captured here for you to read. I believe that he must have set up his orchards and gardens in the 1860s and imported the seeds and plants needed from his family back in the UK, as I can find no reference to him before this time. I have tried to capture the date, newspaper article, show and details of the references to John Marriott through the years. You will see the wide variety of grapes, fruit and vegetables he grew and sold, plus a little about the life of the people of the time.

AGRICULTURAL SHOW SUCCESSES

In the first report on the activities of the Castlemaine Agricultural and Horticultural Society’s Spring Show on Wednesday 20 November 1872 in the *Mount Alexander Mail*²⁷, a description of some of the produce on display included this special mention: “The cherries exhibited by Mr Cleaves and Mr Marriott were large and luscious, and thoroughly ripe, more especially the black kinds; the honours of the Society were divided between the two.”

At the Newstead Agricultural Show the following year, the *Mount Alexander Mail* reported on Thursday 6 March 1873²⁸, that “Mr Marriott, of Campbell’s Creek, took the honours for onions, carrots, and baking apples, some of the latter being very large, of the kind known as Emperor Alexandra. On his stall were also some fine specimens of cucumbers, lately imported, known as Heatherstone Rival, River’s prolifie, and others;” and later in the article there’s a list of the prizes he won for baking apples, tomatoes, cucumbers, pickling onions and mangolds. The article finishes with “During the day the Borough Band, which were on the ground in full

²⁵ <https://www.goldfieldsguide.com.au/blog/49/historical-gold-maps-of-the-victorian-goldfields>

²⁶ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Thu 30 Nov 1871 Page 3 Advertising

²⁷ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Wed 20 Nov 1872 Page 2 CASTLEMAINE AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

²⁸ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Thu 6 Mar 1873 Page 3 NEWSTEAD AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

foree, played a very nice selection of music in a very excellent manner. Nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the day, and the receipts were over the average of the past few years.”

In an article in the *Mount Alexander Mail* on Saturday 22 March 1873²⁹, there is mention of John Marriott’s success at the Kyneton Agricultural Show:

“At the Kyneton Agricultural Show on Wednesday, the following competitors from this district were among the prize-takers: Mr John Marriott, of Campbell’s Creek, took first prizes for grapes, apples, baking pears, plums, water melons, rock melons, onions, and cucumbers; also second prizes for dessert pears, peaches, cabbages, vegetable marrows, pumpkins, and tomatoes.”

At the Autumn Show of the Bendigo Agricultural and Horticultural Show, the *Mount Alexander Mail* reported on Friday 28 March 1873³⁰ that John Marriott had won a number of prizes for his produce: “mangolds, sugar beet, red beet, carrots, cabbages, parsnips, and leeks, 1st prize, J Marriott, Campbell’s Creek, and for apples, French beans, and pears (6 varieties), 2nd prize, Marriott; pears (12 varieties), 3rd prize, Marriott.”

In October 1873 at the Bendigo Agricultural Society’s Spring Show³¹, John Marriott won prizes for his turnips, strawberries and apples.

In November 1873, the *Mount Alexander Mail*³² cheerily reported that “the season is one of the most favourable with which the agriculturist has been blessed, and an abundant harvest seems certain. At one time it was feared that the rail would hold too long off, but within the last few days warm and genial showers have removed all doubts on that score.” It went on to report prizes at the Sandhurst show: “J. Marriott, rhubarb, gooseberries, celery, and leeks.”

Success continued at the Newstead Agricultural Show when the *Mount Alexander Mail* on Thursday 12 March 1874³³ reported John Marriott’s prizes: “For cabbages, turnips, mangolds, beetroot, sugar-beet, parsnips, onions, and pumpkins, marrows etc, Mr Marriott, of Campbell’s Creek carried off the prizes. The mangolds were the long red, the yellow globe, carter’s warden, the sugar beets were the largest and best ever exhibited at Newstead. Mr Marriott also exhibited a splendid collection of wine grapes – 12 varieties of white grapes formed an attractive pile, as they included the white nice, and a peculiar description of sweet-water. A dish of golden drop and Price of Wales plums were very fine, but the tomatoes alongside were a show in themselves, they were a new variety known as Webber’s Trophy. The same exhibitor also had a new description of cucumber – the Sir Colin Campbell – three being on the one joint; this was awarded a special prize; altogether, Mr Marriott may be congratulated on his success.” Later on the article mentions that “Mr Marriott had exhibits in this latter description of fruit, and would have secured the

²⁹ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Sat 22 Mar 1873 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

³⁰ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 28 Mar 1873 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

³¹ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Thu 30 Oct 1873 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

³² Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Thu 6 Nov 1873 Page 2 THE MONTH.

³³ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Thu 12 Mar 1874 Page 2 NEWSTEAD AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

prize but that the fruit got crushed in transit, and had not the fresh, clear appearance of the other.” (This was referring to apples).

John Marriott also exhibited samples of his prize-winning fruit and vegies as the Castlemaine Retail market at the end of March 1874.

The growing season in the Castlemaine area was commented on in November 1874³⁴, when John Marriott’s produce was again highlighted: “The season promises to be most prolific in almost all kinds of garden produce, more especially where skill and attention are combined to bring the fruits to perfection. The display of strawberries and cherries on some of the stalls in the market on Saturday was magnificent. Mr Marriott, of Campbell’s Creek, showed some splendid samples of the Belle d’ Orleans cherry, the rich, lustrous and luscious berries being a tempting feast to look upon, to say nothing of the pleasure of eating. Then again, there were plates of strawberries large “boomers” of the Caroline Superb and President species, monsters to look at, and each one a feed; these have invariably secured Mr Marriott prizes at the Horticultural Shows in this district, both for flavour and size. At another corner of the stall Mr Marriott had some Blue Gown cucumbers, one of which was 20 inches from stem to tip, and a second one over two feet (this had been disposed of at the time of our visit). This cucumber was only three weeks growth from the time of flowering.”

The *Mount Alexander Mail* ran an article on Friday 4 December 1874³⁵ talking about the horticulture industry in the region and especially John Marriott’s property and orchard: “The high state of culture into which many of the freeholders of Campbell’s Creek have brought their gardens has been the subject of frequent remark, as showing what can be accomplished by industry and perseverance, and the good taste and skill of the residents. Some of the more prominent gardens have from time to time been ‘noticed’, but there are others which are equally as deserving, and will, no doubt, duly receive attention as opportunity offers. Adjoining the Standard Brewery, the passer-by will notice a small portion of a garden, occupying but a limited frontage to the road; this, however, gives no idea of the garden which has been cultivated between the road and the creek by the proprietor, Mr Marriott. On proceeding down the road made between Mr Myring’s and Mr Marriott’s the visitor is quickly undeceived as to the extent of cultivation; he enters a garden laid out with the greatest possible care, so as to utilise every inch of ground. The choicest fruit trees are planted in parallel rows, while the borders of each plot team with delicious strawberries, the principal variety being Trollope’s Victorian. Between each row of trees there are crops of vegetables in different stages of growth – some ready for market, others just above the surface, while here and there are plantations of young worked fruit trees springing up for same next season. Mr Marriott’s stock of cherries include many varieties, and the appearance of the luscious fruit on the trees is tempting in the extreme – some of the limbs are bending down with the weight of the berries. The birds do not seem to have done much damage yet. In different parts of the orchard are varieties of plums, apples, pears, filberts, almonds, and other summer delicacies, - the trees being well loaded and promising an abundant

³⁴ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 30 Nov 1874 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

³⁵ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 4 Dec 1874 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

crop. Water is laid on from the main, and is supplied freely when required. Yesterday Mr Marriott succeeded in adding another piece to his orchard, which give it a more complete shape, and commands a good frontage to the creek. The whole extent of this garden was some years since an abandoned diggings, full of holes and paddocks – these have been, at considerable expense, filled up, and now form one of the best managed, and most productive gardens in the district.”

A note in the Local Land Board proceedings published in the *Mount Alexander Mail* on Friday 4 December 1874³⁶ states: “J Marriott applied for sale of a piece of land adjoining his purchased property at Campbell’s Creek. The creek channel had been cut some distance to the west. Sale recommended at £6 per acre.”

On Monday 15 March 1875, John Marriott was again noted in the local newspapers³⁷ in reference to the Castlemaine Retail Market the previous Saturday: “In fruit, grapes are a drug, and although immense quantities were disposed of, the stalls were well loaded at the close of the market; of apples there was a good show, one grown by Mr Marriott, of Campbell’s Creek, attracting considerable attention from its enormous size and great beauty. It was the kind known as the Emperor, and weighed 1 lb 10 oz.”

Later in the year, John Marriott was again winning prizes for his produce as reported in the *Mount Alexander Mail*³⁸: “the first day’s show of the Bendigo Agricultural Society took place on Wednesday. The following prizes were awarded to exhibitors of the Castlemaine District: Mr Marriott, Campbell’s Creek, first prize for best roots, cucumbers and gooseberries; one cucumber exhibited by Mr Marriott was 27 inches long.”

At the Bendigo Agricultural Society’s show³⁹ “Mr Marriott, Campbell’s Creek, first prize for beet roots, cucumbers and gooseberries. One cucumber exhibited by Mr Marriott was 27 inches long.” The article also mentioned “As regards the fruit crop it is on the whole promising. The weather has had a damaging effect on tender plants such as peas and beans, the crops looking very thin in some cases. The blight on the peach and nectarine trees appears to be very extensive and widespread this season; and on the vines the plague of caterpillars appears to have fallen with considerable force. If not checked in their early stages, there will be but a short crop of either of these fruits mentioned.”

The next article in the *Mount Alexander Mail* on Wednesday 15 December 1875⁴⁰ is intriguing: “At the Victorian Horticultural Society’s show, held in Melbourne on Friday and Saturday last, Mr Marriott was a successful competitor; for some extraordinary reason his name does not appear in any of the reports given by the metropolitan journals. Mr Marriott has received from the secretary, Mr Paton, the usual notification of his success, viz. 1st price for brace of cucumbers; these measured 52 ½ inches, were finely proportionate all through, and retained their bloom. They were of the kind known as Duke of Edinburgh, and admitted to be the

³⁶ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 4 Dec 1874 Page 2 LOCAL LAND BOARD.

³⁷ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 15 Mar 1875 Page 2 CASTLEMAINE RETAIL MARKET.

³⁸ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 5 Nov 1875 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

³⁹ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Wed 1 Dec 1875 Page 2 THE MONTH.

⁴⁰ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Wed 15 Dec 1875 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

finest brace ever exhibited in the colony. 1st prize for best six dishes of gooseberries. These were very fine and consisted of the following varieties: Clayton, Companion, Gunner, Ringleader, Postman and Levi. 1st prize for best collection of 24 distinct varieties; these were very much admired. Some doubt was expressed at the exhibition as to these exhibits being the produce of this district, but Mr Marriott states that he can honestly vouch for their being all his own growing and picking."

VINEYARD AND FRUIT GARDENS

There's an interesting article in the *Mount Alexander Mail* on Saturday 25 December 1875⁴¹ mentioning John Marriott:

"The Vineyard and Fruit Garden. The sparrow clubs, which did a great deal of good last season, are not working so well at present; sparrows have been very destructive in the orchards and fruit gardens, and they will probably seriously damage the grape crop unless timely steps are taken to thin their numbers. The loss of bigarreau cherries by cracking – a consequence of the wet season – has been serious. The work of gathering fruit is almost the whole business in this department just now, but the oidium must not be forgotten, or it will make headway before its advances are expected. The fine gooseberries shown by Mr Marriott, of Campbell's Creek, at the late exhibition at the Horticultural hall are calculated to encourage the growing of fruits requiring similar conditions of climate. Mr Marriott has, however grown them under rather adverse conditions, excepting that the present season has been more genial than usual for fruits requiring humidity and a cool temperature."

In the next edition on Wednesday 29 December 1875⁴², there is a long discussion on the weather – apparently even though Christmas had passed, summer "has been scarcely felt, in fact, yesterday was a day of change with showers; still there is promise of an abundant harvest. An old colonist says the weather that preceded Black Thursday was similar to that we have now. He says it was wet up to the middle of January, the grass grew to great height, then came burning hot weather, all the grass was dried up, and its large masses fed the bush fires all over the country, and made the devastation so terrible as to have become a historic fact of dire memory." The article also commented on the state of the crops in the region, including a mention for John Marriott: "At the Victorian Horticultural Society's show, held in Melbourne, Mr Marriott, of Campbell's Creek took the 1st prize for brace of cucumber, these measured 52 ½ inches, were finely proportionate and retained their bloom. They were of the kind known as the Duke of Edinburgh, and admitted to be the finest brace ever exhibited in the colony. Also, 1st prize for the best dishes of gooseberries. These were very fine, and consisted of the following varieties: Clayton, Companion, Gunner, Ringleader, Postman, and Levi, prize for best collection of 24 distinct varieties; these were very much admired."

However things improved, because on Monday 17 January 1876, the *Mount Alexander Mail*⁴³ reported that "The recent hot weather seems to have rapidly ripened the fruit, the display in the market on Saturday being the finest for a long

⁴¹ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Sat 25 Dec 1875 Page 3 GARDENING OPERATIONS FOR THE WEEK.

⁴² Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Wed 29 Dec 1875 Page 2 THE MONTH.

⁴³ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 17 Jan 1876 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

time back. Mr Marriott, of Campbell's Creek, had diamond and Orleans plums fully ripe, and nearly as large as turkey eggs."

On 21 February 1876, the *Mount Alexander Mail*⁴⁴ reported: "the market gardeners are already beginning to compete for the biggest fruit, in anticipation of the show at Newstead, on Wednesday 8th March. Mr Marriott, of Campbell's Creek, exhibited some magnificent apples on his stall in the market on Saturday; they were of the kind known as "The Lord Nelson", one weighed 25 oz, another 23 oz, and a lot of them over 20 oz; they would take the prize at any show."

WINNAN HOUSE

In a Heritage Study⁴⁵ document, it states that "Winnan House" at 38 Main Road, Campbells Creek, "was purchased by John Marriott, who owned other properties in Campbells Creek and was a storekeeper. He appears to have let this house out and when it was put up for sale in October 1897 (as part of the late John Marriott's estate) it was tenanted by a Mr Collicoat. The advertisements described the property as containing a '5-roomed brick cottage' and having 'about 1 acre under nursery of first-class stock'. The house does not appear to have been sold, however, and seems to have remained in the hands of the Marriott family for a few more decades." [John Collicoat was John and Jane's daughter's husband].

The Digger's Store, or The Vine, was located at 61 Main Road, Campbells Creek. It was seriously damaged in a fire on 29 July 1887. In the Heritage Study⁴⁶ document, it notes: "It is further associated with John Marriott, a storekeeper and orchardist, who rebuilt and extended the earlier building after a fire destroyed much of the first building in 1876. This was probably the most substantial building to have been erected in Campbells Creek in the 19th century, and is an important reminder of the early commercial activities of the township during its peak years. The continued use of the building for commercial purposes contributes to its significance."

"In September 1876, the title of the property was transferred to a John Marriott for only £550. He appears to have rebuilt the original Diggers Store/Vine Inn in its current form. Interestingly, however, the original building may not have been as badly damaged as described in the Mail. A reproduction of a commercial flyer for Wood's business, in a permanent display on Campbells Creek at the Castlemaine Art Gallery, shows a building of similar form but not as wide. Marriott appears to have almost doubled the width of the original building by adding two more bays to the original three. The Mount Alexander Shire Rate Books (Campbells Creek Riding) show that Marriott ran a store in this building but it is not known if he also ran it as a hotel. The local historian Ray Bradfield, in his book on Campbells Creek, describes Marriott as an early orchardist who developed a fine nursery. According to Bradfield it has been said that many of the later Harcourt orchards had their beginnings at Marriott's nursery. After Marriott's death in 1897, his estate, which included a number of different properties in the township, was put up for sale and the

⁴⁴ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 21 Feb 1876 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

⁴⁵ https://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Files/DESD/3_Newstead_Heritage_Study_Section_03_Citations_-_Volume_1_-_Campbells_Creek.pdf

⁴⁶ https://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Files/DESD/3_Newstead_Heritage_Study_Section_03_Citations_-_Volume_1_-_Campbells_Creek.pdf

advertisements provide a comprehensive description of this particular property: 'Lot 1- Being allotments 24 and 25 of Section 1B [sic], containing 2a 3r 14p, upon which is erected a large, substantially built two-storey store and dwelling, containing nine spacious rooms, two large store rooms and cellar, brick stable, 4 stalls and loft, coach house and large cart sheds, and other outhouses, 2 1/2 ac. magnificent orchard in splendid order, with flower gardens, etc., water laid on throughout.' This property was purchased from Marriott's estate by Mr. Simcock."

This is what the building looks like today:



Figure 7 - Source: Google street view

See also <http://www.thediggersstore.com.au/history/> for more on this property's history.



Figure 8 - The Diggers Store, Castlemaine, January 2021, with Maureen Farrington.

The annual round of agricultural shows were soon to kick off at the end of 1876, and as reported on Monday 23 October 1876, the *Mount Alexander Mail*⁴⁷ was predicting who was going to win prizes: "The National Agricultural Show at Sandhurst will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next; many of our local nurserymen will be competitors, and there is little doubt will as usual carry off many of the prizes. Messrs Marriott, Trinkaus, Lang and Ely of Harcourt and Campbell's Creek, and others, could be named, who have not been neglecting their opportunities."

Sure enough, John Marriott's produce was mentioned the following week⁴⁸: "At the market on Saturday, Mr Marriott, of Campbell's Creek, had one of the finest displays of fruits which has been exhibited this season; there were no less than 66 distinct varieties of gooseberries, about a dozen of cherries, and a similar number of cherry plums, all of which attracted considerable attention. There were also some fine specimens of cucumber, which were quite ripe and ready for market."

At the first show by the Mount Alexander and Upper Loddon District Agricultural and Pastoral Society held on Wednesday 7 March 1877⁴⁹ at Newstead, John Marriott won a number of prizes for his produce: Table Grapes: 2 entries – J Marriott, Campbell's Creek, 1st prize. Best collection of fruit: 2 entries – J Marriott, 1st prize. Cooking plums, 3 entries – J Marriott, 1st prize. Dessert pears: 2 entries – J Marriott, 1st prize. Tomatoes: 2 entries – J Marriott. Collection apples, pears and cucumbers – Marriott, Campbell's Creek."

The *Mount Alexander Mail* on Friday 23 March 1877⁵⁰ reported: "The Autumn Exhibition of fruits, flowers etc in connection with the Horticultural Society of Victoria, was opened today in the town Hall. The attendance was very good, and the exhibits fully equal to those of previous years – in fact, in fruits they have never been equalled. Scores of tables were covered with all the varieties of apples and pears that have been shown at previous exhibitions at this season of the year. The principal exhibitors of fruit from the country districts were ... Mr J Marriott of Campbell's Creek, and they in several classes obtained first and second prizes." Quite a lucrative season!

The following week, at the Bendigo Agricultural and Horticultural Society's autumn show, a list of the prizes won included⁵¹: "J Marriott for cucumbers, 1st prize 10s; tomatoes, 1st, 10s; for table apples, 2nd prize, £1; cooking apples, 2nd, £1; for ditto six of one variety, 1st, 10s; for table pears, 2nd £1; almonds, 1st 10s; walnuts, 2nd, 5s."

Later in the year at Bendigo Agricultural and Horticultural Spring Show⁵², which was noted as being "an unqualified success, and was pronounced by many persons to be one of the best, if not the best, spring shows ever held. The attendance was very

⁴⁷ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 23 Oct 1876 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

⁴⁸ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Wed 27 Dec 1876 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

⁴⁹ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Thu 8 Mar 1877 Page 3 AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

⁵⁰ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 23 Mar 1877 Page 3 MELBOURNE.

⁵¹ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 30 Mar 1877 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

⁵² Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 26 Oct 1877 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

good, between 3500 and 4000 having visited the ground": "J. Marriott, Campbell's Creek, for one brace of cucumbers."

FROST AFFECTS CROPS

However disaster struck in November 1877, when a heavy frost damaged crops, as reported in the *Mount Alexander Mail* on Monday 12 November 1877⁵³: "the orchards, which up till Friday delighted the eyes of their owners by the vigorous health of heavily laden fruit trees, have in some directions been severely smitten with frost. Vines have especially suffered by the visitation, which came and almost passed away unnoticed. It was only on Saturday that the ravages could be traced on tender leaves scorched, blackened, and dropping that before were fresh and green, and on the young berries of the grape that were yellow, as if the life was hopelessly smitten out of them. Upon low lying lands the scourge was felt in the greatest severity ... Mr Marriott, of Campbell's Creek, ... lost heavily, and there are too many growers in the same category, who will have the same tale to tell. It is much feared that this scourge will cause a great failure in this district of wine making. Potatoes, fig trees, and the melon species have also been smitten with the frost, but not to the same extent as the vine. Last evening the weather was unpropitious, and there was every appearance of another frost, but later at night a drizzling rain set in with every prospect of continuance."

Even by 28 November 1877, they were counting the cost of the earlier frost to the crops and predicting some crop failures.

However the following year, John Marriott and his son Alfred Marriott were again winning prizes for the best cucumbers and gooseberries.⁵⁴ The Mount Alexander and Upper Loddon Agricultural and Pastoral Association's Spring Show⁵⁵ also proved successful: "There were some fine strawberries of the Edith and Marguerett sorts supplied by Mr Marriott ... Cucumbers, rhubarb, and oranges from Mr Marriott, were all of them first class." A novelty rug made from wild cat skins was also on display, but the show of flowers was very disappointing, and wines were poorly represented. However John Marriott did manage to win 2nd and 3rd prize for cherries, 2nd and 3rd prize for oranges and a sample of rhubarb, and 2nd for cucumbers.⁵⁶

On Monday 2 December 1878, the *Mount Alexander Mail*⁵⁷ reports: "Mr Marriott brought to our office on Saturday some cherries, grown in his orchard at Campbell's Creek, that would be prize-takers were there a show at which they could be exhibited. As it is they will get the happy despatch, along with many of their kindred, from those who relish a luscious cherry, and who is there who does not! They are of the Early Lyons variety, a sort well deserving of cultivating, as they are of large size, plenty of fruit, and little stone; in colour dark, almost black. Free selection at £1 an

⁵³ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 12 Nov 1877 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

⁵⁴ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 25 Oct 1878 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

⁵⁵ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Thu 31 Oct 1878 Page 2 MOUNT ALEXANDER AND UPPER LODDON AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION'S SPRING SHOW

⁵⁶ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Thu 31 Oct 1878 Page 2 PRIZE LIST.

⁵⁷ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 2 Dec 1878 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS

acre, and in a climate where such cherries can be grown, should not be a bad diversion of industry."

It must have been a good season, because the newspaper reported that "Mr Marriott had at his stall in the market on Saturday no less than thirty-eight kinds of gooseberries. They were large in size, and amongst them we noticed the 'Billy Dean', the Leveller, the Plunder, King Cole, Clayton, and other kinds. They were from Mr Marriott's garden at Campbell's Creek, and as some of these sorts took prizes at the Melbourne show, it speaks well for the productive qualities of the soil in this district."⁵⁸

THEFT OF HORSE AND CART

Crime in the district wasn't far away though. The *Mount Alexander Mail* on Monday 16 December 1878⁵⁹ reported the following unfortunate incident concerning John Marriott which I am sure you will find amusing:

"A smart capture was made on Saturday night by Trooper Foley, of a man who drove off a horse and cart that was, as usual, left standing outside of the market house by Mr Marriott, till he was ready to take his departure home for the night, about ten o'clock. When Mr Marriott first missed his property he thought some wag had been playing a practical joke upon him, but failing to discover it on reaching his house, he immediately communicated the circumstance to Senior-constable Wilkinson, who, with Trooper Foley, and accompanied by Mr Marriott, started off in pursuit of the thief. They soon ascertained that a man driving the horse and cart was seen passing along Campbell's Creek, and once on the trail, they followed it up to Guildford, where they found it expedient to separate, so as to take the branch roads. Senior-constable Wilkinson took the Newstead road, while Trooper Foley went on the Daylesford road, which he had proceeded on for about four miles when he saw the thief preparing to camp for the night. Tying up his horse, he promptly charged the fellow with stealing the horse and dray, and there arrested him, to which of course the other evinced a strong disposition to resist by showing fight, and drew out a knife. Trooper Foley faced this menace by presenting his revolver, at the same time commanding him to drop his knife, which he reluctantly did, and seeing his position hopeless, resigned himself to his captor. Before reaching Guildford Senior-constable Wilkinson came up; Mr Marriott recognised his property, and the prisoner was brought to the lock-up, in which he was lodged at four o'clock yesterday morning. Mr and Mrs Marriott were, of course, rejoiced at having their property so quickly restored to them, which is valued at £40. The cleverness of the police in running their game so smartly to earth is highly creditable to them, and it is the more agreeable to notice at this time, when reflections are cast upon the force by their inability to secure the Kellys."

There's a report from the Castlemaine Police Court on Friday 20th December 1878⁶⁰ where a man named John Fraser was brought up on remand for stealing the horse, spring-cart and harness, the property of John Marriott.

⁵⁸ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 9 Dec 1878 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

⁵⁹ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 16 Dec 1878 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

⁶⁰ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Sat 21 Dec 1878 Page 2 CASTLEMAINE POLICE COURT

The story goes like this:

“Stealing Horse and Dray. — John Fraser was brought up on remand for stealing a horse, spring-cart and harness, the property of John Marriott. The prosecutor stated that his mare branded G over D, was standing in the Market Reserve on last Saturday night, harnessed to the cart. Missed it after 10 o'clock, and after giving information to the police, accompanied Constable Foley to Guildford, who went on the Daylesford road, and he and another constable went on the Newstead road. On prisoner being captured and brought to Guildford, witness asked him why he stole a poor man's horse, to which he replied, "he did not want it." The horse in the cart was seen standing by a cabman at the water-trough, opposite the Five Flags hotel, about 10 o'clock, and was driven away by prisoner. On Constable Foley overtaking the prisoner, about 3 miles past Guildford, he asked Fraser where he was going to, on which he replied, "what is that to you." On telling him he was a police constable, Fraser said he was "going this way," indicating thereby the Daylesford direction. On being asked whose horse and cart he was driving, prisoner told him to mind his own business. The Constable thereupon charged him with horse stealing, and told him he must go back with him to Guildford, but he said he would not, and tried to urge the horse forward, but the Constable seized it by the head. Upon this being done, Constable Foley was about to proceed to handcuff Fraser, but the latter objecting to this, pulled out a knife which was opened, saying, "I have something here that will do for you," unless you let me go. As he declined to drop the knife, the Constable drew out his revolver, and again told him to drop the knife. This command was effectual, and it was followed by the surrender of the prisoner. On Fraser being cautioned and asked if he had anything to say, he stated he was working with a man (Stewart) 2 miles from Guildford, and having been drinking, did not well know what he was doing, beyond he wanted to look for his swag. He was committed for trial at the General Sessions.”

The *Mount Alexander Mail* on Tuesday 25 February 1879⁶¹ reported the court proceedings:

“GENERAL SESSIONS. Monday, Feb. 24th.

(Before His Honour Judge Leech, Mr J Pearce, J.P., and a jury of twelve.)

Mr J. T. T. Smith, prosecuted for the Crown.

STEALING.

John Fraser was presented against for feloniously stealing a mare, cart, and harness, on 14th December. He was also presented against for feloniously receiving the above articles, well knowing them to be stolen. On being asked how he pleaded, he said he was not guilty of stealing, but was guilty of receiving. The Crown Prosecutor briefly narrated the facts of the case, and called upon the following witnesses. John Marriott deposed that on 14th December, he came into Castlemaine in the evening with his horse and cart, which he left at the back of his stall in the market. He missed them from there about 10 o'clock, and from information he received, he went in company with the police to Guildford, in pursuit of the thief. About 2 o'clock on

⁶¹ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Tue 25 Feb 1879 Page 2 GENERAL SESSIONS.

Sunday morning the prisoner was brought to Guildford by Trooper Foley, along with the horse and cart. Walter McGuinness, a cab-driver, saw Mr Marriott's horse and cart at the Five Flags Hotel, on the night in question. Trooper Foley overtook the prisoner about three miles beyond Guildford, driving Mr Marriott's horse and cart, about one o'clock on Sunday morning. On questioning the prisoner about the horse and cart, he refused to give any explanation respecting them, whereupon Foley caught the horse's head, and charged Fraser with the theft. On telling him he must be arrested, Fraser went off towards a fence, and pulling out a knife, and placing himself in position, said there is something here will do for you. On Foley pulling out his revolver, Fraser dropped the knife, and surrendered himself.

The prisoner declared he had been at work until the 12th December, at Gibson's, until the middle of the day, when he went to Guildford and had some beer. He Had gone into Castlemaine with his swag, and while on the way the cabman dropped several people. He did not know that he was in Castlemaine when there, and his swag was lost. He had also lost a lot of money he had worked hard for, and he wanted to find his swag. This was the rambling statement the prisoner gave to account for his conduct, and he produced a letter which was handed up to the judge. His Honour reviewed the evidence, and remarked the case was a very simple one. The jury had to consider what credence could be placed on the prisoner's statement, as to his intention in taking away the horse and cart. Without leaving the box, the jury found the prisoner guilty of stealing, but recommended him to mercy on the ground that they believed he had been drinking, and did not know what he was doing."

On Tuesday 25 February, the newspaper reported⁶² that "Fraser, who was found guilty of stealing the horse cart and harness belonging to Mr Marriott, was found guilty, and sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment." A satisfactory end to the incident.

EXPORT CROP SUCCESS

On Monday 10 February 1879, the *Mount Alexander Mail*⁶³ reported: "Notwithstanding the drought of the past three months, Mr Marriott of Campbell's Creek, has despatched a large quantity of fruit, not only to Melbourne, but to New Zealand. On Saturday Mr Marriott had a capital show of fruit in the market." John had entered the export business.

In March, John Marriott was winning awards for his fine produce⁶⁴: "At the Bendigo Agricultural Society's Autumn Show, held on Friday, the following prizes were awarded to Mr J Marriott of Campbell's Creek: Cucumbers, 1st and 2nd prizes; rhubarb, 2nd prize; grapes, red, 1st prize; apples, 12 varieties, 2nd prize; walnuts, best dish, 1st prize; fruit, general collection, 2nd prize; cut petunias, 12 varieties, 1st prize; do. 6 varieties, 2nd prize."

⁶² Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Tue 25 Feb 1879 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

⁶³ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 10 Feb 1879 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

⁶⁴ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 31 Mar 1879 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

In an article in the *Mount Alexander Mail* on Friday 14 November 1879⁶⁵, it notes the prizes John Marriott won at a show:

“The annual Spring Show of the Bendigo Agricultural and Horticultural Society was opened on Wednesday at the society show yards. The great features of the show were the splendid exhibits of horses, machinery and implements, flowers, and poultry, which has not been surpassed at any former show of the season. Among the prize-takers we find the following: Mr John Marriott of Campbell’s Creek, carried off the following: For cabbages, 2nd prize; cauliflowers 1st, broccoli 1st, parsnips 2nd, rhubarb 1st, lettuce 2nd, horse radish 1st, cucumbers 1st, strawberries 2nd, do. collection 1st, light cherries 2nd.”

The *Mount Alexander Mail*⁶⁶ reported on the Mount Alexander and Upper Loddon Agricultural and Pastoral Society’s annual show on Thursday 23 November 1882, reporting: “Mr Marriott was a large and successful exhibitor of fruit, his cherries were of great size, and his gooseberries were almost without number, he having had about 60 varieties. For this collection he gained first prize, nor did any person approach him. Some of the Edith strawberries were two inches broad, but for flavour a consumer would prefer some of the redder and smaller sort. Mr Marriott had an excelsior cucumber, a fine specimen, and rhubarb of large size.”

John Marriott also sold his goods at the Castlemaine Retail Market and continued to show his produce at local shows, winning many prizes and accolades for the quality and size of his produce and fruit. From the descriptions of the fruit and vegetables you can imagine how lush and productive John Marriott’s gardens and orchards must have been, and the huge amount of work that maintaining them must have entailed.

An article in the *Mount Alexander Mail* on Thursday 26 March 1885⁶⁷ said:

“The Autumn Show in connection with the Bendigo Agricultural and Horticultural Society was opened on Tuesday. Amongst the prize-takers we notice the name of Mr John Marriott, of Campbells creek. His display of fruit was excellent, the twelve varieties of table applies being reckoned to be the best shown for some time. Mr Marriott was awarded first prize for this exhibit, and also first for twelve varieties of cooking apples, the largest of which weighed 5 ½ lbs. He also got first prize for cooking apples, six of one variety, second prize for table pears, six of one variety. The same exhibitor was also successful in his display of vegetables, securing first prize for carrots, first and second for cucumbers 21 inches long, and second for the best dish of onions. The following are the varieties of apples he showed: Northern Spy, New England Pigeon, Marston's best, Nickajack, King of the pippins, Cornish aromatic, Fearon's pippin, Shepherd's Perfection, Margie, Rosemary russett, Cox's orange pippin, and Adam's Pearmain.” More success.

⁶⁵ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 14 Nov 1879 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

⁶⁶ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Thu 23 Nov 1882 Page 2 MOUNT ALEXANDER AND UPPER LODDON AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL SOCIETY'S SHOW

⁶⁷ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Thu 26 Mar 1885 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

In the *Mount Alexander Mail* on Wednesday 9 June 1886⁶⁸, the article describing the sale of the Standard Brewery mentions that “The brick cottage, of four rooms and land, having an area of about 1 ½ acres, and adjoining the Brewery, used as a malster’s residence, was purchased by Mr John Marriott for £100.”

John and Jane Marriott were involved in the shipwreck of the s.s. *Cheviot* on 19 October 1887 while embarking on a trip to Newcastle from Geelong. Although they survived, the terrifying ordeal must have taken a mental and physical toll on them health-wise. (See separate story).

As a result, an article in the *Mount Alexander Mail*⁶⁹ on Wednesday 7 December 1887 states the following:

“**NOTICE.** Owing to a misunderstanding, the sale from the undersigned John Marriott of his Market Gardens at Campbell’s Creek to the undersigned Bartlett Ford has not been completed. Mr Marriott will continue his business as heretofore. Dated this sixth day of December 1887. John Marriott. Bartlett Ford.”

The *Mount Alexander Mail* of 15 December 1887⁷⁰ re-advertised the property for sale: “A splendid opportunity. For Sale – the well-known Orchard and Nursery of Mr John Marriott, Campbell’s Creek. The owner reluctantly retiring on account of ill-health.”

SAMUEL SUTTON

In an article in *The Harcourt News*, November 2018⁷¹, is a short description of a man known as Samuel Sutton, who worked for John Marriott on his orchard.

“In 1871 Samuel Sutton left Harcourt, to work as gardener for John Marriott in a garden at the south-west corner of Main Road and Princess Street, Campbell’s Creek. Marriott’s orchard was written up in extravagant and complimentary terms in the *Mount Alexander Mail* in November 1883. (See separate article). The garden was 10 acres in extent and contained (in the Mail’s opinion) some of the best trees and plants in the colony. The soil had been trenched to the depth of fourteen feet while hundreds of loads of soil and manure had been brought in. The trees showed that pruning and skill had been exercised with great discretion. Mr. Marriott gave full credit to Mr. Samuel Sutton for his able assistance with the garden and the adjacent plant nursery. John Marriott had been described as ‘a great prize taker at agricultural shows for fruit and vegetables’. He died in March 1891. Sam Sutton kept up the orchard on behalf of Mrs Marriott. On 23rd March 1894 Samuel took ill while at work in Mrs. Marriott’s orchard and died soon after. Due to the sudden nature of his death the police arranged for a magisterial enquiry before Mr C Tolstrup J P. A policeman reported the death to the Registrar of Deaths.”

FORAY INTO POLITICS

⁶⁸ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Wed 9 Jun 1886 Page 2 SALE OF THE STANDARD BREWERY.

⁶⁹ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Wed 7 Dec 1887 Page 3 Advertising

⁷⁰ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Thu 15 Dec 1887 Page 3 Advertising

⁷¹ https://harcourt.vic.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/1811b_TheCore.pdf

John Marriott was also active in local politics, as this article in the *Mount Alexander Mail* on Wednesday 22 August 1883⁷² shows:

“Mr Joseph Mannington being the only candidate nominated for the Guildford riding, and Mr John Marriott for the Campbells Creek Riding of the Shire of Mount Alexander, both these gentlemen have been declared duly elected.”

Now we move on to look at John and Jane Marriott’s children, before coming back to describe where and when John and Jane died and where they are buried.

⁷² Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Wed 22 Aug 1883 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

Martha MARRIOTT

Martha Maria MARRIOTT (2nd) who was born in 1862 in Campbell's Creek married a **Thomas SINCOCK** on 22 July 1884⁷³. Thomas Sincock, a prominent fruitgrower at Campbells Creek, died aged 46 years on 7 September 1903⁷⁴.

A marriage ceremony was performed at the Primitive Methodist Church, Hargreave-street, yesterday by the Rev. W. Gould, the bride being Miss Martha Marriott, daughter of the well-known gardener of that name, of Campbell's Creek, and the bridegroom Mr Sincock, formerly a resident of the same locality. The bride was dressed in grey cashmere trimmed in satin and Edelweiss lace, and was attended by six bridesmaids.

Marriage Notice.

Death Notices – Thomas Sincock.

Mr Thomas Sincock, of Campbell's Creek, who has been under medical treatment in Melbourne for some time, died on Monday night, at the age of 46 years. Deceased was a prominent fruitgrower at Campbell's Creek, and was widely known and respected.

SINCOCK.—On the 7th September, at Melbourne, Thomas, dearly loved husband of Martha Sincock, of Campbell's Creek, aged 46 years. Asleep in Jesus.

⁷³ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Wed 23 Jul 1884 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS. Marriage notice.

⁷⁴ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Thu 10 Sep 1903 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS. Death Notice.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) View title info Wed 9 Sep 1903 Page 1 Family Notices. (Ref 10180 / 1903)

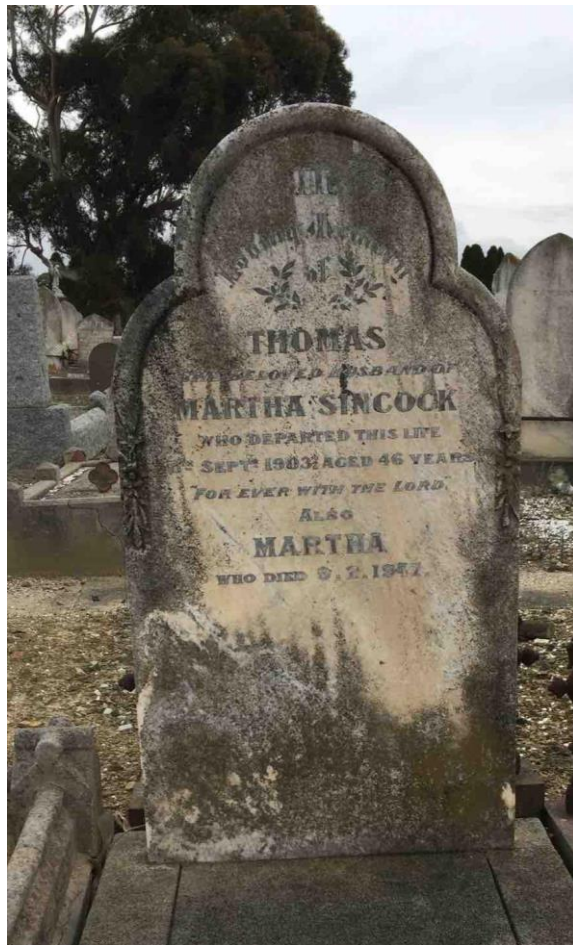
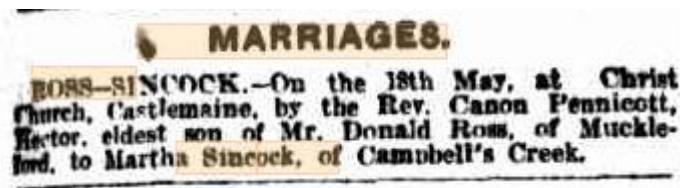


Figure 9 - Headstone, Martha and Thomas Sincock.

Headstone image Source: BillionGraves⁷⁵

It would appear Martha remarried after Thomas's death to a Hector Ross of Muckleford on 18 May 1908 (Ref 2691/1908)⁷⁶.



⁷⁵ <https://billiongraves.com/grave/Martha-Sincock/36139805>

⁷⁶ The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) Wed 20 May 1908 Page 1 Family Notices

However Hector Ross committed suicide on Friday 24 March 1916 by shooting himself with a Lee-Enfield rifle. Apparently he was unemployed at the time and suffering from depression⁷⁷.⁷⁸



⁷⁷ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917), Saturday 25 March 1916, page 2; Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 27 Mar 1916 Page 3 SHOOTING (partially unreadable; The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Mon 27 Mar 1916 Page 11 CASUALTIES AND FATALITIES

⁷⁸ Births Deaths Marriages Victoria, Ref 1019/1916

SUICIDE BY SHOOTING.
CASTLEMAINE, Friday. — A middle-aged married man named Hector Ross committed suicide on Friday evening. He sat on a bed with a Lee Enfield rifle between his knees, the muzzle pointing at his throat, and pulled the trigger. Death was instantaneous. He was a labourer at Thompson's foundry, but had been idle for some time and was much depressed.

SHOOTING FATALITY

DEATH OF HECTOR ROSS

CORONIAL INQUIRY

DEATH SELF-INFLICTED

CAUSED BY MENTAL DEPRESSION

The District Coroner (Mr Bartold MD) held an inquiry at the Hospital on Saturday morning into the circumstances surrounding the death of Hector Ross, of Hunter street, particulars of which were published in Saturday's "Mail".

Sergeant O'Brien conducted the proceedings on behalf of the police.

Martha Ross, widow of the deceased, said she last saw him about 2 pm on Friday, when he was lying on a couch in the dining room. He had been working at the Foundry till last Wednesday night, when he was put off. Before witness: went out on Friday, and when she was saying good-bye, he said he was going to the Foundry for his pay. She returned shortly after 7 pm, and she found him in a small room at the back, lying on a bed, with a gun lying with him, and she immediately sent for a doctor, and he came very quickly. Some of the neighbours also came. Deceased had not seemed too good lately, and was depressed at being put off work, but said nothing that would indicate that he intended to take his life. He had no family. There were no monetary or other troubles. He was a member of the Castlemaine Rifle Club but the rifle was his own.

Minnie Morton, married woman, said she resided next door to where deceased lived. On Friday afternoon she heard a shot coming from the direction of Ross's house about 30 yards away. About a quarter of an hour later, Mrs Ross came running to her, saying "Hector has shot himself". She went and stayed on the verandah with Mrs Ross till the doctor came.

Constable Else said at 5.40 pm Dr Hill called at the police station and went with him to Ross's house. Deceased was in a back room lying full dressed on his back on a single bed, the bed slightly to the right. A Lee-Enfield rifle was clasped between hands and knees the butt being the instep. The muzzle was bent up in front of his face. A piece of tape was attached to the trigger of the rifle and ran back through the swivel on the rifle butt, and was from there clasped in the forefinger and thumb of the right hand. A large cushion was under the head and under the rifle case. A large wound was under the chin. The bullet had passed through his head, through a towel hanging at the head of the bed, and through the wall. There was an empty shell in the rifle. Deceased was 41 years of age, and owing to slackness of trade had been put off at the foundry on Wednesday night. Am of the opinion deceased shot himself. There was evidence that he had been melancholy lately.

Dr Hill deposed to seeing deceased lying on the bed and there was a pool of blood on the floor of the room. He was fully dressed, all but his coat and vest. After describing the position of body and the rifle, the doctor said there was a large quadrilateral wound under the chin, powder-marked. The lower jaw was fractured, and a bullet wound was extended through the base of the skull through the brain, and out of the top of the skull. The bullet passed through a towel which lay on the head rail of the bed and perforated the wooden wall of the room. Death was due to the injuries mentioned, which in his opinion, were self-inflicted.

The Coroner found that death was from a rifle shot wound, self-inflicted, while mentally depressed.

Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 27 Mar 1916 Page 3 SHOOTING FATALITY. (Original copy on Trove unreadable, transcript from copy provided from National Library of Australia.)

SHOOTING TRAGEDY

CASE OF SUICIDE.

CASTLEMAINE RESIDENT'S

DEATH.

INQUIRY TO BE HELD.

Hector Ross, a well-known resident of Hunter street, was found dead at half-past five o'clock yesterday afternoon as the result of a determined shooting incident.

Neighbours heard a rifle shot at about five past five, but for the time, though perplexed, took no further action.

Subsequently, the serious nature of the case was known, and Dr. Hill informed. He set out for the house immediately, and found Ross was quite dead, lying on a bed in an outer room.

An examination revealed that the corpse, was fully dressed, with the exception of the coat and vest. A Lee-Enfield rifle was between the deceased's knees, with the barrel pointing upwards. The butt was held between the feet, a long piece of tape was tied to the trigger, passed up through the sling swivel, and the other end held in the fingers of the right hand. The left hand, which was lying across the breast, clasped a small hand mirror. There was a large quadrilateral aperture under the chin, where the bullet had entered, passed through the brain and skull, and through the wall of the room.

The police, who had been notified, made a brief examination, and had the body removed to the Morgue, where an inquest will be held at 10 o'clock today.

The deceased was 41 years of age, and leaves a widow, for whom much sympathy is expressed. He was until recently employed at the Foundry, but for a brief period had been unemployed, and as a consequence has been much dispirited and depressed.

Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917), Saturday 25 March 1916, page 2

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Hector Ross, a well-known resident of Hunter street, was found dead at half-past five o'clock yesterday afternoon as the result of a determined shooting incident.

Neighbors heard a rifle shot at about five past five, but for the time, though perplexed, took no further action.

Subsequently, the serious nature of the case was known, and Dr. Hill informed. He set out for the house immediately, and found Ross was quite dead, lying on a bed in an outer room.

An examination revealed that the corpse was fully dressed, with the exception of the coat and vest. A Lee-Enfield rifle was between the deceased's knees, with the barrel pointing upwards. The butt was held between the feet, a long piece of tape was tied to the trigger, passed up through the sling swivel, and the other end held in the fingers of the right hand. The left hand, which was lying across the breast, clasped a small hand mirror. There was a large quadrilateral aperture under the chin, where the bullet had entered, passed through the brain and skull, and through the wall of the room.

The police, who had been notified, made a brief examination, and had the body removed to the Morgue, where an inquest will be held at 10 o'clock today.

The deceased was 41 years of age, and leaves a widow, for whom much sympathy is expressed. He was until recently employed at the Foundry, but for a brief period had been unemployed, and as a consequence has been much dispirited and depressed.



Figure 10 - Headstone - Hector Ross, Muckleford.

Hector Ross was buried at Muckleford Cemetery, Mount Alexander shire, Victoria.

Martha died on 6 February 1947 aged 81 years in Castlemaine⁷⁹, and was buried with her first husband Thomas in Melbourne General Cemetery, College Crescent, Parkvale.

It is presumed there were no children.

⁷⁹ Births Deaths and Marriages Victoria, Ref 16432 / 1947



Figure 11- John Colliccoat with wife Alice (courtesy Stephen Colliccoat, great-grandson)

Alice MARRIOTT

Alice MARRIOTT married a **John COLLICOAT**, in 1886. She was born on Thursday 5 May 1864. Her marriage notice in the newspaper on Saturday 25 September 1886⁸⁰ read: “**Colliccoat-Marriott** – On the 15th September, at the Wesleyan Church, Campbells Creek, by the Rev. James Lowe, John Colliccoat, eldest son of John Colliccoat, Yapeen, to Alice Marriott, youngest daughter of J. Marriott, Nurseryman, Campbell’s Creek.”

Together they had nine children: **Alice Victoria – 1887-1970**, **Lily – 1888-1960**, **Harold John – 1890-1970**, **Violet Jane – 1891-1917**, **Wilfred – 1893-1955**, **Cecil Alfred – 1895-1971**, **Herbert Charles – 1897-1913**, **Maud May – 1899-1979**, **Albert Edward – 1901-1955**.⁸¹

From other articles it would appear John Colliccoat was a blacksmith of Yapeen, like his father. An article in the *Mount Alexander Mail* on Tuesday 29 November 1892: “Our Yapeen correspondent writes: Mr John Colliccoat, our local blacksmith, who for nine months has suffered pain and expense from a dislocation of the knee-cap, was able to commence work yesterday.”

John Colliccoat’s business was located at 109 Barker Street – a timber Victorian house, the former residence and site of the workshop, plus he also worked out of various other premises over the years.

Violet Jane COLLICOAT married a man named **Frederick James HALL** in 1912, but she died suddenly on 24 September 1917, as per the newspaper notice⁸²: “**CASTLEMAINE**. A sad death occurred on Monday night when Violet, wife of Mr Fred J. Hall of G. Clark and Son’s staff, died from general debility, at the early age of 26. She was the third daughter of Mr J Colliccoat, blacksmith, and was much loved by a wide circle of young people in the town. She had been married for about four years.” They had one child Frederick Cecil Hall in 1917, but he only lived one year.

Her funeral notice⁸³ read: “The funeral of the late Mrs Violet Jane Hall, wife of Mr F.J. Hall, took place from the residence in Pleasant street, yesterday morning. The remains were interred in the Methodist portion of the Castlemaine Cemetery, in the presence of a large number of friends. Deceased was a daughter of Mr J. Colliccoat, and was highly respected by all that knew her, and much sympathy is expressed for the husband and family in their sad bereavement. The polished coffin was carried to the graveside by Messrs H. Woodward, J. Marriott, W. Hall, C. Beach, N. Hall, and A. Hall. The Rev. R. Ditterich read the burial service at the graveside, and also

⁸⁰ The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) Sat 25 Sep 1886 Page 5 Family Notices

⁸¹ Albert Edward Colliccoat is Stephen Colliccoat’s father. He provided most of the information about Alice Marriott and John Colliccoat and some extra information about John Marriott, including the family photos. Stephen had previously researched the Colliccoat family and produced several reports. (Email April 2020).

⁸² The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Thu 27 Sep 1917 Page 8 COUNTRY NEWS.

⁸³ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 28 Sep 1917 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS

conducted a short service at the residence before the funeral, and Messrs T. Odgers and Co. carried out the funeral arrangements.”

Alice Victoria COLLICOAT married **Fred Horace WOODWARD** in 1908 and had two children: **Horace Frederick George WOODWARD**, 1914 and **Hazel Lily WOODWARD** in 1916.

Harold John COLLICOAT married a **Ruth SNELL** in 1911. Their wedding notice⁸⁴ reads: “MARRIAGE. COLLICOAT-SNELL – On 21st June, at St Andrews Church, by the Rev. J. Crookston, Harold John, eldest son of Mr J. Colliccoat, Castlemaine, to Ruth, youngest daughter of Mr W.B. Snell, Bendigo.”

Wilfred COLLICOAT – (26/4/1893-21/6/1955) married **Olive BLACKMORE** (1892-1943) in 1918. They had one child - **Wilfred Kenneth Colliccoat** in 1919. He then married Annie Elizabeth Walker (1908-1960). When he died he was living in Sunshine, Victoria.

Cecil Alfred COLLICOAT married **Dorothy Mae ANDERSON** in 1936.

Cecil signed up to the Australian Imperial Forces in Liverpool NSW on 7 May 1915, but under an assumed surname of “Albert Cecil Paterson”, though the reason is unclear. He had to sign an affidavit later on 22 October 1919 changing to his correct name. He admitted to having served throughout the war under his assumed name. He was 22 years 1 month old, and listed his occupation as a Motor Mechanic and driver. He listed his sister Alice Woodward as his next of kin, and said he had been in the Castlemaine Cadets for 4 years.

COLLICOAT CECIL ALFRED : Service Number - 252578 : Date of birth - 15 Dec 1894 : Place of birth - Unknown : Place of enlistment - Unknown : Next of Kin - COLLICOAT DOROTHY

Cecil served in the Middle East until 7 September 1916, and then in England during 1917, suffering several ailments over the period.

He returned to Australia on the H.T. “*Frankfurt*” on 20 August 1919 and was awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. Cecil died on 13 June 1971 in Elwood, Victoria.

Maud May COLLICOAT married **William Stanley JONES** in 1920. She died in 1979 in Dandenong, Victoria.

Albert Edward COLLICOAT married **Mena Ivy DOWNES** in 1936. He died on 28 April 1959 at St Henry’s Hospital, South Melbourne, Victoria.

Burial records show that **Lily COLLICOAT** died in June 1960 in Brunswick, Victoria, and is remembered at Fawkner Memorial Park⁸⁵ (Garden of Remembrance 3 Wall Niches, Wall X, Side W/Row 2, Niche 6), and **Wilfred COLLICOAT** died on 21 June

⁸⁴ The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Sat 12 Aug 1911 Page 4 Family Notices

⁸⁵ <https://www.gmct.com.au/deceased/1669278>

1955 and is remembered at Fawkner Memorial Park⁸⁶ as well in the Garden of Remembrance (Garden of Remembrance 2, Wall 7, Section 9, Niche 27).

Sadly **Alice COLLIcoat** died at the age of 40 years on Monday 24 April 1905 from breast cancer, and the magnificent nearly new house she had built in 1899 with the proceeds of her parents inheritance, known as Collicoat House, was put up for sale. Her youngest child Albert Edward was four years of age.

Alice Collicoat is buried in an unmarked grave in the same cemetery as her parents in Castlemaine.

In 1907, after Alice passed away, John Collicoat married an **Ada Jane SNELL**, but there were no children from this marriage.

John COLLIcoat died on 4 November 1931 aged 69 at Glenhuntly, Victoria. His death notice⁸⁷ reads: "**COLLIcoat** – on the 4th November, at the residence of his eldest son, Harold, 64 Mimosa Road, Carnegie, John Collicoat, of 41 Bowden St, Castlemaine, beloved husband of Ada Jane Collicoat, aged 69 years."

His funeral notice in The Age (Melbourne)⁸⁸ read: "**COLLIcoat** – the Friends of the late Mr John Collicoat, of Castlemaine, are informed that his remains will be interred in the Brighton Cemetery. The funeral will leave the residence of his son, Mr Harold Collicoat, 64 Mimosa Road, Carnegie, today (Friday) 6th November, at 11 o'clock. B Matthews Pty Ltd, Funeral Directors."

The full story of the Collicoat family is documented by Stephen Collicoat and available by request.

Alfred John MARRIOTT

Alfred John MARRIOTT married **Elizabeth Jane GRAY** in 1890 and they had 7 children: **Reginald John** (1891-1891), **John** (1893-1941), **Emily Jane** (1894-1938), **Alfred William** (1896-1967), **Mabel Irene** (1898-1899), **Sylvia Violet** (1899-1982) and **Eileen Isabel** (1903-1953). Elizabeth was born on 19 August 1869.⁸⁹

Alfred had taken over the management of his father's property after he died in 1891 and won a gold medal at the Geelong Show although I have not been able to find reference to this so far.

Earlier, Alfred had applied for a 15-year mining lease for gold in the Campbell's Creek area. The notice was advertised in the *Mount Alexander Mail* on Tuesday 11 October 1898⁹⁰. It was an area of about 400 acres and was expected to be alluvial gold.

Alfred died on 14 June 1903 from heart failure. His death notice in the *Mount Alexander Mail* on Monday 15 June 1903⁹¹ reads:

⁸⁶ <https://www.gmct.com.au/deceased/1646566>

⁸⁷ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Thu 5 Nov 1931 Page 1 Family Notices

⁸⁸ The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) Fri 6 Nov 1931 Page 1 Family Notices

⁸⁹ Information from the Marriott Family Tree on Ancestry.com

⁹⁰ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Tue 11 Oct 1898 Page 3 Advertising

⁹¹ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 15 Jun 1903 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

"The death occurred at "Bostonville", Campbell's Creek, yesterday morning of Mr Alfred John Marriott, from heart failure, after two weeks illness. Deceased, who was 36 years of age, was the only son of the late Mr John Marriott, orchardist, of Campbell's Creek, and was highly respected throughout the district. He leaves a widow and five young children. The interment will take place today at the Campbell's Creek Cemetery, the cortege leaving deceased's late residence, "Bostonville" at 4.15 pm."

On 16 June, the *Mount Alexander Mail*⁹² reported: "General regret is expressed at the sad and unexpected death of Mr A. J. Marriott. Deceased was a native of Campbell's Creek, and resided here almost continuously from his birth. Great sympathy is felt for his widow and children."

On 16 June, the *Mount Alexander Mail*⁹³ reported: "The remains of the late Mr Alfred J. Marriott, of Campbell's Creek, were also interred in the Campbell's Creek Cemetery yesterday afternoon, and despite the inclement weather were followed to the grave by a very large number of friends from all parts of the district, and the polished coffin was covered with floral tributes. Two mourning coaches contained representatives of the family. The Rev. J Rogers conducted the service at the grave."

Alfred John Marriott made his will on 9 June 1903 just 5 days before he died. In the Will he left all his property to his wife Elizabeth Jane Marriott, but left to his son John Marriott the "grandfather's clock to be left at his death to his eldest son (and in the event of his dying without issue to be handed over to the eldest son of my eldest surviving child), also my grandfather's watch, and my opal pin and the gold medal from the Geelong Show. To my son Alfred William Marriott, I give and bequeath my watch, gold chain, gold pin and medal. I also direct that the sum of £30 be set aside to purchase a memento for my three daughters, Emily Jane Marriott, Sylvia Violet Marriott, and Eileen Isabel Marriott."

In February 1904, the property was to be sold at auction: "Mr W Adams, auctioneer, calls attention to the important sale of superior household furniture, buggy, orchard requisites, etc at Campbell's Creek on Wednesday next for Mrs Sincock. The sale will take place at her residence formerly occupied by Mr Marriott, senr, Main Road." (This was Martha, Alfred's sister who married Thomas Sincock.)

The newspaper advertisement⁹⁴ listed the following household furniture and effects: Splendid Pianoforte (Steinmeyer); New walnut dining room saddlebag suite, 9 pieces; Sideboard, Cheffionere, Extension Dining Table, Linoleum, Fenders and Irons, Armchairs, Vienna Chairs, Clocks, Wardrobe, Chest 8 Drawers, Marble Top with stands and ware, T. Tables, R. and Sq. Tables etc; also double seated buggy harness, spring cart, Avery scales 6 cwt, orchard scarifier, Knowles' spray pump, garden tools of every description, 3 wheelbarrows, step ladders and ropes etc. The furniture is nearly new, of first class quality and for absolute sale."

⁹² Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Tue 16 Jun 1903 Page 2 DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE.

⁹³ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Tue 16 Jun 1903 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

⁹⁴ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Sat 13 Feb 1904 Page 3 Advertising

Elizabeth died on 9 June 1920 in Campbell's Creek at the age of 56 years. Her death notice in *The Argus (Melbourne)*⁹⁵ reads:

"MARRIOTT. On the 9th June, at her residence, Campbell's Creek, Elizabeth Jane, beloved wife of the late Alfred John Marriott, loving mother of John, Emily (Ciss), William, Sylvia and Eileen, and loved sister of Mrs Joseph Amos (Parkville, George and John Gray (Geelong) and Alfred Gray (Brunswick)."

In a later Bereavement Notice⁹⁶, the family give thanks:

"MARRIOTT. The Sons and Daughters of the late Mrs E J Marriott desire to return sincere thanks to their many kind friends and relatives for letters, cards, telegrams, floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement. Would all kind friends please accept this intimation."

Jane MARRIOTT (Eliza Mary Bolton Stow-Dale's sister) died on 2 August 1897 in Campbell's Creek, Victoria, Australia aged about 72 years and is buried at the Castlemaine General Cemetery. Her husband John Marriott died six years earlier on 25 March 1891 aged 59 years. Also buried with their parents are Martha (died 1860) and Reuben (died 1860).



Figure 12 Headstone John Marriott and Jane Stow

⁹⁵ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Wed 16 Jun 1920 Page 1 Family Notices

⁹⁶ The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) Wed 21 Jul 1920 Page 1 Family Notices

The inscription on their headstone reads:

Sacred to the memory of John Marriott, who died 25th March 1891 aged 59 years. Also his beloved wife Jane, died 2nd Aug 1897, aged 72 years. Also their children Martha and Ruben who died in their infancy.

The initial death notice for John in the *Mount Alexander Mail*⁹⁷ on Friday 27 March reads:

"MARRIOTT, On the 26th inst, at his residence, Campbell's Creek, after a long and painful illness, John Marriott, aged 59 years. Peacefully at rest."

His death notice in the *Mount Alexander Mail*⁹⁸ reads:

"ITEMS OF NEWS

One of the pioneer gardeners of Campbell's Creek, Mr J Marriott, who was a great prize taker at agricultural shows for fruit and vegetables, died yesterday, after a lingering illness. In the early days, when employed at the Standard Brewery, he saw the prolificness of the soil in the immediate vicinity, and turned his attention to cultivation, with a success that gave direction to the industry of many others. Deceased, who was 59 years of age, turned the flats of Campbells Creek into rich orchards, in which he reared the best description of fruit. His enterprise was well rewarded by the money he acquired. He had two marvellous escapes from shipwrecks, Mrs Marriott and himself having been saved when almost all the passengers perished, notably in the Cheviot disaster. In the flood which occurred on the 1st January 1889, his dwelling-house at Campbells Creek was surrounded by water, and he only saved his life by getting on the roof. His orchard being submerged, great damage was done to it by the uprooting of trees, and the deposition of large stones and gravel, while much of the soil was washed away. A quiet, industrious, honourable man he was much respected in the neighbourhood, and by those who knew him intimately. The deceased was a member of the Campbells Creek Riding in the Mount Alexander Shire Council for a term, during which he discharged his duties fearlessly and impartially, and was frequently solicited to allow himself to be re-nominated for the seat, but declined."

Another death notice reported:

"COUNTRY NEWS, CASTLEMAINE, Friday.

Mr John Marriott, who has for many years' past been a successful exhibitor of fruit and vegetables at agricultural shows, died yesterday at Campbell's Creek, where he cultivated a splendid orchard. The deceased was one of the survivors of the disaster that befell the steamer Cheviot some time ago outside Port Phillip Heads while she was proceeding to Sydney."

The funeral of John Marriot was reported in the *Mount Alexander Mail* on Monday 30 March 1891⁹⁹ as follows:

⁹⁷ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 27 Mar 1891 Page 2 Family Notices

⁹⁸ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 27 Mar 1891 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

⁹⁹ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 30 Mar 1891 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.


"The mortal remains of the late Mr John Marriott, of Campbells Creek, were interred in the Castlemaine Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, and despite the rain and the absence of many friends who are holiday-making, the funeral was a large one. Several members of the Forrester's and Oddfellow's Lodges were present. The pall-bearers were selected from old members of both lodges, who walked each side of the hearse from the house to the cemetery, followed by two mourning coaches containing the friends of the deceased. The coffin was greatly admired, being a piece of splendid workmanship, made of polished satin wood with cedar panels and mounted with beautiful nickel silver handles and ornaments, and the lid covered with wreaths and crosses of choice flowers sent by the friends of the deceased. The burial service at the grave was read in a very impressive manner by the Rev Mr Jackson, and the funeral arrangements were well conducted by Mr T Odgers."

John Marriott had made a will on 3 December 1887 in which he arranged for an annual income for his wife, and upon her death the money was to go to his children in equal shares, [signed]

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "John Marriott". The ink is dark and the background is light and slightly textured.

The following year, on 15 July 1892, the *Mount Alexander Mail*¹⁰⁰ reported that "Mr W. Adams, auctioneer, reports having sold Mr W Young's property at Campbells Creek to Mrs Marriott."

Jane made her will on 29 June 1894 at Campbells Creek. In this she bequeathed to her brother Joseph Stow of New South Wales the sum of £200, and to her daughter Eliza Mary Penna of Campbells Creek the sum of £100, and to her daughter Martha Sincock "my buggy" and to her son Alfred John Marriott my fruit waggon and harness, and to transfer all her "real estate and freehold lands held by me to my son Alfred John Marriott and his heirs, and as to all the rest residue and remainder of all my said real and personal estate after the above mentioned gifts device and bequests in trust for my said daughter and Alfred John Marriott my son equally share and share alike." [signed]

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Jane Marriott". The ink is dark and the background is light and slightly textured.

A note in *The Argus* (Melbourne, Thursday 5 August 1897)¹⁰¹, page 6 notes Jane's death:

"Castlemaine. Mrs Marriott, a colonist of 45 years, has died at Campbell's Creek at the age of 74. Deceased and her late husband (who were amongst the rescued

¹⁰⁰ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 15 Jul 1892 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

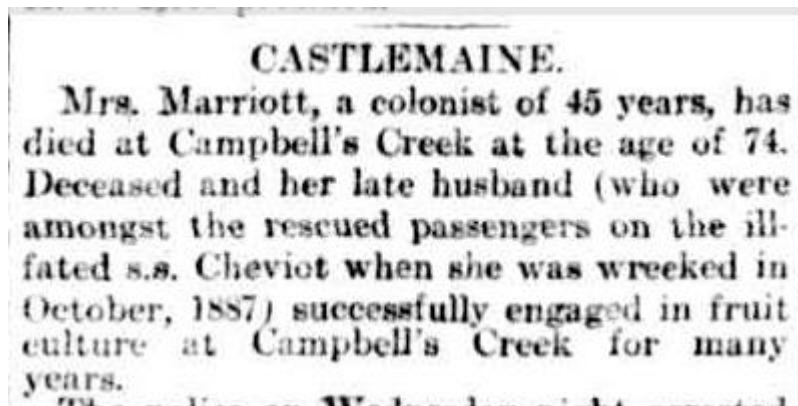
¹⁰¹ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Thu 5 Aug 1897 Page 6 CASTLEMAINE.

passengers on the ill-fated s.s. Cheviot when she was wrecked in October 1887¹⁰²) successfully engaged in fruit culture at Campbell's Creek for many years."

Her funeral notice in the *Mount Alexander Mail* on 5 August 1897¹⁰³ read:

"Funeral Notice. The friends of the late Mrs Jane Marriott (relict of the late Mr John Marriott) are respectfully invited to follow her remains to the place of interment, the Castlemaine Cemetery. The Funeral will move from her late residence, at Campbell's Creek, This Day (Thursday) at four o'clock. T Odgers & Co, Undertakers."

The next day, Friday 6 August 1897, the *Mount Alexander Mail*¹⁰⁴ reported: "The funeral yesterday afternoon of the late Mrs Marriott was largely attended. The coffin, which was of polished oak, with silver mountings, was covered with numerous floral tokens of sympathy, and at the grave, in the Campbell's Creek Cemetery, the burial service was read by the Rev F. Jennings. Messrs Odgers and Co were the undertakers."



The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Thu 5 Aug 1897 Page 6 CASTLEMAINE.

Two years later, on Friday 4 August 1899, there's a memorial notice in the *Mount Alexander Mail*: "In Memoriam. Marriott. In loving memory of my dear mother, Jane Marriott, who died on 4th August 1897, at Campbell's Creek. Gone but not forgotten. Inserted by E.M. Penna." [Eliza Mary]

A similar message appeared on Saturday 4 August 1900¹⁰⁵ in the same newspaper.

More information about the wreck of the *Cheviot* can be found on Trove¹⁰⁶ as written in *The Pictorial Australian* (Adelaide, SA : 1885 - 1895) Sat 1 Oct 1887 Page 2. THE WRECK OF THE CHEVIOT.) Half the crew and passengers were lost and John and Jane were rescued clinging on to a line fired out from a cannon as the seas were too rough to launch a rescue boat. There is even a newspaper piece written by John on his experiences. While he gives the impression in his article that he and his wife who were God fearing souls fairly calmly dealt with the situation, he suffered from a

¹⁰² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS_Cheviot

¹⁰³ *Mount Alexander Mail* (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Thu 5 Aug 1897 Page 3 Family Notices

¹⁰⁴ *Mount Alexander Mail* (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 6 Aug 1897 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

¹⁰⁵ *Mount Alexander Mail* (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Sat 4 Aug 1900 Page 2 Family Notices

¹⁰⁶ <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/225065855>

weakened heart and the accident was suggested by one writer to have probably contributed to his relatively early death at 59. (See separate story).

In the *Mount Alexander Mail*¹⁰⁷ on Saturday 16 October 1897, there's an advertisement announcing the sale of the entire property of "the late John Marriott, Campbell's Creek". This sale was a number of freehold properties and effects. Mention is made that the "properties comprise some of the best land and orchard property in the colony, the whole being in full profit and in splendid order; about 7000 young stock will be available for sale next season from the nurseries. Also, and immediately after the sale of properties, there will be sold one horse, cart and harness, one dray and harness, implements, garden tools, and sundries, household furniture and effects etc." Also noted was the fact that one of the properties including a 4-roomed cottage and outhouse was occupied by Mr A Marriott (John's son).

In the *Mount Alexander Mail* on Saturday 23 October 1897¹⁰⁸, the Executors of John and Jane Marriott's wills lodged a notice calling for any person who had a claim against the estate to contact them.

¹⁰⁷ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Sat 16 Oct 1897 Page 3 Advertising

¹⁰⁸ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Sat 23 Oct 1897 Page 3 Advertising

Eliza Mary STOW

Eliza Mary STOW/MARRIOTT, the surviving twin, married a **Samuel Pearce PENNA**, a miner, in 1881 in Campbell's Creek. She died aged 83 years in Brunswick in 1939. Samuel's birthplace was Adelaide. Together they had seven children, although the website below¹⁰⁹ lists 8 children as one died in infancy.



Figure 13 - Eliza Mary Penna - Marriott, with husband Samuel Pearce Penna and daughter Caroline Pearce Penna.

¹⁰⁹ <https://www.familytreecircles.com/penna-samuel-married-eliza-marriott-1881-24202.html>

This is a list of their children:

1. **Joseph Arthur PENNA.** Born: 1882 Castlemaine, Victoria. D. 1956
2. **Alfred John PENNA.** Born: 1884 Castlemaine, Victoria. D. 1982
3. **Alice Jane PENNA.** Born: 1886 Castlemaine, Victoria. D. 1937
4. **Rueben Pearce PENNA.** Born: 1889 Castlemaine, Victoria. D. 1923
5. **Louisa Frances PENNA.** Born: 1891 Castlemaine, Victoria. D. 1985
6. **Samuel Thomas PENNA.** Born: 1893 Campbells Creek, Victoria. Died: 1894
Campbells Creek, Victoria. Age: 07 months.
7. **Caroline Pearce PENNA.** Born: 1894 Campbells Creek, Victoria. D. 1980
8. **Albert Victor PENNA.** Born: 1897 Campbells Creek, Victoria. D. 1926

Samuel Penna died on 13 April 1922, his death notice in *The Argus (Melbourne)*¹¹⁰ reads:

DEATH. PENNA. On the 13th April, at Campbells Creek, Samuel Pearce Penna, aged 70 years, the beloved husband of Eliza Mary, and loving father of Joseph, Alfred, Reuben, Albert, Jean, Louisa (Mrs Murray), Carrie (Mrs Stevenson). Passed peacefully away.

Eliza's death notice in 1939 reads:

"PENNA, On July 21, Eliza Mary, dearly beloved wife of the late Samuel Pearce Penna of Campbells Creek, Castlemaine and the loved mother of Louisa (Mrs Murray, West Brunswick), Caroline (Mrs H Stevenson, Ouyen), Rev Joseph Penna (Carlton), Alfred (Mount Martha), Jean (Mrs Keast, dec.), Capt. R Penna (dec), Albert Victor Penna (dec.): in her 84th year.
A loving mother at rest."

Eliza Mary Penna was buried on 24 July 1939 in Fawkner Memorial Park¹¹¹ Methodist B, Grave 1157, along with her son Reuben Pearce Penna.



Figure 14 - Headstone - Reuben Pearce Penna and Eliza Mary Penna, Fawkner Memorial Park.

¹¹⁰ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Mon 17 Apr 1922 Page 1 Family Notices

¹¹¹ <https://www.gmct.com.au/deceased/1586775>

Samuel Penna was lucky to live so long though, as he had an untimely brush with death several years earlier, as these two newspaper reports indicate:

"FOUND DOWN OLD SHAFTS

CASTLEMAINE, Sat Sept 15.

On Wednesday last Mr Samuel Penna left his home at Campbell's Creek for Maldon on foot, and was not again heard of until this afternoon, when he was found in an abandoned shaft at Diamond Gully. Mr Penna states that in taking a short cut he slipped and fell into the hole, in which he had remained up till the time he was discovered."¹¹²

"OLD MAN IMPRISONED FOR THREE DAYS.

CASTLEMAINE, Sunday.

An elderly man named Samuel Penna, residing at Campbell's Creek, was rabbiting on Wednesday, last near Fryerstown. Nothing having been heard of him since, a search party was organised early on Saturday morning. One of the party, when nearing some abandoned diggings, heard moans, and found that Penna had fallen into an old shaft 20 feet deep, out of which he had been unable to climb. He was hoisted, out uninjured, with the exception of a few bruises, but in a very feeble state, through being imprisoned in the shaft for three days and nights."¹¹³

Entering a flooded mine

Even before that Samuel Penna had been in a precarious position healthwise, and the next story shows his courage and determination in the face of adversity.

On New Year's Day 1889, *The Argus*¹¹⁴ reported that there was "the most disastrous flood that has been experienced here since 1854 occurred today, involving the loss of several lives and the destruction of thousands of pounds worth of municipal and private property. Shortly after noon the rain descended in torrents, accompanied by a great deal of thunder and lightning. The storm continued without abatement until at about 8 o'clock. It was noticed that both the Forest and Barker's creeks were rising rapidly. The former, which is partly silted up by the debris from the sluicing companies at Chewton, was soon running bank high, and before those whose properties were contiguous to the creek could realise the situation, the storm waters had spread until a foaming mass of water, fully 300 yards in width, bearing with it poultry, pigs, domestic utensils, portions of fences and houses and remains of bridges, was rushing through the town. All the bridges between Castlemaine and Chewton have been destroyed, as also have most of those spanning Barker's Creek. The destruction of property at Chewton, Castlemaine proper, Campbell's Creek, Yapeen, Guildford, and other places must be enormous, but as the storm is now

¹¹² The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Mon 17 Sep 1906 Page 1 FOUND DOWN OLD SHAFTS

¹¹³ Leader (Melbourne, Vic. : 1862 - 1918, 1935) Sat 22 Sep 1906 Page 24 SIMILAR MISHAPS.

¹¹⁴ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Wed 2 Jan 1889 Page 5 DISASTROUS FLOOD AT CASTLEMAINE.

(half-past 10) in full force, and as nearly all means of communicating with outside districts are destroyed it is impossible to obtain anything like full particulars tonight. Sufficient is known, however to justify the flood of New Year's Day being characterised as one of the most appalling that has ever occurred in the district. ... At the Francis Ormond Company's mine, Chewton, two miners named O'Connor and Dennis were working in the mine when it became flooded, and both were drowned."

This flood also completely destroyed John Marriott's orchards and gardens, as reported separately in their story. John and Jane Marriott were Eliza Penna's parents.

The fate of the two miners at the Francis Ormond mine on New Year's Day 1889 when part of the mine was flooded "so suddenly and with such terrific force did the waves of water descend upon them that escape was impossible" was reported in the Coroner's Court in May of the same year. It had taken many months to finance the retrieval which cost over £1,000 and to make the mine safe.¹¹⁵

So it wasn't until May when sufficient water had been pumped out of the mine that a search effort could begin, and it appears that Samuel Penna was one of a number of men who were tasked with entering the mine and retrieving the bodies. It was a dangerous operation as "the atmosphere was sickening, and the work was one of danger by reason of the unsafe condition of the timbers, the men went bravely on."¹¹⁶ The bodies were eventually brought to the surface for identification and a proper burial. The newspaper descriptions of the state of the two victims were graphically described in the newspapers but will not be repeated here.

However, there was another incident at this time which threatened Samuel Penna's life.

On Thursday 16 May 1889, the *Mount Alexander Mail*¹¹⁷ reported: "An accident occurred yesterday to an able and experienced miner named Samuel Penna, whilst he was engaged in the shaft of the Francis Ormond Co., recovering the bodies of Dennis and O'Connor. By some means he received a severe wound on his hand, and it had to be dressed at the Hospital."

However on Friday 17 May 1889, the *Ballarat Star*¹¹⁸ reported that "The Castlemaine Leader hears that S. Penna, who was engaged in conveying the bodies of Dennis and O'Connor to the surface, cut his arm whilst at the work, and a case of blood poisoning occurred. He was brought in to the Castlemaine Hospital."

On Friday 17 May 1889, the *Bendigo Advertiser*¹¹⁹ reported that "The unfortunate man S. Penna, who met with an accident to his arm on Wednesday afternoon, whilst removing the bodies of the deceased, remains at the hospital under treatment for

¹¹⁵ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Thu 16 May 1889 Page 6 THE FRANCIS ORMOND MINE FATALITY

¹¹⁶ The Australasian (Melbourne, Vic. : 1864 - 1946) Sat 18 May 1889 Page 33 COUNTRY NEWS

¹¹⁷ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Thu 16 May 1889 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

¹¹⁸ The Ballarat Star (Vic. : 1865 - 1924) Fri 17 May 1889 Page 2 No title

¹¹⁹ Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Fri 17 May 1889 Page 3 THE FRANCIS ORMND FATALITY.

blood poisoning. He was in an unconscious condition throughout the whole of the night, but rallied this morning, and is considered out of danger." He was later reported to have "recovered his senses, and is now progressing favourably."

Finally on Saturday 18 May 1889, the *Mount Alexander Mail*¹²⁰ happily reported: "The man, Samuel Penna, who was poisoned by foul air when getting out the miners at Chewton from the Francis Ormond, was discharged yesterday all right."

A lucky escape indeed!

At the subsequent inquest *The Argus*¹²¹ reported, "The evidence of Senior-constable Armstrong and Samuel Pierce Penna chiefly proved that the men, Dennis and O'Connor, met their death by drowning near the mouth of the shaft of the mine, and that subsequently their bodies were washed to the drives in which they were found. Penna, who was the contractor for sinking the shaft, further stated that on the morning of the 1st January, all the appliances were in safe and sound condition." There were other circumstances which led to the mine being flooded including placing a mullock bank across the nearby creek which subsequently flooded the area and caused the water to race down the mine shaft, and efforts to get the men up out of the shaft failed because the steam engines operating the lift had stopped working.

As reported in the *Mount Alexander Mail*¹²² on Saturday 1 June 1889, Samuel Penna gave evidence: "Samuel Pierce Penna, a miner, residing at Campbells Creek, deposed: I was working in the Francis Ormond mine on New Year's Day as one of the contractors sinking the shaft. I left the mine at 9 o'clock in the morning, and was not at the mine when the accident happened. On the 15th May I went down the shaft to look for the bodies. We came on Dennis at the end of the crosscut, and found O'Connor up a drive. The mine on 1st January was in first-class order. I never knew the steam winch to fail in bringing up its load." Further on in the evidence it states: "Samuel Penna, recalled, said, in reply to Mr Godwin: I was a partner with the deceased miners in a contract, on which they were engaged when the accident occurred. We were sinking the shaft, and were paid at the rate of £4 per foot. On New Year's morning we were cleaning up the bottom of the shaft to further the work of sinking. I am an old miner, but do not know anything about the bed of the creek. I cannot say anything about the exact height and width of the mullock heap, because I never went near it. The heap might be 100 ft from the shaft. I am at present working at the Francis Ormond mine on wages."

The *Bendigo Advertiser*¹²³ ran a similar story:

"Samuel Pierce Penna, a miner, residing at Campbell's Creek, who had been working at the mine on New Year's Day, deposed that he left the claim at about 9 a.m., when there were no men working. He was a contractor for sinking the shaft; and deceased should have gone down about one p.m. on that day. The witness then

¹²⁰ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Sat 18 May 1889 Page 2 ITEMS OF NEWS.

¹²¹ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Sat 1 Jun 1889 Page 11 THE FATALITY IN THE FRANCIS ORMOND MINE

¹²² Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Sat 1 Jun 1889 Page 2 THE FRANCIS ORMOND MINE DISASTER

¹²³ Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Sat 1 Jun 1889 Page 5 THE FRANCIS ORMOND FATALITY.

gave evidence as to the discovery of the bodies, and corroborated the testimony of last witness as to cause of death. When he left the mine on New Year's Day, the winding gear and all works were in first class order, or, in other words, that was the ropes, cage and steam winch. He never knew the winch to fail to bring its load away from the bottom of the shaft. The signal apparatus was in good working order when he left the mine on New Year's Day."

The eventual verdict of the Coroner was that the two miners who died were drowned from a sudden influx of water, and no blame was attached to any person.¹²⁴

House Fire

Years later, a Ballarat newspaper article on Friday 26 November 1920¹²⁵ told the story of a devastating fire. It was probably Reuben Pearce Penna's home:

"House Destroyed by Fire. A five roomed weatherboard cottage in Humffray Street, Ballarat East, occupied by Mr Penna, returned soldier, and his family, was with its contents, totally destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. When the outbreak was discovered an effort was made to remove some of the furniture from the building but the flames spread too rapidly. The Ballarat Fire Brigade arrived promptly in response to a call, but could do nothing more than prevent the fire from spreading to adjoining properties. No particulars with regard to insurance could be obtained."

We move on now to outline the lives of the Penna children, as noted in family trees, Army service records, and newspaper articles. This is in no particular order, just how it was typed up as information was found.



Figure 15 - Caroline Pearce Penna with daughter Ethel Laura Stevenson.

Caroline Pearce PENNA married a **Harry STEVENSON** (1892-1979) in 1914, who fought in World War I. His story is documented on a page on *The Standard* newspaper website.¹²⁶

STEVENSON Harry : Service Number - 543 : Place of Birth - Kilmore Ireland : Place of Enlistment - Melbourne VIC : Next of Kin - (Wife) STEVENSON Carrie¹²⁷

Harry was born in Kilmore, Country Cork, Ireland. He was 23 years 8 months when he enlisted on 22 March 1915, his occupation was Cook and he was married to "Carrie". He joined the 22nd Infantry Battalion as a Private and departed Australia on the HMAT "*Ulysses*" on 10 May 1915. He landed at Gallipoli with the 22nd Battalion as a machine gunner on 3 September 1915 and remained there until

¹²⁴ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 3 Jun 1889 Page 2 THE FRANCIS ORMOND DISASTER.

¹²⁵ The Ballarat Star (Vic. : 1865 - 1924) Fri 26 Nov 1920 Page 4 METEOROLOGICAL.

¹²⁶ <https://www.standard.net.au/story/2783032/my-grandfather-the-great-war-hero/>

¹²⁷ <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8093923>

evacuation. He was then formed into the 6th Machine Gun Company and later the 2nd Section, 2nd Machine Gun Battalion and ended up in France in early 1916. He suffered a range of ailments and injuries including severe thrombosis of both legs during the next few months. He was later transferred to the Australian Flying Corp until his discharge. He finally returned to Australia on the “*Ascanius*” on 23 September 1919, arriving home on 6 November.

During his service Private Harry Stevenson of the 6th M.G. Coy was awarded the Military Medal *“For conspicuous gallantry. On the morning of the 4th October, at Broodseinde, Stevenson was sent back through a very heavy enemy barrage for a gun to replace one that was missing. He reported at 7 am between the first and second objectives with the gun. Throughout the day he rendered invaluable assistance in reconnaissance and as a runner passing backwards and forwards through heavy enemy barrages with despatches.”* Recommended by J. Paton, Brigadier General, Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.

The Battle of Broodseinde Ridge was a major military battle for the Australian and New Zealand Forces in France, in which 27,000 Australian and New Zealand soldiers fought in order to capture a ridge and hill, overlooking some towns where the Germans had a stronghold.¹²⁸

His wife Caroline wrote to the Army seeking news of her husband on 7 November, saying she had not heard from him for several weeks. But the reply was that there was no recent report of casualty, and that “Driver H. Stevenson” can be assumed to be with his Unit. She again wrote on 1 June 1919.



Harry was awarded the 1914/15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Caroline and Harry married on 5 September 1914 in the Methodist Church, Campbells Creek. Her brother the Rev Joseph Penna officiated. They had 8 children altogether.

She died on 5 November 1980 and is buried at Nichols Point, Victoria. Harry predeceased her by nearly a year.

Figure 16 - Headstone - Caroline and Harry Stevenson, Nichols Point, Victoria.

¹²⁸ <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/E84313>



Albert Victor PENNA was born in 1897 in Campbell's Creek. His occupation was Secretary/Accountant. He died on 11 September 1926 of unknown causes. He donated considerable blood after his brother Reuben Pearce Penna was tragically injured in 1923.

His death notice¹²⁹ reads: "**PENNA**, on the 11th September, at Methodist parsonage, Katamatite, Albert Victor Penna, passed away at 7.30 pm. Loved by all who knew him. (Inserted by his friend, A.S. Ridley)."

Another death notice read: "**PENNA** – On the 11th September, at the residence of his brother, Rev. J Penna, Katamatite, Albert Victor, dearly loved youngest son of Mrs S Penna, Campbell's Creek, loved brother of Joe, Alf, Reuben (deceased), Jean (Mrs Keast), Louie (Mrs Murray), Carrie (Mrs Stevenson)."

Albert is buried at the Katamatite Cemetery, Victoria.

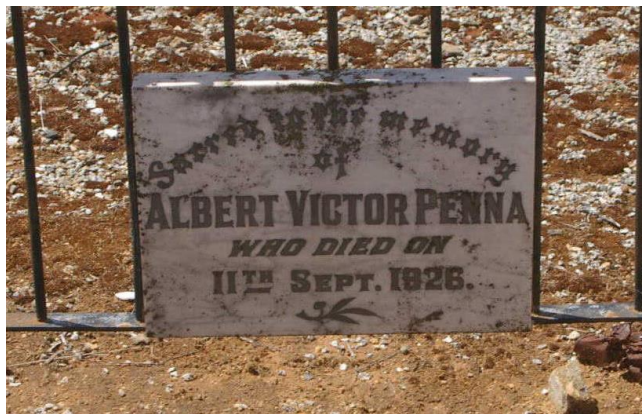


Figure 17 - Headstone - Albert Victor Penna, Katamatite Cemetery.

¹²⁹ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Tue 14 Sep 1926 Page 1 Family Notices

Reuben Pearce PENNA¹³⁰ served with the Australian Imperial Force, enlisting on 7 September 1914 after resigning from the Victorian Mounted Police. He was born on 17 September 1889.

PENNA Reuben Pearce : Service Number - Captain : Place of Birth - Castlemaine VIC : Place of Enlistment - Melbourne VIC : Next of Kin - (Father) PENNA Samuel.

A brief snapshot of his service follows:



He was a mounted policeman on enlistment, single and 25 years 11 months of age. He lived in Campbell's Creek.

His army records show he embarked from Australia on 21 October 1914 and was in Gallipoli on 11 September 1915, returning to Alexandria on 3 January 1916. He was mentioned in Despatches at Ismalia on 6 February 1916 and promoted to 2nd Lieutenant. He then went to France on 21 October 1916 and was at Rouen. He was evacuated to

England on 10 November on the H.S. *Carisbrook Castle* with Pyrexia and rheumatic psoriasis (skin affection). Following his recovery we was sent to Etaples in February 1917 and joined his Battalion in the field. On 7 November 1918 he was transferred from the 22nd Battalion to the Australian Provost Corps promoted to Captain, and to command the Australian Corps Field Punishment Compound. On 24 May 1919 he was sent to Calais for embarkation to the UK for duty at Tidworth. He was demobilised on 2 January 1920 when he requested to return to Australia to get married and pursue business interests. He received the 1914/15 Star, and the British War and Victory Medals.

The *Mount Alexander Mail*¹³¹ reported this wonderful news about Reuben:

"MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

CAMPBELL'S CREEK SOLDIER. CONSPICUOUS SERVICES.

Mr Samuel Penna, of Campbell's Creek, yesterday received an official communication to the effect that his son, Sergeant R. P. Penna, has been mentioned in despatches. The message states that Sgt Penna has rendered conspicuous service in the capacity of a mounted military police. No particulars are yet to hand, but details are yet expected. Sgt. Penna has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant."

¹³⁰ NAA: B2455, PENNA REUBEN PEARCE -

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8015133>

¹³¹ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 14 Apr 1916 Page 2 MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

And the *Ballarat Courier*¹³² followed up:

“CASTLEMAINE. PROMOTED AT THE FRONT.

Mr. S. Penna of Campbell's Creek, has received an official intimation that his son, Sergt. Penna, serving at the Front, has been mentioned in despatches for conspicuous service, and has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant.”

KILLED IN TRAM ACCIDENT

According to his Police records, Reuben died on Saturday 24 November 1923 at the Melbourne Hospital from injuries received from being run over by a tram.

*The Argus*¹³³ reported the horrific accident in depth, and following editions of various newspapers covered the story as well:

“Mounted Constable Killed

Struck by Cable Tram

Good Service with A.I.F.

Mounted-constable Reuben Penna, aged 34 years of Redesdale, died in the Melbourne Hospital late on Saturday afternoon as the result of injuries sustained when he was knocked down by a cable tram in St Kilda road early in the afternoon. Penna who was transferred to Melbourne temporarily some weeks ago in consequence of the police mutiny, was on his way to the police depot, St. Kilda road, when the accident occurred. Jumping from a tram in front of the police hospital he was struck by a tram going towards Melbourne, and carried along some distance. When the tram was stopped and he was extricated he was found to have sustained terrible injuries. He was removed to the Melbourne Hospital and admitted at 25 minutes to 2 o'clock with the base of his skull fractured and his right leg severely crushed. He died at 5 o'clock. Since his arrival in Melbourne, Penna, who leaves a widow and two children, had been stationed at the police depot. He joined the police force 11 years ago. During the war he served abroad with the Australian Imperial Force, and attained the rank of captain. He was very popular among residents of Redesdale and district.

Another newspaper article¹³⁴ said: “mounted-constable Penna, of Redesdale, was knocked down by a cable tram in St Kilda road early on Saturday afternoon. He died later at the Melbourne Hospital.”

¹³² The Ballarat Courier (Vic. : 1869 - 1883; 1914 - 1918) Sat 15 Apr 1916 Page 10 CASTLEMAINE.

¹³³ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Mon 26 Nov 1923 Page 12 MOUNTED CONSTABLE KILLED.

¹³⁴ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Mon 26 Nov 1923 Page 10 NEWS SUMMARY.

*The Herald*¹³⁵ reported on Wednesday 28 November that Reuben's brother Albert had donated blood in attempt to save his life:



ALBERT PENNA, the Law student who made a vain sacrifice in attempting to save his brother's life by blood transfusion.

"STUDENT'S SACRIFICE

Another Chance to Sit For Exam.

Albert Penna, the third-year law student, whose vain sacrifice in attempting to save the life of his brother by transfusion of blood, described in "The Herald" last night, resulted in him missing his law examination, will not be penalised for his gallant effort. Mr J. Bainbridge, registrar of the 'Melbourne University, intimated today that on proper application being made Mr Penna would

be admitted to the supplementary exams. "Provision has been made for dealing with these cases," said Mr Bainbridge. "Mr Penna will have to make an application, but, of course, he is too ill to do this at present. On making the application, he will be allowed to sit at the supplementary exams."

And further on Saturday 1 December *The Weekly Times*¹³⁶ said:

"BROTHER LOVE Student's Vain Sacrifice

In an effort to save the life of his brother, Mounted Constable Reuben Penna who died in the- Melbourne Hospital on Saturday afternoon. Mr Albert Penna, a law student, of Millswyn street, South Yarra, gave a quart of his blood. The late Mr Reuben Penna 34, was married and had two children, He died from injuries received when he was knocked down by a cable tram in St. Kilda road, near the police barracks.

Mr Albert Penna is doing his third year at law, and has been paying his fees out of his salary as clerk for the Vacuum Oil Company. He sat for his examinations on Friday, and thinks he did very well. On Monday he was to have sat again. So pleased was he with the manner in which he had answered the questions on the examination paper on Friday that he was anxious to tell the news to his brother Reuben, for whom he has always had a very deep affection. Reuben was equally anxious, and was on his way to Millswyn street when he was knocked down by the tram. Despite his bereavement and his weak condition through loss of blood, Mr Penna attempted to reach the University to sit for his second paper, but he was too weak. Whether he will be penalised for this gallant sacrifice must be decided by the University authorities."

¹³⁵ The Herald (Melbourne, Vic. : 1861 - 1954) Wed 28 Nov 1923 Page 1 STUDENT'S SACRIFICE

¹³⁶ Weekly Times (Melbourne, Vic. : 1869 - 1954) Sat 1 Dec 1923 Page 8 BROTHER LOVE

On Monday 3 December, *The Herald*¹³⁷ added to the story:

"WALKED TO DEATH"

How M.C. Penna Was Killed

At the inquest this morning concerning the death of Reuben Pearce Penna, mounted constable, married, 35, of Redesdale, who was struck by a tramcar in St. Kilda Road on November 24, Mr Berriman, the City Coroner, said "Penna walked to his death." He recorded a finding of accidental death. Constable Penna was doing strike duty in the city. When he was taken to the Melbourne Hospital one of his brothers, a law student, offered himself for blood transfusion. Penna died the same day. Robert McKenna, motor driver, Hope street, South Yarra, said he saw Penna step off the wrong side of the dummy on to the line. He stumbled forward and was struck by the dummy of a tram car coming in the opposite direction. Penna was dragged about 10 yards. Ernest William Bums, gripman of the tram which struck Penna, said that he was only eight or 10 feet away from the oncoming dummy when he jumped. It was impossible for him (witness) to do anything."

On Tuesday 4 December 1923, *The Argus*¹³⁸ reported:

"MOUNTED-CONSTABLE KILLED. STRUCK BY CABLE TRAM.

Accidental Death.

Mounted-constable Reuben Penna, aged 34 years, of Redesdale, who was transferred to Melbourne for service after the police mutiny, stepped from a cable tramcar in St. Kilda road on November 24, and was struck by a tramcar driven in the opposite direction. Penna died in the Melbourne Hospital three hours after he was admitted. At the morgue yesterday the city coroner (Mr. Berriman, P. M.), after an inquiry into the circumstances, decided that Penna's death was due to accident. Evidence given by Robert McKenna, motor driver, of Hope street, South Yarra, was that Penna stood up on the tramcar opposite the police hospital. He stepped from the car, but as he did so he stumbled and was knocked down by another tramcar, which was only a few yards distant. Penna was dragged about 10 yards."

On Tuesday 4 December 1923, *The Age*¹³⁹ reported:

"Stepping from a moving tram. At the City Morgue yesterday, before the Coroner (Mr D Berriman) an inquest was held into the death of Rupert Penna, 35, mounted constable, of Redesdale who was killed in St Kilda Road on 24th November.

Robert McKenna, 21 Hope Street, South Yarra, said at 12.30 pm on that date he was seated on the dummy of a tram going toward St Kilda. A man who

¹³⁷ The Herald (Melbourne, Vic. : 1861 - 1954) Mon 3 Dec 1923 Page 13 "WALKED TO DEATH"

¹³⁸ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Tue 4 Dec 1923 Page 4 MOUNTED-CONSTABLE KILLED.

¹³⁹ The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) Tue 4 Dec 1923 Page 10 Mounted Constable Killed.

had been sitting beside him jumped off the wrong side of the tram as it was passing the police barracks. He stumbled forward and was knocked down by a tram going the opposite way and carried along for about ten yards. Similar evidence was given by other witnesses, who said the gripman of the tram had acted promptly in applying the brakes. The Coroner returned a verdict of accidental death."

His death notice in *The Argus*¹⁴⁰ on Monday 26 November reads:

"PENNA. On the 24th November, 1923, at Melbourne Hospital (result of tram accident), Reuben Pearce, late police-constable, Redesdale, the dearly beloved husband of Florence Penna, father of Harold and Leslie, son of Eliza Mary and the late Samuel Penna, of Campbell's Creek, and brother of Joe, Alf, Albert, Jean, Louie, and Carrie, aged 35 years. In the midst of life we are in death."

In the same edition, is the Funeral Notice:

"PENNA. The Friends of the late Mr Const. Reuben Pearce Penna are respectfully informed that his remains will be interred in the New Melbourne Cemetery, Fawkner. The funeral will leave the residence of his brother, Rev. Jos. Penna, 25 Albert Street, East Melbourne, this (Monday) afternoon, 1923, at 8 o'clock pm."



Reuben was buried at the Fawkner Memorial Park, Melbourne on 26 November 1923 and is in plot Methodist B, Grave 1157¹⁴¹ along with Eliza Mary Penna, 24/7/1939;

Rueben Pearce Penna, 25/1/1924-3/11/2012;

And his wife Brenda Margaret Penna, 3/8/1924-20/3/2014 (aged 88)

In early December *The Argus*¹⁴² ran this story which showed the depth of community spirit and support that was provided to Reuben's widow in the aftermath of such a tragic situation:

"HELP FOR COMRADE'S WIDOW.

To assist the widow of the late Mounted constable Reuben Penna, who died as the result of an accident in St Kilda road on Saturday, members of the police force within the metropolis decided yesterday to open a subscription list. At Russell street barracks £28 was contributed and at the police depot 34 constables each subscribed £1. Mrs Penna, who was an Englishwoman,

¹⁴⁰ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Mon 26 Nov 1923 Page 1 Family Notices

¹⁴¹ <https://www.gmct.com.au/deceased/1538560>

¹⁴² The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Sat 1 Dec 1923 Page 36 HELP FOR COMRADE'S WIDOW.

has no relatives in Australia with the exception of her dead husband's two brothers."

A few weeks later, *The Age*¹⁴³ reported on Friday 4 January:

"KNYETON – Mrs Penna, widow of the late Constable Penna, was presented with a cheque for £224 by the residents of Redesdale and district. Constable Penna was recently killed in a tramway accident in Melbourne while on duty in connection with the police strike."¹⁴⁴

The Argus¹⁴⁵ ran a similar story:

"GIFT TO CONSTABLE'S WIDOW.

KYNETON. Thursday. — At a final meeting of the fund committee held in Redesdale, Mrs. R. Penna, widow of the late Constable Penna, who was accidentally killed on St. Kilda road while on duty in Melbourne during the police strike, was presented with a cheque for £224, subscribed by the residents of Redesdale and district. Mrs. Penna intends to return to England with her children at an early date."

The following year, these memorials appeared in *The Argus*¹⁴⁶:

"IN MEMORIAM.

PENNA.—In loving memory of Reuben Pearce Penna, police constable, Redesdale, accidentally killed Melbourne November 24, 1923, loving husband of Cissie (Redesdale), son of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. Penna, brother of Joe, Alf, Albert, Jane, Louisa, Carrie (Inserted from Methodist Parsonage, Katamatite).

PENNA.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Reuben, who passed away in Melbourne on the 24th November, 1923. There is someone who misses you sadly. (Inserted by his loving wife, Redesdale.)"

Another website on the 22nd Battalion¹⁴⁷ has this information: **"Captain Reuben Pearce Penna** enlisted in September 1914 with the Field Artillery before being assigned to 1st Division Headquarters, then as a 2nd Lieut. in the 12th Battalion, and to the 22nd Battalion following the heavy losses sustained by the Battalion at Pozieres in August 1916. Following the signing of the Armistice Lieut. Penna was promoted to Captain in the Australian Army Provost Corps. Photograph courtesy of the VWMA and Amanda Friel (daughter) who has written and published a book entitled 'My Life Story by Reuben Pearce Penna'." (See separate pdf). The *Virtual War Memorial Australia* website¹⁴⁸ also has more information and links to documents.

¹⁴³ The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) Fri 4 Jan 1924 Page 8 Riverina News.

¹⁴⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1923_Victorian_police_strike

¹⁴⁵ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Fri 4 Jan 1924 Page 7 GIFT TO CONSTABLE'S WIDOW.

¹⁴⁶ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Mon 24 Nov 1924 Page 1 Family Notices

¹⁴⁷ <https://anzac-22nd-battalion.com/personal-photographs/>

¹⁴⁸ <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/217378>

*The Blurb*¹⁴⁹ website has links to order the book produced by Amanda Friel.

Reuben's son **Reuben Pearce PENNA** enlisted in the Australian Military Forces on 26 January 1942.

PENNA REUBEN PEARCE : Service Number - VX73386 : Date of birth - 25 Jan 1923 : Place of birth - KYNETON VIC : Place of enlistment - CAULFIELD VIC : Next of Kin - PENNA BRENDA

He was aged 19 years, born on 25 January 1923, single, and lived in Kyneton, his occupation being an Internal combustion motor mechanic. He listed his mother of 32 Newman St, West Brunswick as his next of kin, and his address as 109 Charles St, Northcote, Victoria. He was transferred to 3rd Motor Brigade Group workshops of the Australian Imperial Force.

In 1943 he suffered cellulitis in his left arm. He served in Bougainville from 6 December 1944 until 29 January 1946. He attained the rank of Sergeant on 10 January 1944. He was married on 26 August 1944 and was discharged on 12 February 1946.

Date listed: 7/11/2012: **PENNA**. - The Funeral Service for Mr Reuben Penna will be held in the Le Pine Chapel, 1048 Whitehorse Rd (cnr Linsley St) Box Hill on FRIDAY (Nov. 9, 2012) at 2.30 p.m. Private Cremation. Publication: Herald Sun.

Louisa Frances PENNA married **Alexander MURRAY** on 25 December 1913. The marriage was written up in the *Mount Alexander Mail*¹⁵⁰:

MURRAY-PENNA. The marriage of Mr Alexander Murray, second son of Mr and Mrs Murray, of Spring Gully, and Miss Louis[a] Frances Penna, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Penna, of Campbell's Creek, was celebrated in the Campbell's Creek Methodist Church on Christmas Day, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. B.E. Williams. Miss Cowling played the Wedding March. The bride who was given away by her father, was attired in a handsome gown of white embroidered net over white silk and wore the usual wreath and silk embroidered veil, and a pearl pendant and chain, the gift of the bridegroom. Miss Jean Penna, who was the bridesmaid, was dressed in a pretty gown of white muslin trimmed with lace insertion. She also wore a pearl brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr T Trevena, of Melbourne, was best man. After a wedding tea, held in Woodward's Café, the young couple left by the evening train for Melbourne. Her travelling dress was of grey silk and she wore a white tulle hat trimmed with forget-me-nots and a white ostrich feather."

¹⁴⁹ <https://au.blurb.com/b/1587756-my-life-story>

¹⁵⁰ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Mon 12 Jan 1914 Page 2 Family Notices

Years earlier, in THE YOUNG FOLKS column of the *Weekly Times*¹⁵¹ by Aunt Connie, there's a letter written to the newspaper from Louisa (Louie) Penna:

FOR TWENTY-ONE YEARS.

Campbell's Creek, 19th June, 1904

Dear Aunt Connie, "This is the first-time I have written to you and I hope .to become one of your many nieces. I am twelve years old and in the fifth class. Our teacher is Mr Campbell. We all like him very much. My father has been taking "The Weekly Times" for twenty-one years. We have a flower garden and vegetable garden at school. In order to get the flower garden we had to bring flowers, and plant them in it. My favourite songs are "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam" and "Old Folks at Home." I have, two sisters and four brothers. Their names are Carrie, Jane, Albert, Joe, Alfred and Reuben. My favourite books are the King's Servant, the Bible, and The Brave Woman. We are having wet weather. We had four frosts last week. And then it rained. The farmers have nearly finished ploughing. The early crops had a good start, and some of them are growing well. With love, I remain, your sincerely, LOUIE PENNA.

(I am glad to have you for a niece, Louie. Twenty-one years is a good record.)

Louisa lived in Campbell's Creek in 1914, and then in 1954 she is recorded at 32 Newman Street, Brunswick West, Victoria.

Her husband Alexander Murray died in May 1963, and Louisa died on 24 June 1985, and was cremated. She is remembered at the Fawcner Crematorium & Memorial Park, Garden of Remembrance 3 Wall Niches Section 5 Compartment J Niche 209. It is not known if she had any children.¹⁵²

Alice Jane PENNA was born in Castlemaine in 1886, and married **Edwin Somerville KEAST** (1873-1942) on 29 June 1922 in the Methodist Church, Collingwood. Her brother Rev Joseph Penna officiated. Edwin had been previously married to Jessie May Hunter in 1902 and they had six children. Jessie died in 1919 in Carlton, Victoria. Alice and Edwin had three children: **Edwin Somerville** (1923-2004, **Jean May** (1927-1991) and **one other**.

Edwin enlisted in the Australian Army on 6 August 1915. He was 43 years 11 months of age at the time, and his occupation was Labourer.

KEAST Edwin Somerville : Service Number - 3860 : Place of Birth - Ballarat VIC : Place of Enlistment - Melbourne VIC : Next of Kin - (Wife) KEAST Jessie Mabel

Edwin served with the 22 Infantry Battalion - 9 to 12 Reinforcements (February-April 1916) in France but suffered from Influenza and was

¹⁵¹ Weekly Times (Melbourne, Vic. : 1869 - 1954) Sat 9 Jul 1904 Page 8 FOR TWENTY-ONE YEARS.

¹⁵² Information from the O'Neill and McLellan Family Tree, ancestry.com

eventually discharged home in May 1917. He was awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Alice died on 1 December 1937¹⁵³:

KEAST: On December 1, at Camperdown Hospital, Alice Jane, the loved daughter of Mrs S. Penna and the late S. Penna of Campbell's Creek, sister of Rev. J Penna (Geelong), Alf (Bendigo), Mrs A. Murray (Brunswick), Mrs H Stevenson (Ouyen), Reuben and Albert (deceased).

Her obituary was published in the *Ouyen Mail*¹⁵⁴ on Wednesday 15 December 1937:

'Obituary Mrs Alice Jane Keast. Mrs H Stevenson, of Railway Terrace, Ouyen, was called away early this month by the sad news of the death at Camperdown Hospital of her sister, Alice Jane Keast, of Scott's Creek, at the age of 52 years. The Mrs Keast was the eldest daughter of Mrs S. Penna and the late Mr S. Penna of Camperdown, and the sister of the Rev. J Penna (Geelong), Alfred (Bendigo), Mrs A. Murray (Brunswick) and Mrs H Stevenson (Ouyen). Two other brothers, Captain R.P. Penna and Albert Victor Penna predeceased her.'

A large number of friends and relatives followed the sad cortege to the Cobden cemetery where her remains were laid to rest. The Rev. Cooper, of Cobden, officiated at the graveside.

Beautiful wreaths included one from the Presbyterian Church, one from the R.S.S.I.L.A. and numerous others from friends and relatives.

The coffin was borne by members of the R.S.S.I.L.A. of which her husband is a member.

She leaves a husband and three children, Percy, Edwin and Jean, to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother.

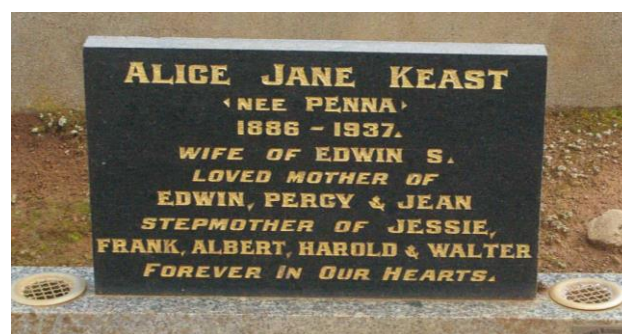


Figure 18 - Headstone - Alice Jane Keast, Cobden Cemetery.

Deep sympathy is felt for Mr Keast and family and relatives in their sad bereavement."

Alice is buried at the Cobden Cemetery, Victoria.

Edwin died in August 1942 in Oakleigh, and was buried on 12 August at Springvale Necropolis, Simmons Lawn – Lawn Grave, Row DB, Grave no 14.

¹⁵³ The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) Thu 9 Dec 1937 Page 1 Family Notices

¹⁵⁴ Ouyen Mail (Vic. : 1915 - 1918, 1931 - 1941) Wed 15 Dec 1937 Page 7 OBITUARY

Joseph Arthur PENNA



Figure 19 - Joseph Arthur Penna.

Joseph Arthur PENNA was the eldest son of Samuel Penna and Eliza Stow. He was born in 1882 in Castlemaine, and became a Methodist Minister. Together with his wife and 2 sons **Reuben Rowland** (1917-1995) and **Mervyn Henry** (1919-2007), they spent many years serving the Church.

I have searched Trove and found a number of articles written about Joseph and his ministry work through the years, and publish them here for you to read as they make great reading, and give a flavour of the life and times of a preacher in the early 1900s in the Victorian goldfields and the people whom he served.

31 July 1915

“THE WAR.

At the Cheltenham Methodist Church on Sunday night the Rev J. Penna spoke to a large congregation on the subject ‘The Christian’s Justification for participation in the great war.’ He dealt at considerable length with ‘the position which led England to take the attitude which it had done. They were in honour bound to respect a treaty entered into, never mind how old that treaty might be, or the cost of carrying it out. The speaker maintained that the war was one of righteousness, and although the Bible taught that one should do no murder, even force was necessary at times to ensure liberty and freedom, and the advancement of righteousness. The Rev speaker quoted the views of several English politicians on the war, and emphasised the wonderful efforts made by England to maintain peace, and the way those negotiation were received by this German Government. He concluded a stirring address with the hope that Britain would be victorious so that eventually peace would reign throughout the world, and further that all Australians would do their part in helping to secure this victorious peace.”¹⁵⁵

25 March 1916

“CHELTENHAM.

Rev. J. Penna severs his connection with the local Methodist Circuit in the course of a week or two. We understand that he intends joining the army of benedict on the 8th April, and after a short holiday will resume his ministerial duties at Wunghnu, near Namurkah. His successor is the Rev Leonard E. Hartshorn who has been in charge of Mortlake for the past two years, and will commence work in this circuit on the 16th April. A farewell

¹⁵⁵ Seaside News (Cheltenham, Vic. : 1915 - 1918) Sat 31 Jul 1915 Page 4 THE WAR.

social is to be tended to Rev. Penna at the Methodist Church on Tuesday night at 5 p.m. We understand that a presentation is to be made to him on that occasion, partly as a wedding gift and partly in recognition of his splendid twelve months' work whilst in charge of this Circuit."¹⁵⁶

19 April 1916

"Rev. J. Penna.

A POPULAR MINISTER.

Rev, J Penna, of Cheltenham, has been appointee to take charge of the recently formed Methodist Church circuit, which comprises Wunghnu, Marungi, Kaarimba, Congupna West and Bunbartha, referring to a social evening held in Mr Penna's honour prior to his leaving Cheltenham, a local paper states: On Tuesday evening, a social evening was held for the purpose of saying good-bye to Mr Penna and to wish him luck in his forthcoming marriage, and success in his new sphere of labour at Wunghnu. There was a very large attendance, over which Mr O. H. Fairbank presided. The gathering included representatives from Mentone and Beaumaris, also of other denominations, with whom the departing minister has worked so amicably during his term. Musical items were rendered during the meeting, the contributors thereto being Misses Payne, Lake, Benussi and Mrs Hick, a large choir also rendered several selections. The chairman in a eulogistic speech made a presentation to the Rev gentleman on behalf of the congregation and various societies connected with the church. The presentation took the form of a purse of sovereigns, and a very handsome lady's handbag for the prospective bride. Several speakers in eloquent terms dwelt upon the success of Rev. J. Penna's ministerial work during the past twelve months, and the hope was expressed that on some future date he would be appointed by the Conference to renew his relations with the large circle of friends which he had formed. The Speakers included Mr H. Clayton, on behalf of Beaumaris; Messrs J. J. Rogers and W. J. Roberts, for Mentone; Mr R. Woff, for the Cheltenham Sunday-school and Trust; Mr F. C. Lake, for the lay preachers, and Mr A. Boston on behalf of the choir. Rev. J. Penna was visibly affected by the kindly remarks made and acknowledged same in grateful terms. He expressed sincere thanks for the handsome gifts given him and was pleased that his work had proved pleasing to the various congregations, and trusted that the circuit would continue to prosper. Before the gathering dispersed, refreshments on a liberal scale provided by the ladies were partaken of, and the meeting closed with a feeling rendering "God be with you till we meet again."

In a letter to Mr Cook, Wunghnu, a Cheltenham official says: "You are not only getting a minister among ministers, but what to my mind is more important still, a man amongst men, and we feel quite sure that as the days go by you will learn to appreciate more and more the sterling qualities of

¹⁵⁶ Moorabbin News (Vic. : 1914 - 1918) Sat 25 Mar 1916 Page 1 CHELTENHAM.

the earnest Christian gentleman whom Conference has placed in charge of your new circuit."¹⁵⁷

7 May 1917

"BUNBARTHA METHODIST CHURCH

At the Bunbartha: Methodist Church, on Sunday, April 22, the parents and friends gathered together to see the children receive their prizes, which had been won by them during the past year. Rev. J. Penna occupied the pulpit and gave the children an address, which was enjoyed by all present. George Young was successful in winning the special prize, presented by Miss Tremellan, in the testament class, and for highest number of marks in the whole school. The special prize: (boys), presented by Mrs. G. Crozier, was won by Archie Billingham. Highest number of marks: Girls: Olive Young. Every child received a book according to the marks gained by them. After the prizes had been given out the Rev. J. Penna, on behalf of the members of the congregation, presented Miss Ada Gliddon with a morocco ladies' companion, in recognition of her services as organist. Rev. Penna spoke of Miss Gliddon's sterling qualities as a church member and helper, in any good cause, often doing so at a great inconvenience. The presentation came as a great surprise to Miss Gliddon."¹⁵⁸

19 June 1918

"NEW METHODIST CHURCH AT WUNGHNU. LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE.

There was a very large attendance at the Biting of the new Methodist Church now being erected at Wunghnu on Saturday afternoon last, when the foundation stone was laid by the Hon. George Graham. The day was gloriously fine. The large crowd spent some little time inspecting the work as far as it had gone, and the popular opinion was that the church building, besides lending itself more adequately to the worship of God, would be a distinct ornament to the town. The building is of brick, with hollow walls, making for coolness and judging by the plan will be of ornate design. It is roomy too, and the accommodation provided should prove ample for many years to come. For over 40 years the Methodists have worshipped in the wooden building still standing, and so long as Wunghnu remained part of the Numurkah circuit the old building would have continued to serve. But some three years ago a separate circuit was formed, with Wunghnu as its centre and it was then felt that a more modern building was desirable. Rev. J. A. Penna took up the question, and receiving the loyal assistance of the Hon. George Graham and others, soon had the satisfaction of being able to announce that everything was ready for the erection of the church. The

¹⁵⁷ Numurkah Standard and Wunghnu, Cobram, Yarraweyah and Strathmerton Advocate (Vic. : 1914 - 1918) Wed 19 Apr 1916 Page 4 Rev. J. Penna

¹⁵⁸ Shepparton News (Vic. : 1914 - 1918) Mon 7 May 1917 Page 4 BUNBARTHA METHODIST CHURCH

Wunghnu Methodists are to be congratulated upon their enterprise. Rev. J. A. Penna accorded those present a warm welcome. He said it seemed as though up to the point then reached God had placed His benediction upon their efforts. The church was being erected to His glory, and it was but fitting that they should recognise Him at the very commencement of the day's proceedings.

The hymn, O God, Our Help in Ages Past, was then sung, after which Rev. F. C. Vian offered up prayer, and Rev. Penna read a chapter from the Bible. Rev. Penna, in introducing Mr Graham, said if there was one name honoured and respected in the Goulburn Valley it was his. His influence could be traced in the lives of many of their young people, and the Valley owed him a greater debt of gratitude than was generally realised. In church life he had played a great part, not only amongst Methodists, but in all the churches. He had laid the foundation stone of the Wunghnu Church of England, two stones, he believed, had been laid by him at Cobham, whilst in Gippsland his name was revered for the help he had given in church work there. It was Mr Graham's influence and consistent help that had made possible the gathering that day. At the first meeting to discuss the proposal to build a church he had made himself responsible for the collection of £100, and in this way the first impetus had been given the movement to erect a more fitting place in which to worship. Mr. Graham had been unanimously chosen to lay the foundation-stone, and to ask God's blessing on the church. Mr. Penna then handed Mr Graham a silver trowel, on behalf of Mr. J. E. Kettle, the contractor for the building. In making the presentation, Mr. Penna said the trustees were fortunate in having secured Mr. Kettle's interest in the work. As far as it had gone, the building was being faithfully erected. Hon. George Graham said he felt deeply gratified at being chosen to perform the ceremony of laying the memorial-stone. The history of the erection of the first Methodist Church in Wunghnu took his mind back 50 years, when a church was erected in the Ballarat district. Mr. Graham gave the history of the erection of that building, and caused hearty laughter when he detailed how a publican, who had subscribed to its erection suddenly found his occupation gone owing to the church's influence, and, having failed in two attempts to burn the building at last hired two men to demolish it with axes, which they did. At Wunghnu a tea meeting was held to celebrate the opening of the first church and in the midst of the happy proceedings a free fight started, and blood and hair flew plentifully. Mr. Graham sketched the events that led to the erection of that church, and also to another by a separate body, and eventually about three years ago to the formation of a separate circuit, with Wunghnu as its centre. Shortly after Mr. Penna's arrival in charge of the new circuit he hinted that the old building was not a desirable one in which to worship God, and in his persistent, determined way, set about to bring the people to a similar way of thinking. The result eventually was that a new building was decided upon, and to Mr. Penna was due the greater part of the credit for the making of the necessary arrangements. Mr. Graham then had the stone placed in position, and having declared it well and truly laid, dedicated the church, in the Name of

the Great Ruler of the Universe, to the worship of God. He trusted that the church would be a beacon to lighten the path of the people to the Great Church above. Rev. E. A. Taylor (chairman Goulburn Valley Methodist district), Rev. Mr. Doherty (formerly in charge of the Wunghnu district), Dr. Harbison, and Cr. W. A. Campbell (President of the shire), each delivered an address, and the ceremony was concluded with the pronouncement of the Benediction and the singing of the National Anthem. Cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Penna, which Mr. Penna gracefully acknowledged. Bountiful refreshments were provided by the ladies, and keenly enjoyed by the large gathering.”¹⁵⁹

28 August 1918

“BAULKAMAUGH.

The anniversary of the Methodist Church was celebrated on Sunday, August 18th, when the Rev. J. A. Penna, of Wunghnu, preached twice to good congregations. On the Wednesday following a service of song entitled "Led by a Child" was given in excellent style by the choir, under the baton of Mr Walter Fowler, with Miss Yarwood as organist, the literary portions being perfectly expressed by Miss Crighton, whose mastery of these parts was evident to all favoured with the privilege of hearing same. Mr W. Caldwell read the church report, which showed financial success, the balance over after settlement of accounts enabling the trustees to paint the building, which work will be undertaken almost immediately. Other items in the harmony of the evening consisted of songs by the Misses Walters, Barbara Thornton and M. Fowler. The ladies supplied refreshments at the conclusion of the entertainment, at which the minister of the church Rev. F.G. Vian presided.”¹⁶⁰

18 September 1918

“The Wonders of Wunghnu.

On Sunday, the 8th September, the new Methodist Church at Wunghnu was opened by the resident of the Conference.; Wunghnu was originally a struggling Home Mission station, and was afterwards attached to the Shepparton Circuit. For years the Wunghnu section was in a precarious position, but eventually the people requested that Wunghnu should be separated from Shepparton and be made a circuit. Some two years ago, the Rev. Joseph Penna was appointed as the superintendent minister of Wunghnu, and immediately threw himself, with his characteristic enthusiasm and wise statesmanship into the work. Mr. Penna's term in Wunghnu has been beset by the gravest difficulties, for the whole district has suffered during the last three years: through floods so disastrous as to have caused a diminution of £4 per acre in the value of many farm lands. At

¹⁵⁹ Numurkah Leader (Vic. : 1895 - 1948) Wed 19 Jun 1918 Page 6 NEW METHODIST CHURCH AT WUNGHNU.

¹⁶⁰ Numurkah Leader (Vic. : 1895 - 1948) Wed 28 Aug 1918 Page 3 BAULKAMAUGH.

this present moment many hundreds of acres of land are under flood water. The roads for. miles are only passable to those who have dauntless courage and a complete local knowledge of the district.

We shall never forget the glory of the scene that presented itself to our vision on the Sunday morning of the 8th September. It was a glorious Australian spring morning, with the bright, warm sun shining from an azure sky. From the road that runs past the Wunghnu weir on the Broken Creek, the scene was indescribably beautiful. Broad expanses of water, fringed by tall reeds, glittered in the sunshine. There was also music in the air the music of wild birds' wings, as here and there, in wedged formation, flocks of ibis and wild duck, pursued their aerial breaks to the wider expanses of water away amid the forest lands lying miles to the back of the township. Many feared that the terrible condition of country roads would greatly militate against the attendance at the three services to be held that day in connection with the opening of the new church. But before nightfall all such fears had forever vanished, for Wunghnu had- that day written a record for church attendance unparalleled in its history, and perhaps unsurpassed in any country district. Whatever others may have feared, the Rev. Joseph Penna was optimistic all through. Early on Sunday morning, he kindled great fires under two enormous coppers to boil water to make tea for those who, coming from long distances and bringing their provisions with them, elected to remain to all the services. From before 10 a.m. till past 11 o'clock, 'men, Women, and children, in all sorts of vehicles — buggies, spring carts, sulkies, phaetons, motor cars, and on foot — began to arrive in ever-increasing numbers, till the interior of the church was surely packed as few buildings have ever been packed. Then the chairs of the parsonage, and the seats of the Sunday school were requisitioned and placed in rows on the outside of the church to accommodate a large number of people who by no possible chance could even find standing room within the building. The very pulpit itself was stacked with the young people, amongst whom sat a veteran of eighty-six years of age. His strong, clean-shaven and intelligent face was indeed typical of John Bull. This venerable old man was born on the banks of the Thames, and there in his boyhood had played about the great grounds and massive buildings of Lord Clive, of Indian renown. The old man with great pride informed the President that while a child in his native town he had been accosted by Queen Victoria, who had patted him on the head and bade him be a good boy. With old memories thick upon him, and with tears gathering in his eyes, the old man said that though he had through the weary years tried to be a 'good boy,' he was afraid that sometimes he had made 'a gap in the fence.' In view of the tremendous crowd at the morning service, it was decided to hold the afternoon service in an adjacent paddock. To prepare for this service scores of willing workers shouldered seats and chairs and planks and boxes, and carried them across the road to the selected site. At three o'clock the President, mounting a motor car in which sat one of the noblest friends of Methodism, in the person of the Hon. George Graham, looked out upon a scene both rare and beautiful. Vehicles of all kinds had been arranged in a horse-shoe formation round about the

seats that had been carried into the paddock, and thus completed an arena crowded with hundreds of people, some of whom that day travelled across the most indescribable roads a distance of quite forty miles. The evening service, which commenced at 8 o'clock, was held in the church, which was densely crowded, as in the morning, while a great number of quiet and reverent people, both men and women, were satisfied to stand reverently outside at the open doors and windows. The new church is the most commodious and beautiful ecclesiastical structure in the township of Wunghnu, and stands a monumental evidence to the enthusiastic labours and magnetic personality of the Rev. Joseph Penna. Mr. Penna's influence in the whole district is of the finest quality, and has won for him a deep place in the affections of his people. . He seems to know the whole community 'and to take the kindest interest in all that pertains to the life of every man, woman and child of his congregation. Nowhere have we found a more self-sacrificing generosity than that manifested by the Methodist families at Wunghnu, for, despite the hardships that they have endured through flooded fields and inundated roads, with the consequent failure of 'crops and the difficulties of transportation, they have generously given large sums towards the erection of their beautiful church, and have, moreover, sustained the circuit's revenue.

On the Monday evening following the opening services of the church, a dinner took place in the Wunghnu Shire Hall, and drew together a most amazing multitude of country people, who, in mud-splashed vehicles, travelled almost in credible distances to attend this function, and to hear the President of the Conference lecture on a great imperial theme. Quite an army of womenfolk, under the leadership of Mrs. Graham, a most capable and industrious church worker, were employed from early morning till sunset in preparations for the evening gatherings. The large, hall was densely crowded with the most intelligent and enthusiastic audience.

Many of our Wunghnu families have greatly suffered through heroic sons having died on the battle-front; but these noble fathers and mothers are bearing their trouble and loss with a quiet fortitude worthy of the best traditions of British family life. It was estimated that when the returns of this effort in connection with the opening of the church were all in, they would approximate between £60 and £70, a very fine record, considering the local conditions. The Hon. George Graham, who for very many years was the Parliamentary representative for the district, has taken the deepest interest in the development of our work in the Wunghnu Circuit. It was a great treat to meet his fine old gentleman and to converse with (him concerning the early pioneer days of Wunghnu. Mr. Graham has a fine faith in the people, and a strong belief that the Goulburn Valley will ultimately become one of the most populous and wealthy territories in the State of Victoria. Such

optimism in a venerable Christian man of fourscore years is most inspirational."¹⁶¹

25 September 1918

'The Wonders of Wunghnu.' A correspondent writes: "The eulogy of the Rev. Joseph Penna, by the President of the Conference, in your issue of 18th inst., is well deserved; but Mr. Penna has been very fortunate in having the backing of such laymen as Messrs. Hunt Bros., Bitcon, Dudley, Sanders, Watters Bros., Green, Cook, Roe, Thomas, etc. It is only the splendid work done by these workers and others that has enabled Mr. Penna to see his dream become an accomplished fact."¹⁶²

16 April 1919



Figure 20 - Joseph Arthur Penna and his wife Bessie.

"FAREWELL TO REV. PENNA

The Methodist Church custom of a triennial "move-on" for its ministers has its advantages and disadvantages. One of the disadvantages was very apparent on Tuesday evening last, when the people of Wunghnu gathered in force to say farewell to Rev. Joseph and Mrs Penna, who have been transferred to what is known as the "Collingwood Methodist Mission." The farewell took place in the local hall, and the gathering was very representative, not only of the respective Methodist Churches of this district, but also of other

denominations. It was appropriate that the chairman for the evening should be Mr R. H. Cook, who has proved himself such an able and trusty henchman to Rev Penna during the latter's ministry in Wunghnu.

On the platform with Mr Cook were the guest of the evening Rev. Penna and Revs Vian and Lee, Dr. Harbison, Messrs W. Caldwell, Glenny, H. Dudley. W. Tyres, Jaffray, W. Fowler, DeLaRue, and W. Green. Regret was expressed by the chairman at the absence through indisposition of Hon. George Graham, and apologies were also received from Revs. E. Hankinson and A. F. White, and other appreciation of Mr Penna's ministry, coupled with good wishes both for himself and his wife, were suitably expressed in short speeches by Revs. J. A. Lee and F. C. Vian (Numurkah), Messrs Caldwell, Glenny, D. Thomas (Congupna West), Crozier, (Bunbartha), A. Sullivan (Marungi), Green (Kaarimba), Dudley (Wunghnu), and Jaffray (on behalf of the lay preachers).

¹⁶¹ Spectator and Methodist Chronicle (Melbourne, Vic. : 1914 - 1929) Wed 18 Sep 1918 Page 935 The Wonders of Wunghnu.

¹⁶² Spectator and Methodist Chronicle (Melbourne, Vic. : 1914 - 1929) Wed 25 Sep 1918 Page 949 "The Wonders of Wunghnu."

Special reference was also made by several speakers to the building of the new church at Wunghnu, which event had taken place during Mr Penna's there.

Tangible recognition of Mr Penna's services was made by the presentation of a wallet of bank notes, which was handed to him by Dr Harbison. A presentation to Mrs Penna of a silver teapot and sugar basin was made by Rev. F.C. Vian, as spokesman for the ladies of the church.

In acknowledging the gifts, Rev. Penna expressed keen appreciation of the spirit presenting the givers, and thanked all present for the honour tendered to him and his wife that night.

During the evening musical and other items were pleasingly rendered by Mrs Potts, Misses Wellington, L Watters, and Messrs Beynon, W. Fowler, and F. Watters. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Rev. Thos. Dickson, who succeeds Rev. Penna, was expected to arrive from Tasmania in a week or two. He has had a good deal of experience in both city and country charges, and the Methodist community look forward to his arrival with great expectation."¹⁶³

10 March 1920

"WUNGHNU

The Wunghnu Methodist Church was crowded to excess on Sunday night, when the Rev. J. Penna unveiled the fine Mason and Hamlin organ which has been placed in the church as a memorial of the late Mr E.H. Cook. The intimate friends of the departed gentleman felt that something useful as well as ornamental would most fittingly commemorate his practical nature and strenuous life, and that their judgment was endorsed by those who saw and heard the fine instrument on Sunday night was evidenced by the many expressions of appreciation which were heard on every hand. Miss Edith Walters acted as organist, and played with sympathetic expression. The organ bears a silver plate with the inscription: Donated by Wunghnu and district friends to the memory of Robert Henry Cook, who for eight years was closely identified with the church as local preacher, circuit and society steward, and Sunday school superintendent. "The memory of the just is blessed."¹⁶⁴

29 April 1925

"DISTRICT NEWS KATAMATITE

The anniversary of the Methodist Sunday-school was celebrated here on Sunday, when the Rev. J. Penna preached to large congregations both afternoon and evening. A social was held on Tuesday evening, when enjoyable programme was given, and the Sunday-school prizes presented.

¹⁶³ Numurkah Leader (Vic. : 1895 - 1948) Wed 16 Apr 1919 Page 2 FAREWELL TO REV. PENNA

¹⁶⁴ Numurkah Leader (Vic. : 1895 - 1948) Wed 10 Mar 1920 Page 4 WUNGHNU

The Rev. J. Penna presided, and items were contributed by the. Sunday-school scholars, Miss Smith, Mrs Penna, Messrs Stevens and B. Mills."¹⁶⁵

6 April 1927

"FAREWELL GATHERING

Rev. and Mrs J. A. Penna Eulogised.

The esteem and regard in which the Rev. J. A. and Mrs Penna are held in the Katamatite Methodist Church circuit was shown on Thursday evening last, when there was a very large gathering to say farewell to them prior to their departure for Swan Hill. There was also a good attendance of members of other denominations.

The social was held in the church, which was much too small to hold the large number that was present. Mr H. Sefton (senior circuit steward) presided. A programme was tendered by Misses R. White and Lowe, Messrs Wellington, Scott, Hughes, and choruses by Dunbulbalane young men.

The chairman regretted very much the departure of Mr and Mrs Penna. They would very much liked to have kept Mr Penna another year, but unfortunately they were unable to do so. The church had prospered under his ministry, and it was with sincere sorrow that they were parting with Mr and Mrs Penna. Mr B. Hodge, on behalf of the members of the church, presented Mr Penna with a wallet of notes as a small token of their love and esteem.

Under Mr Penna's guidance the church had prospered exceedingly, he had endeared himself to his people, and on leaving would carry with him and Mrs Penna and family their good wishes for future happiness.

Mr N. J. Lukies, for the Sunday school, expressed his sorrow at their departure. Words would fail to express the kindly feelings he had for them. Mr Penna he looked upon as a big brother, one he could always go to in time of sorrow or need, and would be sure of his ready help and sympathy. Mrs Penna had been a teacher in the Sunday-school, and was loved by all the scholars. She was a lady whom none would know without liking and respecting. On behalf of the Sunday-school he had much pleasure in making a presentation to her.

Mr R. Mills (for the Katamatite Church), Mr Patrick (for the Dunbulbalane Church), Mr O. Vale for the Katamatite Fellowship members) Mr A. Patrick (Young People's Guild), and Mrs A. Synott (Ladies' Guild, the members of which also handed Mrs Penna a gift), expressed their sorrow at losing Mr and Mrs Penna, speaking in most laudatory and appreciative terms of their work in the several organisations.

¹⁶⁵ Numurkah Leader (Vic. : 1895 - 1948) Wed 29 Apr 1925 Page 3 DISTRICT NEWS

Mr F. Delarue (on behalf of all the preachers), expressed sorrow at losing Mr and Mrs Penna. Mr Penna by his help and kindly consideration had endeared himself to them, and Mrs Penna was a lady who had shown them many kindnesses, and they admired and respected her. Mr J. Hughes, on behalf of the townspeople, expressed the general regret felt at the loss of such fine citizens as Mr and Mrs Penna. Mr Penna was a man of sterling worth and character, and one who was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. Mrs Penna was a lady who was held in the highest respect throughout the district, and they wished them every joy and happiness in their new home. Rev. Patterson (Presbyterian) expressed regret on behalf of the members of his congregation at the departure of Mr and Mrs Penna. He had only known Mr Penna for about two years, but that had been sufficient for him to form a very high estimate of Mr Penna. There had always been the friendliest of feelings existing between the members of the two churches, and on behalf of the Presbyterians he wished them God's blessing.

Mr Penna, on rising to respond, was heartily cheered. He thanked them all on behalf of Mrs Penna and himself for their many expressions of appreciation and good-will, and also for their valuable presents. He had tried to do his duty as he saw it, and whatever little good he may have done he could not have accomplished without the influence of his wife. After being appointed to Katamatite he was told he would find some "snags" there, but he had not done so; and a better or finer lot of people he would not wish to work with. He had given of his best, and had always recognised that his first duty was to his church. He agreed with all that had been said about Mrs Penna but was afraid that their kindness had exaggerated his good qualities. He thanked them all for the many little kindnesses that had been shown to Mrs Penna and himself. A splendid supper, supplied by the ladies, was heartily enjoyed at the finish."¹⁶⁶

21 April 1931

"ARARAT

Rev. J. Penna, the new minister appointed to the Ararat Methodist Circuit, was officially welcomed at Wesley Hall on Monday evening."¹⁶⁷

25 April 1931

"ARARAT

An enthusiastic welcome was extended to Rev. Joseph Penna, who has been appointed to the charge of the Ararat Methodist circuit. Mr. Penna came from Swan Hill, practically all the religious denominations of the town and the surrounding district were represented."¹⁶⁸

¹⁶⁶ Numurkah Leader (Vic. : 1895 - 1948) Wed 6 Apr 1927 Page 5 FAREWELL GATHERING

¹⁶⁷ The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) Tue 21 Apr 1931 Page 9 ARARAT.

¹⁶⁸ The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) Sat 25 Apr 1931 Page 14 ARARAT.



Figure 21 - Rev Joseph Arthur Penna and his wife Bessie.

But the newspapers didn't always get it right. Here's a blooper published in the local newspaper, and the retraction:

"Mrs. Penna, the wife of the Rev. J. A. Penna, minister in charge of the Methodist Circuit at Ararat, has passed away."¹⁶⁹

"PERSONAL

The many friends of Mrs. Penna, wife of the Rev. J. A. Penna, minister of the Methodist circuit at Ararat, who has been seriously ill and was inadvertently reported to have passed away, will be pleased to learn that she has quite recovered."¹⁷⁰

20 April 1934

"WOMEN IN METHODIST PULPITS

Whatever views might be held as to the advisability or otherwise of women entering the Methodist ministry, the Rev J. Penna, a newly-appointed Methodist minister at Geelong, is definitely in favour of their admission. Speaking at the welcome social tendered him Mr Penna said he had voted at the Methodist Conference in favour of women being admitted to the ministry, and if he thought they had a chance he would vote the same way again. Mr Penna said that women, in a sense, were already in the ministry as the wives of the ministers of the church and the churches would be the poorer for their absence."¹⁷¹

¹⁶⁹ The Horsham Times (Vic. : 1882 - 1954) Tue 10 Nov 1931 Page 3 OBITUARY

¹⁷⁰ The Horsham Times (Vic. : 1882 - 1954) Fri 13 Nov 1931 Page 3 PERSONAL

¹⁷¹ The Horsham Times (Vic. : 1882 - 1954) Fri 20 Apr 1934 Page 7 WOMEN IN METHODIST PULPITS.

7 April 1934

"ARARAT.

Rev. J. A. Penna, who has been in charge of the Methodist circuit for the past three years, and who has been transferred to Geelong, was entertained, along with Mrs. Penna and Miss Penna, and presented him with a well-filled wallet of notes. Rev. G. Fisher succeeds Rev. J. A. Penna at Ararat."¹⁷²

16 April 1934

"The Rev. J. Penna, who has been appointed to the charge of the Pakington street and Ashby Methodist Churches, began his ministry in Geelong West on Sunday."¹⁷³

8 July 1941

"Methodist Church Jubilee

The silver jubilee of the Methodist Church was celebrated by special services, the Rev. J. Penna being the preacher. Formerly the Wunghnu and district churches formed part of the Numurkah circuit, but 25 years ago a separate circuit was formed under the pastorate of Mr Penna. The jubilee services, which were held in the morning, afternoon and night, were largely attended, the Katamatite (of which Mr Penna was at one time in charge), Numurkah, Nathalia and Shepparton circuits being well represented. The organ was taken by Mr Strickland, and Mrs Strickland and Misses Formby and Wellington and Mr Corlett rendered solos during the services. The Congupna choir sang four anthems under the baton of Mr E. C. Waiters, Miss Ludley acting as organist an intercessory and fellowship meeting as held on Monday night, when Mr Penna was the principal speaker. He was supported by the Revs. W. Alexander (Numurkah) and Kemp (Wunghnu). On Tuesday evening a tea meeting was held, and the ladies of the circuit attended to no fewer than 300 diners. The Hall was crowded for the concert that followed. Tokens were presented in recognition of outstanding attendances at quarterly meetings during the 25 years of the circuit's existence, and these were received by Mr G. Crozier (who attended 81 of the 100 meetings), Mrs G. Crozier (76), and Mr H. Dudley (72)."¹⁷⁴

¹⁷² The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) Sat 7 Apr 1934 Page 16 ARARAT.

¹⁷³ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Mon 16 Apr 1934 Page 3 GEELONG AND DISTRICT

¹⁷⁴ Numurkah Leader (Vic. : 1895 - 1948) Tue 8 Jul 1941 Page 3 WUNGHNU



Figure 22 - Headstone - Rev Joseph A Penna and Elizabeth Penna.

(Rev) Joseph Arthur Penna died on 4 October 1956 aged 74, and Elizabeth died on 24 August 1967 aged 88 years. "In heavenly love abiding".

His death notice reads:

PENNA. On October 5 (suddenly) at his home, Castlemaine, Rev. Joseph Penna, dearly loved eldest son of the late Samuel Pearce Penna and Elizabeth Mary Penna, of Campbell's Creek, fond brother of Alfred, John, Jean (deceased), Reuben (deceased), Albert (deceased), Louisa Murray (West Brunswick, and Caroline Stevenson (Mildura), aged 74 years. A noble life at rest.

Another death notice in *The Argus*¹⁷⁵ read: **PENNA.** On October 4 (suddenly), at his residence, 12 Goldsmiths crescent, Castlemaine, Rev Joseph Arthur Penna, beloved husband of Elizabeth and loving father of Reuben (England) and Mervyn (Geelong), aged 74 years. Gone home.

There is probably many more newspaper and other articles about the Penna and Marriott families available, and an exhaustive search would be needed to capture all the details. If anyone is keen to do this, please contact me.

¹⁷⁵ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Fri 5 Oct 1956 Page 13 Family Notices

4. Charles STOW 1828-??

Charles Stow was born in 1828 in Margate, Kent, and christened on 16 March 1828. In the 1841 Census for St John the Baptist, Margate Kent, (Cranbourne Alley) the listing has John Stow, Bookbinder, Jane Stow, wife, Margaret 17 years, Joseph 10 years, Eliza Stow 7 years and Ann Stow 4 years. No mention of Charles who would have been about 13 years of age at the time, and this gap shows in the children's listing. (There is a hospital record for a Charles Stow on 5 November 1842 aged 14 years with bronchitis. He was released a couple of days later.) No further information is available about Charles, and his whereabouts and death remains a mystery. None of his sisters or brothers mention him in letters so he must have died young but no record has yet been found.

5. Joseph Bannister STOW 1831-1910

Joseph Bannister Stow was born on 15 May 1831 in Margate, Kent, and christened on 28 August 1831. You can also read about him on this webpage by Lois Willis for Trove Tuesday¹⁷⁶.

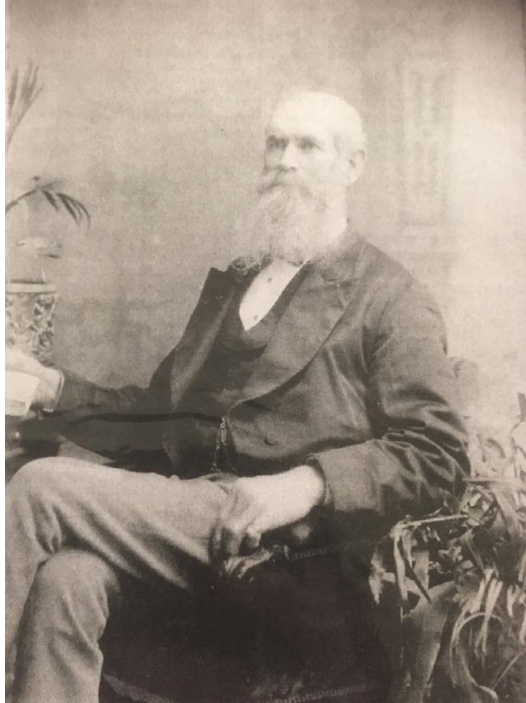


Figure 23 - Joseph Bannister Stow

Joseph married **Mary Ann FITZGERALD** on 15th May 1856 in Castlemaine, Victoria (BDM Victoria #1137 / 1856). He was a bachelor and she was a spinster originally from London. Charles Hawkins Dale was one of the witnesses to the marriage.

Together they had six children: **Mary Ann – 1857, Clara – 1859, Charles Fitzgerald – 1861, Joseph – 1862, Frederick Brewer – 1864, and Jane – 1866.**

Joseph's wife Mary Ann died on 10 April 1866 in Maldon, Victoria, as did her baby Jane on 22 April just 22 days after her birth on 1 April. Two earlier children also died tragically: Clara on 15 January 1862 aged 3, and Charles on 25 January 1862 aged 1.

On Friday 12 October 1860, there's a newspaper article in the *Mount Alexander Mail*¹⁷⁷ advertising the sale of property belonging to Mr Joseph Stow at Campbell's Creek, including land and a dwelling, and a crop of early potatoes.

In 1867 Joseph, a brewer of Maldon, filed for bankruptcy. The notice states: "Causes of insolvency - The necessity of suspending work during four months of the year, in consequence of the want of water, bad debts, sickness and death of wife and one child, and expense occasioned thereby, and seizure of stock, goods, and premises under a bill of sale. Liabilities £479 13s 3.; assets £19 3s.; deficiency, £460 10s 3d. Mr. Simson, official assignee."

¹⁷⁶ <https://loiswillis.blog/2016/03/08/trove-tuesday-joseph-bannister-stow/>

¹⁷⁷ Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Fri 12 Oct 1860 Page 1 Advertising

In the Insolvent Court to-day, first and only meetings were held in the following estates:—
Joseph B. Stow, of **Maldon**, brewer. One creditor proved £8 5s 6d, and the meeting closed. The insolvent did not attend.—**Hugh A. Egerton**, of

Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 - 1917) Thu 21 Feb 1867 Page 3 MELBOURNE.

He had also lost his business partner Mr Chambers from suspected hydatids disease the previous 8 November which probably contributed to his financial woes, as he outlines in a letter to his sister Eliza Dale on 8 November 1866 from Springs Brewery, Maldon:

Dear Sister last week poor Mr Chambers my late partner died with the liver complaint and left a young wife not 19 yet and a dear little baby three weeks old, a little girl, poor man he has been bad for a long time and as suffered very much, he was buried on Friday last at Carisbrook that is the place where he lived, he was only been married 11 months so poor man he has not been long a husband and a father.

He had also lost **Clara** in tragic circumstances:

"CHILD BURNT TO DEATH THROUGH PLAYING WITH MATCHES. – An inquest was held by Dr Preshaw, on Monday last, at Winter's Flat, on the body of a child named Clara Stow, aged 2½ years, whose death was occasioned by burning. It appeared that it was playing with some matches, which by some means ignited her clothes, and before the fire could be put out she was burnt dreadfully about the right side. Medical aid was had immediately, but deceased only lived a few hours. A verdict of accidental death was returned."¹⁷⁸

Joseph and Mary's son **Charles Fitzgerald STOW** died just 2 weeks later, on 25 January 1862, from thrush and diarrhoea.

Mary Ann STOW (1857-) married **William GREENTREE** (1850-) in 1877 in New South Wales. They had three children: **William Thomas 1878- , Richard 1880 - , Annie 1881 -**.¹⁷⁹

¹⁷⁸ CHILD BURNT TO DEATH (1862, January 15). Mount Alexander Mail (Vic. : 1854 – 1917), p. 2. Retrieved March 8, 2016, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article197093711>

¹⁷⁹ <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/pedigree/landscape/L4ST-KF7>



Figure 24 - Joseph Stow
1862-1923, married
Catherine Ross

Joseph STOW (1862-1923) went on to marry **Catherine Agnes ROSS** (1866-1916) on 1 January 1883 in Newcastle and have four children all in Campbells Creek. He died on 7 March 1923 in Castlemaine Hospital, Victoria and is buried in the Castlemaine General Cemetery. Children: **Maud** - 1881, **Joseph Henry** - 1883, **Elizabeth May** - 1885, **James William** (1894-1910).



Figure 25 - Catherine Agnes
Ross

There is a police gazette notice issued in 1886 stating:

"Newcastle – A Warrant has been issued by the Newcastle Bench for the arrest of Joseph Stow, charged with deserting his wife, Catherine Stow, on the 16th ultimo. He is about 24 years of age, 6 feet high, dark complexion, clean shaved, slight build, wound on upper lip; a bottler, and may seek employment in a Sydney brewery. Complainant, at the "Lass o' Gowrie Hotel," Wickham. The outcome is unknown.

The Argus (Melbourne) reported his death on 8 March 1923¹⁸⁰:

"Mr Joseph Stow died at his residence, Campbells Creek, on Tuesday, aged 61 years. For many years he was employed at the old Standard Brewery, and was once a prominent cricketer."

*The Age (Melbourne)*¹⁸¹ also reported the death:

"CASTLEMAINE. Mr. Joseph Stow, of Campbell's Creek, who died at the age of 61 years, was at one time a noted cricketer, and was well known to metropolitan and country cricketers about 30 years ago."

¹⁸⁰ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Thu 8 Mar 1923 Page 5 CASTLEMAINE.

¹⁸¹ The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) Fri 9 Mar 1923 Page 10 COUNTRY NEWS.



Figure 25 - Headstone - Joseph and Catherine Stow.

Catherine died on 1 February 1953 and is buried with Joseph.

Frederick Brewer STOW (1864-1937) married **Susan JEWHRST** in 1890 in Underbank, Dungog, NSW, and together they had at least 10 children, who also had large families¹⁸². (See Bannister family tree). **Lily Jewhurst 1885-1886, Frederick William 1891-1942, Arthur Henry 1892-1968, Albert Edward 1895-1960, Stanley R 1898- , Violet Lily 1902-1932, Herbert Harold 1905-1985, Ruby May, 1913-1983, Edward Austin 1907- , Ernest Andrew 1910- , Hubert Vincent.** He died in Mayfield, NSW in 1937.

Frederick William STOW died on 12 December 1942 and is buried in the Sandgate Cemetery, Newcastle. His epitaph reads: "Beloved husband of the late Lillian Mary Stow. United at Rest. He enlisted in Newcastle as a Private, service number #3571 with the 53rd Australian Infantry Battalion in World War I, on 20 July 1915 and returned to Australia on 4 May 1917.

STOW Frederick William : Service Number - 3571 : Place of Birth - Newcastle NSW : Place of Enlistment - Liverpool NSW : Next of Kin - (Mother) STOW Susan

Frederick was 24 years 5 months of age, and listed his occupation as a Farmer with his mother as next of kin. He joined the 53rd Infantry Battalion of the AIF on 16 February 1916 and proceeded to Zeitoun via Alexandria. He Disembarked at Marseilles on 28 March 1916 and then left on the H.S. St Denis for England with a gun shot wound to the arm on 21 July 1916 (right arm fracture to humerus). He was treated in hospital at Harefield before being discharged on 26 December and given leave. However he was back in hospital on 10 January 1917 "Adm 1st Aux Hosp (Amp R. Arm)" and discharged for return to Australia on 5 April 1917". (I presume this means amputated right arm!)

He was awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Arthur Henry STOW died on 9 March 1968 and is buried in Dungog Cemetery, Tabbil Creek, NSW. His headstone inscription reads: *Mabel (aka*

¹⁸² <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/115581099/person/130148348956/facts>

Rosie) Stow, wife of Arthur Henry. Arthur Henry Stow, husband of Mabel. (2162 Private 30th Battalion 1st A.I.F.). Arthur enlisted in Dungog and embarked on 16 February 1916 as a Private #2162 with the 30th Australian Infantry Battalion. Arthur married Mabel "Rosie" [surname unknown]". She died in 1957 aged 60, having been born in 1897.

STOW Arthur Henry : Service Number - 2162 : Place of Birth - Dungog NSW : Place of Enlistment - Newcastle NSW : Next of Kin - (Mother) STOW Susan

Arthur wrote his surname as STOWE on his Attestation papers! He joined on 10 September 1915, was 23 years 6 months of age, a Labourer, and was assigned the rank of Private with the 3rd Reinforcements of the 30th Battalion. He embarked on the HMAT "*Ballarat*" on 18 February 1916 for the Western Front. He was reported sick in France on 10 August and again on 2 November 1916. Then he embarked on the *H.S. St Denis* at Boulogne for England with "trench feet" and spent time at Wareham before he was transferred to the 62nd Battalion on 25 April 1917. He returned to France on 26 October 1917 but was again reported sick on 9 January 1918. He finally returned to Australia on the "*Durham*" via Liverpool on 22 May 1919.

He was awarded the 1914/15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Albert Edward STOW enlisted on 8 February 1915 in Dungog and was assigned Private #742 with the 13th Field Company, Australian Engineers. He was 20 years 2 months of age.

STOW Albert Edward : Service Number - 742 : Place of Birth - Dungog NSW : Place of Enlistment - Holsworthy (Holsworthy) NSW : Next of Kin - (Father) STOW F

He embarked on the "*A25 Anglo Egyptian*" on 8 February 1915 and was in Gallipoli on 12 September 1915. After treatment, he was sent to France and subsequently wounded in the field on 27 July 1916 and sent to England. He eventually returned to Australia on the H.M.A.T "*Wiltshire*" on 3 January 1917 and was discharged from service on 22 April 1917. His father was sent a telegram that read: "*Regret reported son Private Albert E Stow wounded will promptly advise if anything further received.*" He had in fact received a gun shot wound to the left arm and left leg resulting in a fractured humerus. He was treated in a stationery hospital and then sent via the "*St David*" from Boulogne to England for treatment. When he returned to Australia he was listed as Private A.E. Stow, 13th Field Coy. Engineers.

He received the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Albert then enlisted for World War II on 30 October 1939 at the age of 43 years 11 months, a Labourer, Married, from Underbank. It was noted he had a scar on his left arm and left thigh but he was declared fit for 3 years service. He listed his next of kin as F.M. Stow, 43 Stafford St, E Brunswick. He was promoted to Sergeant and served in the Reserves.

Herbert Harold STOW was born on 7 April 1905, married in 1925, and died on 7 July 1985. He is buried in Toronto West Cemetery, Toronto, NSW.

He enlisted in the Australian Army in Largs. NSW on 18 September 1942 and was discharged on 17 November 1943. His wife's name was Eileen Stow.

STOW HERBERT HAROLD : Service Number - NX116202 : Date of birth - 07 Apr 1905 : Place of birth - DUNGOG NSW : Place of enlistment - LARGS NSW : Next of Kin - STOW EILEEN

World War II Army service records are not yet available online. By family request only.

Edward Austin STOW enlisted firstly in the Australian Army on 28 January 1942 at Newcastle, as a Gunner, and was discharged on 14 February 1944. He later enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force as a Leading Aircraftman and was discharged on 17 February 1948. His wife's name was Edna Stow.

STOW EDWARD AUSTIN : Service Number - N154620 : Date of birth - 18 Jun 1907 : Place of birth - DUNGOG NSW : Place of enlistment - NEWCASTLE NSW : Next of Kin - STOW EDNA

STOW EDWARD AUSTIN : Service Number - 165597 : Date of birth - 18 Jun 1907 : Place of birth - DUNGOG NSW : Place of enlistment - WOOLLOOMOOLOO : Next of Kin - STOW EDNA

World War II Army service records are not yet available online. By family request only.

Ernest Andrew STOW enlisted in the Australian Army on 28 June 1940 at Paddington, NSW. He was a Lance Corporal, and was discharged on 24 December 1945. His next of kin was Ruby Galsworthy.

STOW ERNEST ANDREW : Service Number - N76522 : Date of birth - 19 Feb 1910 : Place of birth - DUNGOG NSW : Place of enlistment - PADDINGTON NSW : Next of Kin - GALSWORTHY RUBY

World War II Army service records are not yet available online. By family request only.

Hubert Vincent STOW married Ethel Smith, who was born in 1908 in Newcastle. Hubert passed away in 1974 aged 73 years. They had five children.

Following Mary's death, Joseph married **Elizabeth WHIMPEY**¹⁸³ on 15 May 1868 in St Augustine's Church, Inglewood, Australia. Elizabeth was christened on 13 November 1846 in St James Parish, Melbourne. When they married Elizabeth was a spinster aged 23 years and Joseph was a widower with 3 living and 3 deceased children and was 37 years of age. Elizabeth was born in Western Port, Victoria and was living at Newbridge. Her parents were Joseph Whimpey, a shoemaker and Margaret Price. She had 7 siblings – an older sister and brother, and 3 younger brothers and two younger sisters. Joseph and Elizabeth were married by Henry C M Watson, according to the rites of the Church of England. The witnesses were John Whimpey, Ann Menaden and Joseph Whimpey. Elizabeth died on 2 August 1942 in New South Wales at the age of 97 years of age. She was buried in the Methodist Cemetery, Sandgate.

SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES	BURIED ON	PORTION	SECTION	LOT	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE
STOW	ELIZABETH	1942-08-03	PRIMITIVE_METHODIST	SE7	18	151.706136482	-32.869456379

They went on to have 11 children:

1. Margaret Elizabeth Stow 1869-1945
2. Rebecca Jane Stow 1870-1955
3. Sarah Eliza Stow 1871-1946
4. Alice Maud Stow 1874-1875
5. Harriet Ada Stow 1875-1969
6. John Whimpey Stow 1877-1878
7. Annie Maud Stow 1879-1948
8. Eva Caroline Stow 1881-1960
9. Edith Minnie Stow 1883-1962
10. Mabel Florence Stow 1885-1965
11. Herbert William Stow 1888-1970

Christening records show that Sarah and Harriet were christened together on 21 November 1875.

Margaret Elizabeth STOW was born in Newbridge, Victoria on 7 February 1869 and married **Robert WOODBINE** (1861-1936) on 15 May 1894 in the Primitive Methodist Church, Wickham NSW and had seven children (6 boys and 1 girl): **Minnie - 1889, Robert Cecil - 1895, Albert Thomas - 1897, Arthur Joseph - 1900, Harry - 1902, Frank Weyman - 1906, and Alan James - 1911**. She died on 2 July 1945 at 8 Selwyn Street, Merewether, NSW aged 76 years. She is buried at Sandgate Cemetery, Newcastle. Robert, who was born in 1861 in Raymond Terrace, Port Stephens, NSW, died in 1936 aged 75.

WOODBINE ALBERT THOMAS : Service Number - 5522 : Date of birth - 07 Dec 1897 : Place of birth - WICKHAM NSW : Place of enlistment - MELBOURNE : Next of Kin - WOOD MARGARET

It would appear from his service records that Albert served as a Stoker on various ships between 1 February 1916 and 31 January 1921.

¹⁸³ <https://loiswillis.files.wordpress.com/2018/03/descendant-book.pdf> Whimpey Family Tree

WOODBINE FRANK WEYMAN : Service Number - 20451 : Date of birth - 25 Feb 1906 : Place of birth - NEWCASTLE NSW : Place of enlistment - SYDNEY : Next of Kin - WOODBINE WINIFRED

Details of Frank's army service are not yet available. By family request only.

Rebecca Jane STOW was born on 29 June 1870 in Newbridge, Victoria, and married 3 times: **William POOLE - 1889, Robert GRAY - 1924, James HEAP - 1935**. She died in NSW on 17 in 1955 aged 85 and her ashes were scattered at the Newcastle Memorial Park. William Poole was born in 1874 and died in 1922, and is buried in Sandgate. Robert Gray died on 4 August 1932 aged 72 years and is buried in the same plot as William Poole. James Heap, who was born in 1865, married Rebecca on 16 October 1935 in the District Registrar's Office in Mayfield. Hedied on 15 January 1947 aged 82 years, and his ashes were scattered at Newcastle Memorial Park.

Sarah Eliza STOW was born on 31 December 1871 in Castlemaine, Victoria, and died in Katoomba, NSW on 25 April 1946 aged 74 years. She married **William ARMSTRONG** on 5 August 1891 at the Primitive Methodist Church, Wickham, NSW and went on to have 8 children¹⁸⁴: **Alma Sarah - 1892, Ada E - 1894, Ruby Mary - 1896, Chesley W - 1898, Coral Bessie - 1901, Thomas 1906, Stanley John 1909, and Isabella – 1910**. She died on 25 April 1946, and William died on 2 February 1934. They are buried together at Sandgate.

Alice Maud STOW was born on 19 January 1874 in Castlemaine, Victoria, and died on 24 August 1875 in Castlemaine aged 1 year, cause unknown.

Harriet Ada STOW was born on 15 October 1875 in Campbells Creek, Victoria and died on 28 June 1969 aged 94 years in Clermont Private Hospital, Ryde, NSW. She married **Ernest Arthur GREGORY** on 3 April 1901 in Wickham, NSW and had 4 children: **Phyllis Mary – 1902, Essie – 1904, Ernest – 1908-1965, Allan George - 1913**.

John Whimpey STOW was born on 2 November 1877 in Newcastle, NSW and died on 24 May 1878 aged 7 months. Cause of death unknown.

Annie Maud STOW was born on 13 June 1879 in Newcastle, NSW, went on to marry a miner, **Thomas Henry FEATHERSTONE** aged 22 years, on 29 March 1898 in the Primitive Methodist Church, Wickham, Newcastle. They had ten children: **Vera Mary – 1898-1970, Thomas – 1900-1965, Herbert - 1901, Elsie - 1903, Mabel – 1905-1906, Edith - 1907, Doris Irene - 1909, Iris - 1911, Sylvia Maud – 1913-1937, and Allan - 1915**. Annie died in 1948 in Hamilton, NSW. Thomas died in the royal Newcastle Hospital on 3 May 1952 aged 77, was cremated, and is buried at Newcastle Memorial Park. Annie married **Leonard Clyde BRYANT** on 29 September 1928 in Sydney, NSW. No further information is known.

Eva Caroline STOW was born on 5 June 1881 in Newcastle, NSW. She married **Frederick Loftus HASLAM** on 22 November 1899 and had eight children: **Cyril Frederick – 1900-1977, William Keith – 1903-1981, Eric Loftus – 1905-1991,**

¹⁸⁴ <https://wc.rootsweb.com/trees/175342/I614/-/individual>

Aubrey Victor – 1907-1993, Eva Thelma - ??, Elsie Myra – 1912-1917, Elva May - 1918, and Norma Enid - 1922. She died on 28 July 1960 aged 78 years, in Royal Newcastle Hospital and her ashes were buried in the Newcastle Memorial Park. Her husband died in Wallsend, NSW, on 14 July 1970 aged 90 years, and is buried with his wife.

HASLAM CYRIL FREDERICK : Service Number - 34470 : Date of birth - 06 Oct 1900 : Place of birth - NEWCASTLE NSW : Place of enlistment - SYDNEY : Next of Kin - HASLAM FLORENCE

Army service records for Cyril are not yet available online. By family request only.

Edith Minnie STOW was born on 1 December 1883 and married **Alexander McINNES**. They had 2 children: **Mabel – 1913, Elsie - 1918**. Edith died in the Royal Newcastle Hospital, Newcastle, on 28 July 1962 aged 79 years. She later married William Whinney in 1944 in Mayfield, NSW.

Mabel Florence STOW was born on 12 December 1885 and married **Walter Sharp BURNLEY** in 1918 in Merewether, NSW. and then **Lewis George BURNET** in 1947. No children are known. Walter died and was buried on 10 September 1941 and is buried at Sandgate Cemetery, Newcastle. Mabel Burnet died on 24 July 1965 aged 79 and was also buried at the Newcastle Memorial Park.

The youngest **Herbert William STOW** was born on 19 October 1888 in Newcastle, and moved to the Waikato in New Zealand. He married Clara Brocklebank on December 2nd, 1914 and they had 3 children: **Margaret Evelina 13/12/1915, Joseph Noel, and Herbert Eric.**

Margaret Evelina STOW married **Owen Merv McBURNEY**.

Herbert Eric STOW married **Lydia Maria Helena FENNELL** in 1946, they had 7 children: **Suzanne Dora 1947**, Hamilton, **Lance Eric 1948**, Hamilton, **Ian 1949**, Hamilton, **Denise Erica 1950**, Hamilton, **Grant Lloyd 22/4/1954**, Auckland, **Marie Helen 1957**, Tokoroa and **Jane Kiritene 1960** also Tokoroa.

Joseph Noel STOW married Joyce **Mary RUSTON**, they had 3 children: **Ronald Herbert 1945, Beverley Anne 1948 and Julie Clara 1955**, they all were born in Huntly.

Herbert's wife Clara died on 9 January 1940 aged 44 years, and is buried in Huntly.

Herbert William Stow married again after his first wife Clara's death to **Clariee Inez May SAUNDERS** on 27/5/1949 in Hamilton. Clariee was born 2/10/1918 Whangarei and died 26/12/2001 Hamilton.

Herbert died on 6 December 1970 aged 82 years, and was buried at the Ngaruawahia Old Cemetery, Huntly, New Zealand.

J.B. Stowe of 58 Hannell St, Wickham South is listed in the New South Wales Census of 1891 as having 2 males and 8 females in the household at the time.

Another article on Elizabeth states:

“On 15 May 1868, at St Augustine’s Church, in Inglewood, Victoria, Elizabeth married Joseph Bannister Stow, a widower with 3 living and 3 deceased children. Their first five children were born in Victoria, the first 2 at Newbridge, the next 2 at Castlemaine and the fifth at Campbells Creek. By 1877, when son John was born, they had moved to Newcastle, in the colony of New South Wales. Joseph and Elizabeth had 11 children in total, which with Joseph’s 6 from his first marriage, gave a grand total of 17 children, 12 of whom lived to adulthood.”¹⁸⁵

Joseph and Elizabeth moved from the Castlemaine area in Victoria, to the Newcastle area in New South Wales, between 15 October 1875, when daughter Harriet was born at Campbell’s Creek in Victoria, and 2 November 1877, when son John was born at Newcastle, New South Wales.

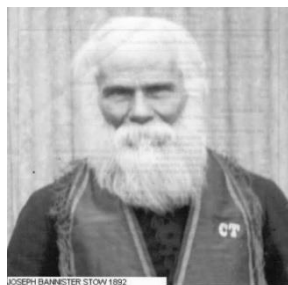


Figure 26 - Joseph Banister
STOW 1831-1910

Joseph died on 13 August (July according to burial records – see below) 1910 in Wickham, New South Wales, Australia at age 79. He was buried on 14 August (July) 1910 in the Methodist Cemetery, Sandgate, New South Wales, Section 7, Lot 18 of the Primitive Methodist Portion.

His extensive obituary in 1910¹⁸⁶ reads:

DEATH OF MR. J. B. STOW, A PIONEER ODDFELLOW

Mr. J. B. Stow, a well-known resident of Wickham, and founder of the Independent Order of Oddfellows in the Newcastle district, died at his residence in Hannell Street on Saturday morning. Although the deceased gentleman, who was 79 years of age, had been in failing health for some time, his illness did not assume a serious aspect until the evening of the 29th July, when he attended a social in connection with the Victoria Lodge, of which he was a member, and was compelled to return to his home. He gradually became worse, suffering great pain and subsequently died.

When Messrs. Wood Brothers established their brewery in Hamilton, about thirty-three years ago, the late Mr. Stow, who came from Victoria, for a considerable time filled a responsible position under the then manager Mr. Cadell, but of late years he had been living a retired life. Shortly after his arrival in the Newcastle district the deceased, assisted by a few other members of the order from Victoria, scattered about in the various suburbs, took steps to institute a lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows in Newcastle, with the result that the Victoria Lodge, No. 2, was brought into existence. Mr. Stow, previous to leaving Victoria, had been a member of the Castlemaine Lodge, from which he obtained a clearance, and threw all of his

¹⁸⁵ <https://loiswillis.blog/2015/04/21/52-ancestors-2015-16-elizabeth-whimpey/>

¹⁸⁶ DEATH OF MR. J. B. STOW. (1910, August 15). Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners’ Advocate (NSW : 1876 – 1954) , , p. 5. Retrieved March 8, 2016, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article138411495>

activities into the newly-formed branch. He became the first secretary, and his knowledge of the working of the society proved invaluable to the brethren, who had no previous experience.

He next turned his attention to the suburbs, and was instrumental in the formation of other branches. In whatever station he occupied in his lodge, he won the esteem and confidence of his fellow-members, who frequently elected him as their representative of the annual sessions of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. That body also on many occasions appointed him as the district deputy grand master of some of the subordinate lodges in the Newcastle district.

He was one of the first members of order in the State to be presented with the veteran's medal for long and honourable services. The Grand Lodge also made him a monetary presentation, and on the occasion of his last attendance at the annual session, he was congratulated upon being the oldest member of the Order in the State, if not in the whole of the Commonwealth. At the time of his death, the deceased had been an Oddfellow for 55 years of which period he had been associated with the Newcastle lodge for over 33 years, labouring long and earnestly for its welfare, some of his last duties being the visitation of the sick members. In every position he filled he put his whole heart into the work he loved so well, and not only in his own lodge, but also in other branches he will be missed.

His funeral took place yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended by sympathisers from all parts of the district. The procession was preceded by members of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, the pall-bearers being Bros. P. Anderson, P.G.P. Hillyer, PNG. H. A. Davis, N. G. and H. Harris. Bro. E Charlton, PG. of Lambton, represented the Grand Lodge, and Bro. W. Melene, the D.D.G.M. of Victoria Lodge, was the marshal. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. G. H. Hewitt, who also officiated at the graveside. The Oddfellows ritual was read by Bro. A. B. C. Nicol, P.G. The interment was in the Methodist Section of Sandgate Cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his widow and a grown-up family of nine daughters and three sons, who have been the recipients of many expressions of sympathy.

SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES	BURIED ON	PORTION	SECTION	LOT	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE
STOW	JOSEPH B	1910-07-14	PRIMITIVE_METHODIST	SE7	18	151.706136482	-32.869456379



Elizabeth died on 2 August 1942 at 8 Selwyn Street, Merewether, NSW at her daughter's residence.

The newspaper notice announcing her funeral read as follows¹⁸⁷:

STOW – Relatives and Friends of Mrs M Woodbine and family, Mr and Mrs J Heath, Mrs B Armstrong and family, Mrs A Gregory and family, Mr and Mrs L Bryant and family, Mr and Mrs F Haslam and family, Mrs E McInnes and family, Mr and Mrs M Burnley and family, Mr Bert Stow and family (of New Zealand), are invited to attend the funeral of their beloved mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother Elizabeth Stow (relict of the late Joseph B Stow, formerly of Wickham), to move from the residence of Mrs M Woodbine, 8 Selwyn Street, Merewether, this afternoon, at 3.30 o'clock, for the



Figure 27 - Headstone - Joseph and Elizabeth Stow, Sandgate.

¹⁸⁷ Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate (NSW : 1876 - 1954) Mon 3 Aug 1942 Page 2 Family Notices

Methodist Cemetery, Sandgate, per road. Bus in attendance. Frank B Gilbert, Funeral Director.

6. Eliza Mary Bolton STOW 1832-1914



Figure 28 - Eliza Mary Bolton Stow.

Eliza Mary Bolton Stow (Stowe) was born on 8 December 1832. She married **Charles Hawkins DALE** and went on to have 12 children: **William - 1854, Eliza Mary - 1856, Lydia Annie - 1859, Rose - 1861, Edward - 1864, George - 1866, Frank Beaumont - 1868, Henry - 1869, Frank - 1870 (twin), (No Given Name - Twin) - 1870, Emily - 1873, Mary Constance - 1875, and Clara - 1877.** Eliza emigrated to Australia, and then to New Zealand with Charles.

(See separate story about **Charles and Eliza Dale**).

Eliza was born in St John Thanet, Thanet, Kent England, although her records only show a christening on the same date (sometimes the birth was not recorded). She died on 9 December 1914 in Palmerston North, New Zealand, aged 82 years, and was buried on 11 December at Terrace End Cemetery with her husband Charles Hawkins Dale. The cause of her death was "senile decay".

Her death notice read:

The death occurred at an early hour yesterday morning of Mrs Eliza Mary Dale, relict of the late Mr Chas. Dale. The deceased, who had reached the advanced age of 82, was a very old resident of Palmerston North, having come to this town about 25 years ago. She was born in Margate, Kent, England, and as a girl went to Australia, where she was married, coming later to New Zealand. Until precluded by failing health she took a keen interest in church and social work. Her husband predeceased her 16 years ago. Eight children are left to mourn their loss. They are Messrs Wm. (Tapanui), Edward, (Auckland), Frank (Raetihi), and George Dale (Palmerston North), and Mesdames Sinclair (Tapanui), Bridgman (Woodlands, Invercargill, Litchfield (Kumeroa) and Mrs Dale (Palmerston North). The funeral will be of a private nature.

Eliza was given a Bible in 1844 aged 11 years by the Sunday School at Margate. There are some old letters written to Eliza from her family overseas (see separate files). Eliza attended Margate National School where she received a book from the committee of Margate School for good conduct on 2nd October 1844. (see separate file).

Here is the text of one of the letters from home (UK) to Eliza from her sister Ann Elizabeth on 5 December 1880:

England

London Dec 5th /80

My Dear Sister

I hope you will not think that I have quite forgotten you, as I have been so long in answering your letter. I can assure you that you are often in my thoughts, but my time is so much occupied with business and family matters, that I am so weary, it becomes quite a task for one to write and it is put off from time to time. I am sure that you will quite understand this and so will excuse it. I hope this will find your husband and family and yourself quite well and prosperous, the season is approaching when we all think of our absent friends and wish we might be able to meet once more in this world, but if it is Gods will that we do not meet here, let us hope that we may meet again, when there will be no parting.

I must tell you that my family are all well with the exception of Alfred, he has been poorly for some time he is better now, and I hope that he will soon be all right again. I think I told you he was married, he now has a little son three months old, so I am Granmama at last there is no sign of any of the others marrying at present. I have two sons who live at home and two others come home once a week, and my daughters are both at home, so you see I have a family still.

I received a letter from Rose with your portrait enclosed, I can just see a likeness to your former self but you are much altered much stouter than when I saw your last portrait. Margaret sends her love to you and will send you her portrait when she gets it done she has not one left, has not been taken for years. I have not one of her myself. Minnie will send hers next time I write.

Since I last wrote Jane's husband (Mr Marriott) has been to see us he did not spend much time with us, he was staying with his mother at Manchester he spent the last few days in London and left the 15th September. I have not heard from him since. I hear from Joe sometimes, he is doing well but has a large family to support.

Love

7. Ann Elizabeth STOW 1837-1912

Ann Elizabeth Stow was born in 1837 in Margate, Kent. She was christened on 21 May 1837 in St John Thanet, Margate.

Ann is reported as being a jewel case liner, living in Goswell Street, Clerkenwell, Middlesex with her mother in the 1861 England Census (Jane died in 1862).

Jane Stow	Head	Milner	63 ^N		
Ann Eliz ^d Stow	Serv	Wid	24	Jewel Case Liner	Kent Margate

Ann married **John MILNER**, a widower and clerk, on 30 August 1862 at St Mark, Myddelton Square, Islington. Witnesses were her sister Margaret Dixie and her husband George Dixie.

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1862 Marriage solemnised at _____ in the _____ of _____ in the County of _____							
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.
88	August 30	John Milner	41	Widower	Clerk	Myddelton Sq	John Milner
		Ann Elizabeth Stow	24	Spinster		Goswell Street	John Stow
Married to the _____ according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by _____ Minister of the Gospel, in the presence of _____ Witnesses.							
This Marriage was solemnised between us,		John Milner		Ann Elizabeth Stow		George Dixie	
						Margaret Dixie	

Together they had four children: **3 males and 1 females**. The eldest son **Albert Edward John Milner** was baptised on 22 October 1863 at 40 Devonshire St, Islington (registered in the District of St Peter, Islington in the country of Middlesex.)

Frederick C W listed in the Census records is Frederick Charles W. born Jan 1871 on the Isle of Wight; died 1946 in Hackney aged 74.

Ann (or Annie) kept in contact with her sister Eliza by letter giving her the news from England. Ann remained in England.

In the **1871 England Census** is the following family listing:

John Milner, Head, 41, Tailor & Draper, b. Bradford, Yorkshire
 Annie Milner, wife, 34, b. Kent
 Albert E J, son, 7, b. London
 Helena A., dau, 3, b. Ventnor
 Harry F, Son, 1, b. Ventnor
 Frederick C W, son, 2 months, b. Ventnor

John Milner	Head	41	Tailor & Draper	Bradford Yorkshire
Annie Milner	Wife	34		Kent
Albert E J Milner	Son	7		London
Helena A. Milner	Daughter	3		Ventnor I. W.
Harry F. Milner	Son	1		do do
Frederick C W. Milner	do	2		do do

In the **1881 England Census**, Annie is named as head of the family with three children, resident in Islington, London (Harry must have died by this stage):

Albert E J, son, 17, Accounts Clerk. B. Margate Kent
 Helena A, dau, 13, Scholar, B. Isle of Wight, Ventnor
 Frederick C W, son, 10, Scholar, B. Isle of Wight, Ventnor

Sarah	do	wife	mar	44		Kent Margate
Annie E. Milner	Head	w		44		Middlesex London
Albert E J	do	Son	17		Accounts Clerk	Isle of Wight Ventnor
Helena A	do	Dau	13		Scholar	do do
Frederick C W	do	Son	10		do	do do

In the **1891 England Census**, Annie is listed as the head of the household, with 3 children (Helena is known as Lena):

Albert E J, son, single, 27, Omnibus company clerk, b. Islington
 Lena A, dau, single, 23, Dressmaker, b. Ventnor, Isle of Wight
 Frederick C W, son, single, 20, Solicitor's Clerk, b. Ventnor, Isle of Wight

Annie E. Milner	Head	wid.	54			Kent - Margate
Albert E J. do.	Son	S	27		Omnibus Co Clerk	Islington
Lena A. do.	Dau	S	23		Dressmaker	Isle of Wight Ventnor
Frederick C W. do.	Son	S	20		Solicitor's Clerk	do do

In a letter from Margaret to her sister Eliza, she states about Anne:

"You wish to know about Annie, her husband died a few months before mine leaving her with four young children (one has since died) quite unprovided for, in fact in great distress, I can scarcely tell you how she has managed ... I give her a trifle a week as much as I can afford and her eldest boy who is now 15 has a situation and is getting £1.0.0. per week so is a little better off now, but she is a poor spirited woman and cannot make her way in the world."

John Milner probably died early in 1873, as Margaret's husband George Dixie died in May 1873. She did not remarry and died in Edmonton, aged 75 years in 1912. Burial unknown.

In an undated letter (about 1884) from Margaret to her sister Eliza, she states:

"Our sister Annie is well, her children have grown up nicely and are all doing something for a living. The eldest boy is 21 a fine young man nearly six feet high, he has a situation in the office of the General ... Company, he has been there since he left school, about 7 years, he is very steady and has been the chief support of the house. The next is a girl (Helena) 18 years old who works at book folding and also supports herself. She also lives at home. The other (Freddie) is 14 years old and has just got a situation as office boy in a solicitors office, so Annie may think herself fortunate in having such good children as she was very unfitted to earn a living for them, they all live together and manage to keep a respectable home."

In 1891 she is living in Islington and her child is named Albert.

In a letter to Eliza dated 28 December 1898 (several months before Margaret died), she says that *"Annie is still living with her two sons, her daughter is married."*

Helena A. was also known as Lena Annie Milner. She married a **Thomas Joseph Parker** (1875-1949) early in 1897 in Islington.

In the **1901 England Census**, she was living in Bryett Road, Upper Holloway, Islington, with the following:

Thomas J Parker, head, 30, Commercial Clerk
 Lena Parker, wife, 29
 Winifred, dau, 2
 Stanley, son, 2 months
 Annie E Milner, Head, Wid. 64
 Albert Edward J, son, single, 33, Accountants Clerk
 Frederick Charles, son, single, 26, Clerk, Commercial

Thomas J Parker	Head	M	30	Commercial Clerk	Worker	London, Islington
Lena	Wife	M	29			London, Islington
Winifred	Dau	F	2			London, Islington
Stanley	Son	M	2mo			London, Islington
Annie E Milner	Head	Wid	64	None		Kent, Margate
Albert Edward J	Son	M	33	Accountants Clerk		London, Islington
Frederick Charles	Son	M	26	Clerk Commercial		London, Islington

Ancestry records show a **Winifred L A Parker** born on 2 September 1899 and death in February 1996, Surrey. She married **Alfred Woolnough** in January 1928 in Barnet, Middlesex.

Ancestry records show a **Stanley Thomas Parker** being born in January 1901 in Islington and a death in January 1963 in Barnet Hertfordshire.

Ancestry records show a **John Leslie Parker** born January 1902 in Edmonton, Middlesex.

Ancestry records show a **Lena Annie Parker** was born in January 1904 in Edmonton.

In the **1911 England Census** Lena Parker was living in Hornsey, Middlesex, with the following listing for Thomas Joseph Parker, showing 6 children born alive, 4 still living with 2 died:

Thomas Joseph Parker, head, 41, married, Clerk to Oil and Seed, Brokers
 Lena Parker, wife, 43, married
 Winifred Parker, dau, 12
 Lena Parker, dau, 7
 Stanley Parker, son 10
 John Parker, son 9
 Annie Milner, mother in law, 75, widow
 Albert Milner, brother in law, 47, single, labourer in bus factory

1	Thomas Joseph Parker	Head	41	-	Married
2	Lena Parker	Wife	42	43	Married
3	Winifred Parker	daughter		12	
4	Lena Parker	daughter		7	
5	Stanley Parker	son	10	10	
6	John Parker	son	9	9	
7	Annie Milner	Mother in law		75	Widow
8	Albert Milner	Brother in law	47		Single

In the **1939 England and Wales**, there is the following record for 69 Cedar Lawn Avenue, Barnet, Hertfordshire:

Parker, Thomas J, M. b. 6 Jan 69, M, Clerk Commercial

Parker Lena A, F. b. 13 Apr 69, M, Unpaid Domestic

Parker, Stanley T, M. b. 11 Jan 00, S. Incapacitated

1	Parker Thomas J.	M	6 Jan	69	M	Clerk Commercial
2	" Lena A	F	13 Apr	69	M	Unpaid Domestic
3	" Stanley T	M	11 Jan	00	S	Incapacitated

Thomas Joseph Parker died on 5 November 1945 at Wellhouse Hospital, and probate was granted to his wife Lena Parker.

PARKER Thomas Joseph of 69 Cedar Lawn-avenue High Barnet Hertfordshire died 5 November 1945 at Wellhouse Hospital 70 Wellhouse-lane Barnet Administration **Llandudno** 19 January to Lena Annie Parker widow. Effects £865 7s. 8d.

Lena Annie Parker died on 27 November 1950, and probate was granted to her daughter Winifred Woolnough.

PARKER Lena Annie of 69 Cedar Lawn-avenue Barnet Hertfordshire widow died 27 November 1950 Administration **London** 21 February to Winifred Woolnough (wife of Alfred Woolnough). Effects £1147 18s. 4d.

Quick Facts on the Stow family

Jane, Joseph and Eliza emigrated to Australia.

Jane and Eliza went to Castlemaine, Victoria, while Joseph eventually settled in Newcastle, New South Wales. Eliza ended up in New Zealand and established the Dale family.

Caroline's second marriage was to a Frederick Darby and she emigrated to New Zealand. She ended up in Castlemaine with her sister Jane and died there. She did not have any children.

Margaret stayed in England and was a prolific letter writer. Annie also stayed in England.

Minnie, Margaret's daughter emigrated to India on a religious mission, and married a Colonel stationed there. She eventually ended up back in England.

There's little or no information available on Charles Stow. It is believed he died young. When doing searches, there are so many people with the same or similar names it's difficult to distinguish or decide which is the correct person without deep analysis. Sister Margaret did not mention him in any of her letters.

Stow or Stowe? The surname has been variously interchanged and in later records was listed as Stowe. This could have been deliberate or accidental, as sometimes a flourish of the pen at the end of the name could have contributed to the "e". When searching records, all variations of names are used.

Banister or Bannister? Again the name was used with both spellings, depending on who was writing the details. Mostly it seems to have been spelt with 2 n's.

Several members of the Stow family and spouses fought in **World War I or World War II**:

- Frederick William Stow, son of Frederick Brewer Stow, son of Joseph Bannister Stow (WWI)
- Albert Edward Stow, son of Frederick Brewer Stow, son of Joseph Bannister Stow (WWI)
- Arthur Henry Stow, son of Frederick Brewer Stow, son of Joseph Bannister Stow (WWI)
- Edward Austin Stow, son of Frederick Brewer Stow, son of Joseph Bannister Stow (WWII)
- Ernest Andrew Stow, son of Frederick Brewer Stow, son of Joseph Bannister Stow (WWII)
- Herbert Harold Stow, son of Frederick Brewer Stow, son of Joseph Bannister Stow (WWII)
- Harry Stevenson, husband of Caroline Stow, daughter of Eliza Mary Stow (WWI)
- Reuben Pearce Penna, son of Caroline Stow, daughter of Eliza Mary Stow (WWI)
- Reuben Pearce Penna, son of Reuben Pearce Penna (WWII)
- Albert Thomas Woodbine, son of Margaret Elizabeth Stow (WWI)
- Frank Weyman Woodbine, son of Margaret Elizabeth Stow (WWII)
- Cyril Frederick Haslam, son of Eva Caroline Stow (WWII)

Reuben Pearce Penna was a police constable in the Mounted Police of Victoria.

His brother Joseph Penna was a Methodist clergyman in Victoria.

Reuben Pearce Penna and his family lost their house and all their possessions in a fire in Ballarat in 1920.

Reuben Pearce Penna was tragically killed when struck by a tram in Melbourne in 1923.

Jane and John Marriott survived the shipwreck of the s.s. *Cheviot* in October 1887. They also survived the devastating floods in Castlemaine/Campbells Creek on 1 January 1889.

Joseph Bannister Stow's daughter Clara died of horrific burns in 1862 when her nightdress caught fire.

Frederick William Stow suffered gunshot wounds to his right arm and eventually had it amputated during World War I.

Albert Edward Stow suffered gunshot wounds to his left arm and left leg. He went on to serve in World War II.

Joseph Bannister Stow had 6 children with his first wife Mary Ann Fitzgerald, and 11 children with his second wife Elizabeth Whimpey.

Joseph Bannister Stow was a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows in the Newcastle District, and highly thought of by the members and his local community.

Harry Stevenson, husband of Caroline Pearce Penna, received the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry.

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