

## THE COLES AND HUMPHRIES; GERTRUDE MARJERY COLE'S FAMILY

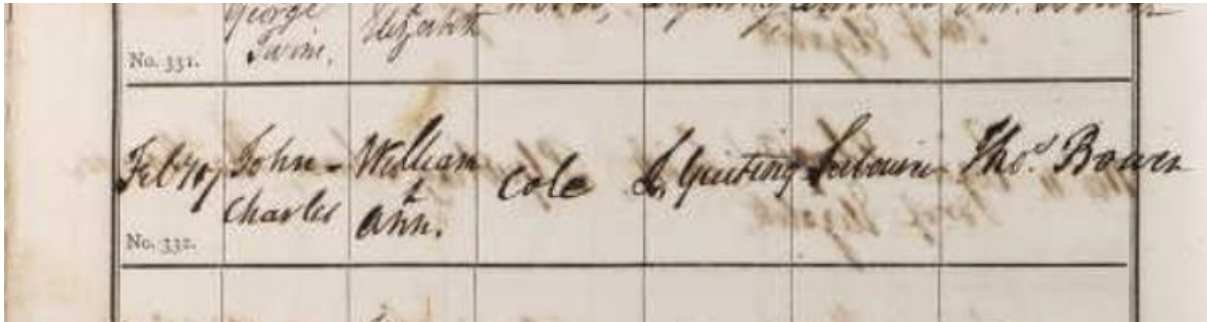
Gertrude's family is linked directly to ours through Harry Cole who worked Charlton Station with Poppy Jo and Tom. Dad used to talk about the Cole's. We however are not sure which Henry Cole this is. It is not Williams son and this guy looks too old to be Charles son, Gertrude's brother. He looks a contemporary of Jo so would have been born around 1880. The photo was taken on Charlton with Tom Smith at front Jo Smith and Harry Cole. Dad identified all 3.



The first Cole in Australia was William Cole and Grandmother Ann Day arrived on 23/8/1841 as free settlers on the ship "Elizabeth". They were illiterate and he was a farm servant and she listed as Farm Service. They were Protestants. They had bought with them their first 6 children:

- a. **John Charles** born 1828 -Gertrude's father known as Charles. He was baptised on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 1828 in Temple Guiting. He married Hannah in 1855 at Rockley. His daughter Edith's marriage certificate lists him as a Blacksmith. He died in Rockley on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1884. Hannah died on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1917 at Kelso having remarried John William Robinson. There is a John Robinson listed in the book Kelso Village part 1 as a parent enrolling his child in Kelso school in 1872 as a brickmaker with his brother James who enrolled his children at Kelso school in 1876. Perhaps this is the John Robinson Hannah married. John and Hannah had 11 children:
  - i. **Sarah Ann:** born 1856. She married Joseph Bayliss in 1877 at Bathurst. They had 7 children. Sarah died on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 1890 at Bathurst.
  - ii. **Henry G:** born in 1857 he married Mary Bridget Domager on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 1881 at Bathurst. They had 3 children. Henry died in 1886 at Campbell's River. We do not know what happened to his wife and children. His only son Lancelot was born in 1885 and died in 1886. His eldest Mary would have been 4 when he died and Elizabeth was born in 1886. Mary Bridget would have been bereft at the loss of her husband at such a young age. There is a record for a death of Mary Cole in 1902 which could be Mary Bridget.
  - iii. **Henrietta** born Campbells River 1859. She married William Stanley Kessey on 12<sup>th</sup> Sept in Bathurst in 1878. They had 10 children one died at birth in 1880 and is unnamed. She died 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 1906 in Bathurst. Her youngest child would have been 14 years of age at her death.
  - iv. **Susan Zenobia** ; born 1862 and married into the Rainger family also in 1878 when she married Alfred Frederick. They lived in Granville at the time of her death on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 1944. She is buried at Rookwood and was likely buried on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1945. They had 9 children losing one child Alfred who was born and died in 1890. His sister Gertrude is also born in 1890 so he could have been a twin. Alfred's father John Thomas Rainger is listed in the family trees as a bushranger. His obit does not mention this but says he died at Rockley Farm in 1907 and was a respected resident. He had been born in Ockley UK on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1828. He appears to be an assisted immigrant in 1849 arriving on the John Bright on 8<sup>th</sup> June [ Bathurst Pioneers]. Refer Bathurst Pioneers for more information on this line. John Thoams worked on Charlton. He married Elizabeth Deer Lovell on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 1850 in Wellington. They had John b 20/10/1851; Mary Ann b 6<sup>th</sup> June 1853 [ who married Joseph Cole] ; William Dyball b 10 Jan 1855 Stoney Creek; Alfred Frederick 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 1856 Stoney Creek; Elizabeth also born at Stoney Creek on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 1857 [ married Christopher Cole]; Charlotte b 1859 Bathurst; Sarah born 1861 Bathurst; William James born 1863 Campbells River, David born 1865 Bathurst and Rebecca b 1867. John Thomas is listed as a brickmaker, farmer. Ref: " Bathurst pioneers page 269

- v. **Arthur Charles:** born 1863 Bathurst. He died on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1917 at Bathurst.
- vi. **Alice Hannah;** born 1865. She married James Bruce Allen in 1893 and they had 2 daughters. Alice died sometime after 1910 but the actual date is unknown.
- vii. **Ruth E.** born 1867.
- viii. **Amos H.** born and died 1869.
- ix. **Margery Gertrude**
  - x. **Edith Jane** born 1873. She married Wilson Armstrong on 28<sup>th</sup> July 1904 at St Johns Church Darlinghurst Sydney and they lived at 47 Underwood St Paddington where she died on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1921. At the time of their marriage Edith was a waitress in Ruchcutters Bay aged 26 and Wilson was an Oberon farmer aged 24. His parents were George Alexander Armstrong and Emma Campbell farmers of Oberon also. The electoral roll of 1913 also has them living in Oxford St Paddington. She is buried in Waverley cemetery Row 11 of Section 14 Special. Her headstone reads wife of Wilson Armstrong (Verse - "Long days & nights she bore her pain..." Inscr on footstone - "Edie.")
  - xi. **Herbert Ernest** born 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 1875. He married Mary Selina Batchelor also spelt Batcheldor on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1906 at Sunny Corner near Portland. They had 5 children possibly 6 but 5 definitely can be documented. Herbert died in Rylstone Mudgee on 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 1957 and is buried at Rylstone General Cemetery.



- b. **William** 1830-1894. Lived in Molong. He died on 12<sup>th</sup> April 1894 at Molong.
- c. **Mary Ann** she was baptised at Temple Guiting the town her parents were born in on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1833 so we can assume her brothers were also born there. There are multiple marriage records for a Mary Ann Cole so it is difficult to interpret. One family tree has her marrying William Reid at All Saints Church in Bathurst on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 1848. He died in 1851 and there is a marriage to Phillip Buckley Stuart which cannot be confirmed with documentation. They have 10 children to this marriage and 1 to the Reid marriage but it is impossible to confirm authenticity of the second marriage. There is also a marriage record between a Mary Ann Styart widow and Henry McGill widower in Wellington on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1881 which could be this Mary Ann. Mary Ann was illiterate. Where she died and when cannot be ascertained until her marriage identity is fully confirmed.
- d. **Zenobia** born 18<sup>th</sup> June 1835 at Temple Guiting and baptised 12<sup>th</sup> July of the same year. She married Lewis Henry in Bathurst on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1861 and they went on to have 7 children.
- e. **David** born 11<sup>th</sup> May 1837 and baptised at Temple Guiting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1837. He married Catherine Russell at Bathurst on 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 1863 and they had 12 children. David died at Molong on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 1908 and Catherine on 6<sup>th</sup> March 1931. There are photos of most of the family below. Catherine had been born at Campbell's River on 30<sup>th</sup> May 1847 to William Russell Gullaway the Younger and Mary Ann Grandsden. Her father had been transported on the Andromeda in 1833 from Surrey where he was convicted and sentenced for 7 years. He was granted his Ticket of Leave on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1841. He then married in Rockley shire in 1847. His wife had also arrived in 1833 as an assisted free passenger. She had previously married John Adams in 1834 in Sydney.



- g. **Joseph** born 30<sup>th</sup> May 1846 Bathurst and married Mary Ann Rainger on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1868 at Bathurst. They had 9 children. Joseph died on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1925 at Portland.
- h. **George** born 1847 at Bathurst and died 16<sup>th</sup> oct 1866. A coroners inquest was held finding he died of natural causes.
- i. **Christopher John** born 25<sup>th</sup> August 1848 and baptised 5<sup>th</sup> Sept in the same year. He married Elizabeth Jane Rainger on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 1874 at Bathurst and they had 7 children. Zenobia seems to rin through the family as daughters names. He died 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 1912 at Bathurst and his wife on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 1934.
- j. **Frances** born at Campbell's River likley Charlton on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1849. She married Isaace Russell in Bathurst on 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 1863 and they had 11 children. Frances die on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1925 at Suhterland NSW. She is buried in Suhterland Shire.
- k. **Amos Day** born on 14<sup>th</sup> July 1851 at Fish River.He married Eliza Maud Taylor at Bathurst on 17<sup>th</sup> dec 1878. She died in 1896 leaving 3 children one being Percival Amos Jnr who we have a photo of. He then married Mary Jane Lees in 1902 in Dubbo and they had a further son. Amos died on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1928 at Kogarah and his wife on 20<sup>th</sup> dec 1933 at Dubbo.

**DEATH AT PORTLAND.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

There passed away at the Portland District Hospital on Wednesday last, at the ripe age of 82 years, an old and respected resident of Portland in the person of Joseph Cole. The deceased, who had been in indifferent health for the past year, was at last compelled to seek admission to the hospital some few days since, but the weight of years had borne heavily on his shoulders, and he passed peacefully away. Deceased came to Portland about 13 years since from Bathurst, where he had resided most of his life, and lived with his son Stan. A native of Rockley district, the deceased was a fine specimen of Australian manhood and highly respected. His wife predeceased him some eight years since. A family of three daughters and two sons remain to mourn the loss of a good father. Messrs. Stan Cole, Portland, and Joseph Cole, of Kandos, are the two sons, and Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Kessey, and Mrs. Casey, of Sydney, are the daughters. All were present when the end came, and sympathy is extended to them. The remains were interred at the Portland cemetery, Methodist section, the Rev. Simpson officiating.

William is listed in the Sands and Greville's Post Office Directories as living at Mary Lane and Rockley Manners [page 251] notes that the Cole Family occupied a portion of Briar Park and a paddock still bears the name of Cole.

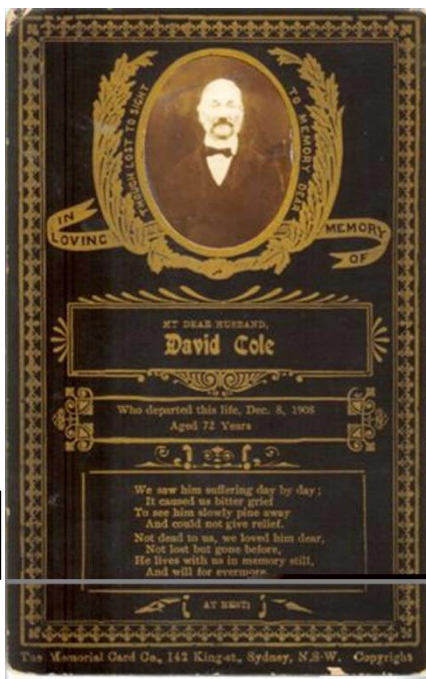
**A focus on David Cole's family: This gives us a very good idea of the intermarriages around Charlton in the year Tom was manager and Jo Smith was born.**



Alice Mary Cole



Ann Cole



David Cole from his funeral card



Elizabeth Cole



Florence Zenobia Cole



Catherine Russell David's wife



Laura May Cole





Rose Mabel Cole



Florence Zenobia and Alfred Staines 1903 just before they were married.

**MRS. A. STAINES FAREWELLED.**

The usual weekly meeting of the Salvation Army Home League was held on Thursday afternoon, and at the conclusion of the general business, Mrs. F. Everingham expressed regret that Mrs. Staines would soon be leaving, and thanked her for the excellent work she had done for the League, as secretary for a number of years, during which she had always done the "lion's share of the work." Mrs. Everingham then briefly asked Mrs. Staines' acceptance of a beautiful silk breakfast cloth, as a parting gift from the Home League. In response, Mrs. Staines thanked the speaker for her kindly remarks, saying that it was always a pleasure to work for the Army, and especially the League. Continuing, she thanked members for their gift, which she appreciated, and wished the Home League every success or the future. Afternoon tea was served, bringing the meeting to a close. Mrs. A. Staines left this week to join her husband in Sydney where he has secured a position, and carries with her the best wishes of a large circle of friends and relations in town and district.

Florence Zenobia Cole mar Alfred Staines

**METHODIST PORTION - MOLONG GENERAL CEMETERY.**

Grave P 22 In Loving Memory Of Our Father **JOHN HOWARTH** Died 19.11.1960 Age 73 Yrs. Always Remembered. At Rest.

Grave P 23 In Loving Memory Of Our Mother **LETTITA MAY HOWARTH** Died 1.7.1949 Aged 57 Yrs. Always Remembered At Rest.

At foot - a brass plaque - In Loving Memory **JACQUELINE HOWARTH** Died 6.8.1985 Aged 56 Yrs. At Rest.

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Grave P 24 In Loving Memory of Our dear Children **LEONARD KRITH HOWARTH** Died Dec. 14, 1945 Aged 53 Days. **MERRILL RUTH HOWARTH** Died March 24 1951 Aged 16 Days. At Rest.

King - Orange

Grave P 25 In Loving Memory of Our dear Son **KEITH FLEISCHER** Died Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> 1929 Aged 9 Years. At Rest.

Grave P 28 In Loving Memory of Adm. **WILLIAM PURCELL** Deary Beloved Husband Of M. M. Purcell Died 17<sup>th</sup> April 1919 Aged 48 Years. Servant of God. Well Done. Rest from thy loved employ. The battle fought. The Victory Won. Enter thy Master's Joy. C. J. Shakespear - Wellington Motto: Blood and Fire The Salvation Army.

Grave P 30 In Loving Memory of Our little Darling **CHARLIE and JOHN** Infant Children of Frederick and Theresa **COLE** [Frederick C. died 1909 (2397) Molong John died 1907 (14525) Molong] Only a step removed. We soon again shall meet Our own, our dearly loved Around the Saviour's feet.

Grave P 33,33 In Loving Memory Of Our dear Parents **DAVID COLE** Died Dec. 8, 1908 Aged 72 Years. **CATHERINE COLE** Died March 6, 1931 Aged 83 Years. In God's Care.

King - Orange

Grave P 34 In Memory Of **LUCY JANE DENNY** Beloved Mother of Albert, Fred & Eva. Died Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 1956 Aged 69 Years. At Rest.

King - Orange

**ROW O.**

Grave Q 2 In Loving Memory Of **GERALD GEOFFREY NEVILLE** Died 21<sup>st</sup> July 1985 Aged 74 Years. Always in our hearts.

Grave Q 3 In Loving Memory of Our darling Son & Brother **KEVIN RALPH NEVILLE** Accidentally Killed. Dec. 16, 1959 Aged 22 Years. Loved and remembered always By his Mother, Father & Sisters "Beyond the Street."

King - Orange  
At Rest - Always remembered From Noel & Anne

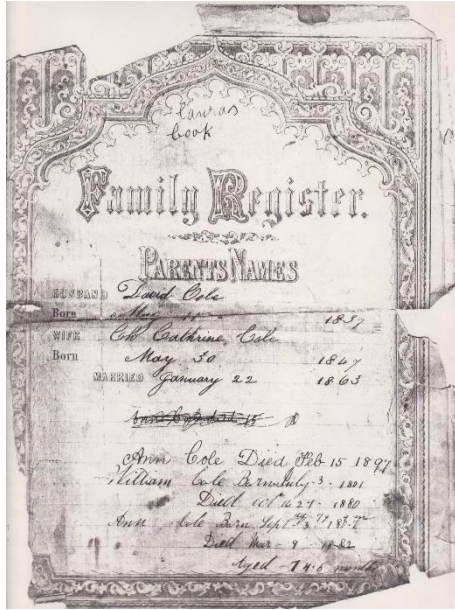
**Saturday, December 12, 1908. Obituary.** Death of Mr David Cole. The old residents of the district still continue to pass away, and of late scarcely an issue has been sent broadcast without containing a notice of the demise of one of the old hands. One of the latest to add to the long list who have passed over to the Great Beyond is Mr David Cole, who while on this earth was known for his honesty and uprightness of character.

Up to three months ago this sturdy old pioneer had enjoyed particularly good health, but at this period he was stricken with an ailment that eventually proved too severe for a failing constitution to cast asunder. However, he fought against it manfully, but five or six days prior to his death he was compelled to take to his bed. Even then it was never thought by his immediate relatives that his end was close at hand, and up to within a few minutes of his entering upon his long rest he was speaking cheerfully to his two daughters and a son-in-law, but all of a sudden he collapsed without warning and passed peacefully away. He died on Tuesday at his own residence at East Molong from general break up of the system.

The deceased gentleman was a native of Gloucestershire, England and when only six years of age came with his parents to Australia, and settled down with them at "Charlton", near Rockley, the residence of the late Mr Charles McPhillamy. Here he grew up into manhood, and followed farming and other pursuits. At the age of 25 he was married, and continued to work for the same old boss for another 18 years--or speaking correctly he was in his employ for something like 37 years. Later on he removed to Manildra and Garra, and after some years at those places he came to Molong, where he has resided for the past six years. Mr Cole, who was 72 years of age at the time of his death, leaves behind a sorrowing wife and a family of ten sons and daughters to mourn their irreparable loss, and for whom the greatest sympathy is felt. They include-- Wm. R. Cole (Molong), Henry David (Cudal), Albert George (Queensland), Frederick Charles (Redbank), Mrs W.Cole (Manildra), Mrs Harry Johnson (Red Hill), Mrs Chas Denny (Mentone, Victoria), Mrs Alf Staines (Redbank) and Misses Laura May and Rose Cole (Molong). He also leaves 18 grandchildren.

The funeral took place on Wednesday and was well attended, the remains being interred in a portion of the Wesleyan cemetery. The Rev. H.L.Redman officiated at the graveside, and he was assisted by Ensign McKinnon and Capt. Fletcher of the Salvation Army. Ref: Hartley Family Tree





**Gransden Family Website:**

<http://www.gransdenfamily.com/gransden%20family/2501.htm>

Married in a double wedding with Frances Cole and Isaac Russell- Andrew Graham  
 Isaac Russell and Frances Cole signed as witnesses to the wedding.  
 Catherine signed her wedding certificate with her mark.  
 Normal location for groom- Charlton, NSW.  
 Minister- Richard Caldwell  
 The consent of William Russell was given to the marriage of Catherine Russell as she was under the age of 21. Catherine's age at time of marriage was 17.

Uniting Church Archives Research Centre- David Cole, bachelor, 25 years, farmer, born England, residing at Charlton NSW, son of William Cole (farmer) and Ann Day to Catherine Russell, spinster, 16 years, born NSW, residing at Charlton NSW, daughter of William Russell (farmer) and Mary Grandson. Witnesses: Isaac Russell, Frances Cole

Isaac Russell, bachelor, 20 years, farmer, residing at Charlton NSW, son of William Russell (farmer) and Mary Grandson. Frances Cole, spinster, 21 yrs., residing at Charlton NSW, daughter of William Cole (farmer) and Ann Day. Witnesses: David Cole and Catherine Russell.



**Obit: David Cole's dtr Alice who married a Cole.**

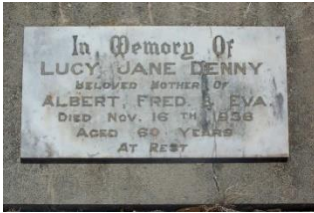
The death occurred at the Molong District Hospital on Friday last of Mrs. ALICE COLE, of Manildra. ALICE was 88 years of age. The late Mrs. COLE had been a patient at the hospital for the past 12 months. ALICE is survived by three daughters, Mrs. G. STAINES, (Molong) Mrs. M. CASSELL (Granville) and Mrs. J. HETERICK (Granville). A daughter, Mrs. EDITH FORD is deceased. Also surviving are 17 grand-children, 39 great grand-children and 5 great great grand-children. Brothers are HENRY (Molong), ALBERT (Adelaide), FRED (Lidcombe) and sisters are FLORRIE (Mrs. A. STAINES, Inverell), and ROSE (Mrs. J. STAINES, Dubbo). Mrs. COLE was born at Rockley and was only a young girl when ALICE first came to the Manildra district. Her husband to whom ALICE was married in this district, predeceased her by 15 years. ALICE was an active member of the Baptist Church at Manildra for many years.

**Molong Express and Western District Advertiser (NSW : 1887 - 1954), Saturday 14 March 1931, page 11**

OBITUARY. MRS CATHERINE COLE.

A well-known personality in these districts for nearly half a century passed to her reward on Friday, last week, in the person of Mrs. Catherine Cole, widow of the late David Cole who died in 1908.

The death occurred at the residence of her youngest daughter, Mrs. Joseph Staines, Molong. She had been ailing for some time, but had been only three days seriously ill before passing away, the trouble being heart failure. Mrs. Cole, who was nearing her 84th year, was a native of Campbell's River and before marriage was a Miss Russell. After her wedding she and her husband resided at Campbell's River for a time, and then removed to the Rockleigh district, where Mr. Cole carried on farming pursuits. They came to Meranburn 46 years ago, and subsequently resided at Manildra, Garra, and Redbank, and eventually, after her husband's death, Mrs. Cole came to reside in Molong and district with her daughters. Possessed of rare motherly instincts, Mrs. Cole always gave first consideration to the welfare of others, and she was ever ready with help and comfort in times of sickness or sorrow. She is survived by the following family : William, Mrs. W. Cole (Manildra), Mrs. H. O. Johnson (Taree), Henry (Molong), Mrs. A. Denny (Mentone, Vic.), Albert, Frederick (Orange), Mrs. Ernest Day (Copper Hill), Mrs. Alfred Staines (Molong), and Mrs. Joseph Staines (Molong). The eldest daughter (Mrs. George Cassels) and an infant are predeceased. There are also living 37 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren. With two exceptions (those who are in distant parts), all the members of the family were present at the funeral, and several were with their mother when she passed away. The funeral on Saturday was largely attended, the service, at the graveside being conducted by Captains H. and O. Worley, of the Salvation Army, assisted by Pastor Evans, of the Baptist Church. The silver-mounted maple coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. A. Cole. The pall bearers were Messrs A. Staines, J. Staines (sons-in-law), Mark Cassell, and A. Carter (grandsons). A short service was also held at the house before the funeral started. A memorial service was held at the Salvation Army hall on Sun-day night, when there was a large attendance. The reading desk was draped in white, and several relatives and comrades wore white arm bands. The prayers, Bible reading, addresses, and hymns were of an appropriate and impressive character, and at intervals many eyes were dimmed with tears. Favourite hymns of the departed were sung, including "Oh, Happy Day" and "Shall We Gather at the River." Earnest tributes were paid to the Christian life of the Sister who had gone Home. Captain H. Worley spoke on the joy of eternal life and she and her sister rendered two beautiful duets, including "I'm Coming Home."



**Frederick Charles Cole son of David and Catherine** was born on 3 Jun 1880 in Rockley, Bathurst, New South Wales, Australia. He died on 29 Jul 1970 in Dubbo, New South Wales, Australia. He was buried on 31 Jul 1970 in Auburn, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. He married Theresa Purcell on 3 Apr 1907 in Molong, NSW, Australia. N.S.W.BDM Index Birth #9922-1880

(2) WEDDING....A party was held at the home of Mrs. Heather Warby of Auburn last Tuesday night, to celebrate the Golden Wedding anniversary of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole of Lidcombe. Mr. and Mrs. Cole lived in Orange for many years until World War 2, when they moved to Lidcombe. Mrs. Cole was the daughter of a well known Redbank farmer and grazier and in her younger days was regarded as an outstanding horse woman. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cole opened a business at Cumnock, and then took up farming at Molong before moving to Wellington and then to Orange. During his years in Orange Mr. Cole owned the local agency for the Singer Sewing Machine Co., and during this period was awarded a canteen of cutlery for becoming the States most outstanding salesman. Their four children, Frank, Raymond, Heather and Catherine attended the party as well as their sons-in-law Athol Warby and Ted Crickette and three of their eleven grand-children. During the evening Mr. Cole proudly showed a watch case in which were some locks of auburn coloured hair. He said that they were locks of his mother's hair, and that he had carried them in his watch case for 62 years. A delicious supper, prepared by their daughters Heather and Catherine was served, and the evening concluded with the singing of "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" and wishing the couple "long life and good health".



## THE HUMPHRIES: Hannah Humphries Mother of Gertrude Cole

Hannah was born in Upper Slaughter Gloucestershire around 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 1853 which is when she was baptised. Her parents were Henry Humphries and Sarah Dix. She was the eldest child. Her parents look like they emigrated as paid passengers on the Amelia Thompson which departed England on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1839. Noticeably the agents were Messr's Walker and Co. who featured in our convicts JR Smith's story. The passenger lists Henry Humphreys a labourer of Gloucestershire and Sarah his wife a servant. They definitely paid for their passage to Australia at 18 pound each. This is the equivalent of £1,989.70 today or \$3702 Australian. The average labourers wage in 1839 for farm labourers was 80 pound per annum. <http://www.nws-sa.com/rr/Inequality/Lindert.pdf>.

No.	Daughter Elizabeth		Daughter	Labourer	WALKER
					Recto
Feb. 15	Hannah Henry	Humphries	Upper Slaughter	Labourer	J.P. Walker
No.	Daughter Sarah				Recto
					WALKER



They came with their children who are not listed on the indent- Hannah; George born 1836; Rachel born 1838 who died on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1839 in Sydney. Interestingly Rachel was baptised on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1838 at Temple Guiting which is a 2 hour walk from Upper Slaughter. Both are in the Cotswolds. Henry is listed as a shepherd.

1837				1838			
Cotswolds				Cotswolds			
Name	Age	Sex	Notes	Religion	Parents	Occupation	Remarks
26. Wilt	James	52	Farmer	Episcopalian	Robert & Maria		1837
	John	51	Farmer	Episcopalian	Robert & Maria		1837
	John	53	Farmer	Episcopalian	Robert & Maria		1837
	Maria	17	Housewife	Episcopalian	Robert & Maria		1837
	Maria	15	Housewife	Episcopalian	Robert & Maria		1837
	Maria	6	Housewife	Episcopalian	Robert & Maria		1837
	Maria	2	Housewife	Episcopalian	Robert & Maria		1837
27. Wilt	Henry	28	Shepherd	Episcopalian	Robert & Maria		1837
	John	25	Shepherd	Episcopalian	Robert & Maria		1837
Sergeants							
1	Robert	19	Shepherd	Episcopalian	Robert & Maria		1837
2	John	18	Shepherd	Episcopalian	Robert & Maria		1837
3	John	25	Shepherd	Episcopalian	Robert & Maria		1837
4	John	21	Shepherd	Episcopalian	Robert & Maria		1837
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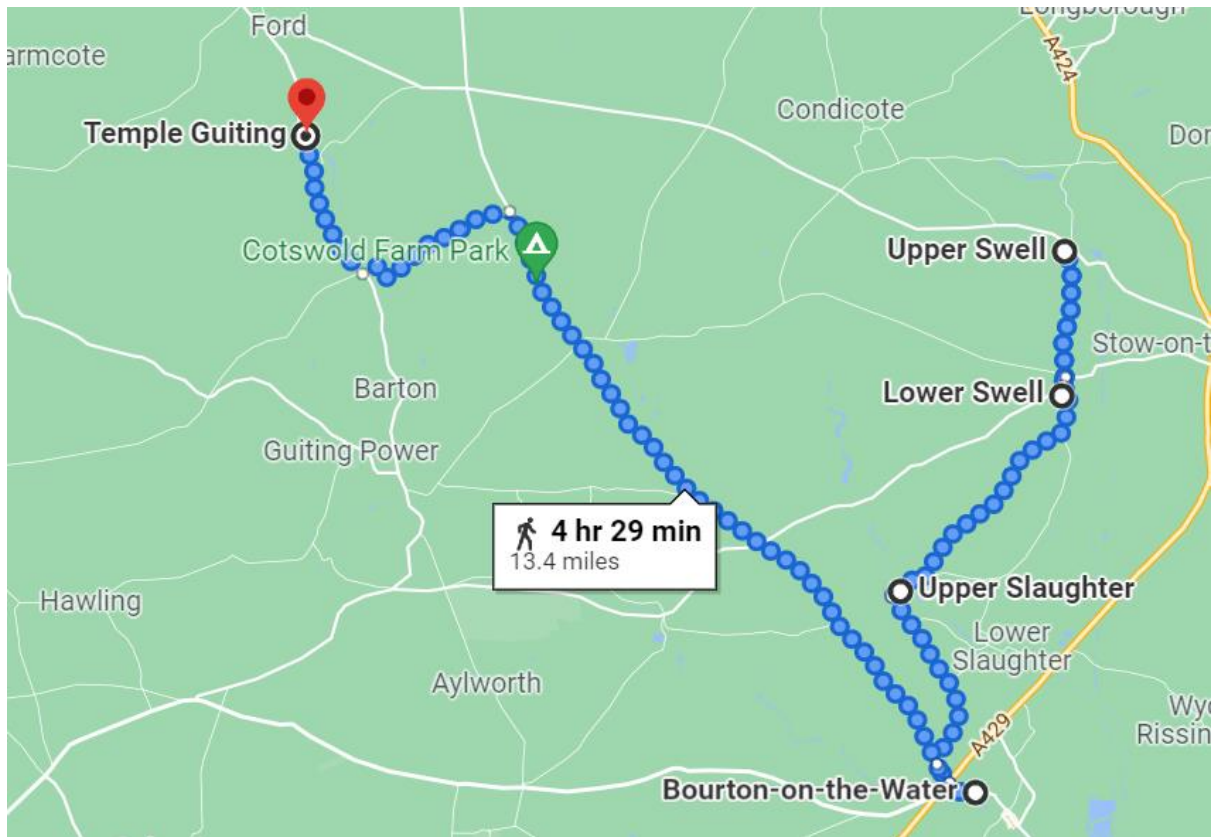
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**BAPTISMS** solemnized in the Parish of *Temple Guiting*  
in the County of *Gloucestershire* in the Year 1838

When	Child's Name	Parents Name	Quality, Trade	By whom
Aug. 5	Rachel Henry	Humphries, Robert	Shepherd	F. Brown
No. 350	John			

Humphries is spelt Humphreys and Humphris in baptism records.

Henry was born in Stow on the Wold Gloucester and baptised on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1811. His parents were Thomas Humphries and Mary Baggs [ 1783-1847 ] [ confirmed by his death certificate]. Thomas married Mary on 12<sup>th</sup> April 1803 in Upper Swell. Mary signed her name and it looks like Raggs not Baggs although the Minister's writing looks like Baggs. Given there is a Thomas and Sophie Ragg listed below on Henry's baptism could Mary's name be Raggs and not Baggs? Thomas was illiterate at the time of his marriage. The witnesses were William Marnes and Sophia Davis. Thomas was from Lower Swell whilst Mary was Upper Swell. Stow on Wold , the Swells and Slaughters are all very close together in Cheltenham UK.



A Transcript  
 from the Parish Register of Stow in the Diocese of Gloucester

1711. Baptiz'd

June 23. Henry son of Tho. & Mary Humphris.  
 Elizabeth daughter of George & Rhoda Bird.  
 Peter son of Wm & Hannah Hayward.

30. Mary Ann daughter of Tho. & Sophia Pegg.  
 Richard son of John & Ellen Ebury.

July 14. Richard son of John & Maria Webb.

Aug. 7. Carlisle son of John & Elizabeth Hampster.

14. Sarah Hobbs. — illegit.  
 John son of Richard & Sarah Michkin.

Sept. 1. Robert son of Robert & Sarah Smith.  
 Thomas son of Robert & Elizabeth Lubbins.

Thomas Humphries of the parish of Lower Swell  
and Mary Roggs of this parish were married  
in this Church by Banns this twelfth day of April  
1803 by me  
Wm Wilton Rector  
This marriage was } The mark of } Thomas Humphries  
solemnized between us } Mary Roggs  
In the } William Marnes  
presence of } The mark of } Sophia Davis

We do not know any more about Thomas or Mary except Mary was buried at Yardley Wood in the County of Warwick on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1847.

He married Sarah Dix in Upper Slaughter on 11<sup>th</sup> October 1834. She was the daughter of Joshua Dix and either Anna or Elizabeth Bliss from Upper Slaughter. Elizabeth's identity cannot be confirmed by documents but is cited in the Minter / Dix Family gedcom who descend from James Joseph Dix, the line that Stan Dix the boat builder of Lake Heights stems from. Their story later. Anna is listed in a Wilcox family tree of the Australian Genealogical Society.

Henry Humphries of this Parish  
Bachelor  
and Sarah Dix of this Parish  
Spinster  
were married in this Church by Banns  
this eleventh Day of  
October in the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty four  
By me Wm Wilton Rector  
This Marriage was solemnized between us } + The mark of Henry Humphries  
Sarah Dix  
In the Presence of } Hannah Palmer  
+ The mark of James Baylis  
No.

London: Printed for Longman, Rees, and Co.; and sold by all Booksellers.



George Humphries, Hannah's brother was born in 1836. He was baptised on August 5<sup>th</sup> 1836 in Lower Guiting. He married Catherine Foran in 1858 at Bathurst. Catherine was the daughter of Patrick Foran and Ellen Grady and sister to Phillip Joseph Foran who married Agnes Cash the daughter of Mary Ann Smith and Thomas Cash. The Foran boys were known as bushrangers in the area. Catherine was the sixth daughter and born on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 1837 at Davys Creek. George and Catherine had about 15 children and we have photos of their 7<sup>th</sup> child Lucy Ann likely named after her aunt Lucy Ann Cash. Lucy Ann

in the family likely derives from Lucy Ann Arkell the eventual owner of Charlton when Thomas Arkell died. She married Cornelius Australia Wilcox on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1884 at All Saints Bathurst. They had 15 children. Lucy Ann died 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 1949 at Wongarboon Dubbo. Cornelius died on 29<sup>th</sup> dec 1934 in Dubbo.

We also have a photo of their 12<sup>th</sup> child Michael Thomas Humphries. Different family trees have conflicting children's names. Michael Thomas's marriage certificate to Harriet Ellen Saunders identifies George as a farmer and his mother's name as Kate. The photo of George and Catherine also suggests Catherine was called Molly. Michael Thomas and Harriet went on to have 10 children. He died on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1933 at Adam St Guildford NSW. Harriet died at 80 Adam St Guilford on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1954.

An article on their son Cornelius who was certified insane identifies George as a grazier of Essington. Cornelius died on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1842 in Toowoomba so survived his incarceration.

Another of their children Phillip James Humphries has an interesting story. He was their 11<sup>th</sup> child. He was convicted by court martial in Palestine during WW1 of the manslaughter of a Bedouin Mohammed Ali Kagi and sentenced to life imprisonment. He was serving this in Goulburn Gaol when his aunt Harriet Stevenson intervened in a legal issue for him. It is written up below. Phillip's war record sees him absenting and charged with insubordination so his term was not a happy one. It also sees him having a good time as he contracted gonorrhoea and syphilis. He was 37 years and 8 months when he signed up in 1915 which would have put his birth date at 1877 so he looks like he underestimated his age. Phillip had been in the 6<sup>th</sup> Light Horse regiment.

George and Catherine's second child Sarah Louisa [1862-1946] married into the Bayliss family-marrying Edwin Thomas Bayliss in Auburn in 1923.

Their third child Edwin George 1863-1945 married Ruby Maude Spilsbury in Moree in 1909 and we have a photo of their family below. Many of the Humphries children ended up around the Moree Narrabri district as their parents must have relocated to the region.

Their ninth child George Jr[1867-1948] was left a single father when his wife Jane Muney died in 1894 leaving him with 2 young children having lost a son Herbert F 2 years before his wife died in 1982. He then lost another son Frederick George a year later in 1895. He remarried Annie Eliza Harriet Wells on 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 1926 in Sydney. They went on to have 6 children. The photo of the family shows the oldest boy Alfred Joseph whose mother was Jane with 5 of his 6 step siblings. George married Annie 3 years after their last child was born. The photo shows some of their children: Mary Kathleen [1911-1996]; James Vernert [1914-2009]; Emma Jane [1916-2009];Doris Ann [1918-2006];Alice [1919-1950] and George Gregory likely the little bloke Alfred is holding [ 1923-1966]. I would hazard a guess and say James is not in the photo.

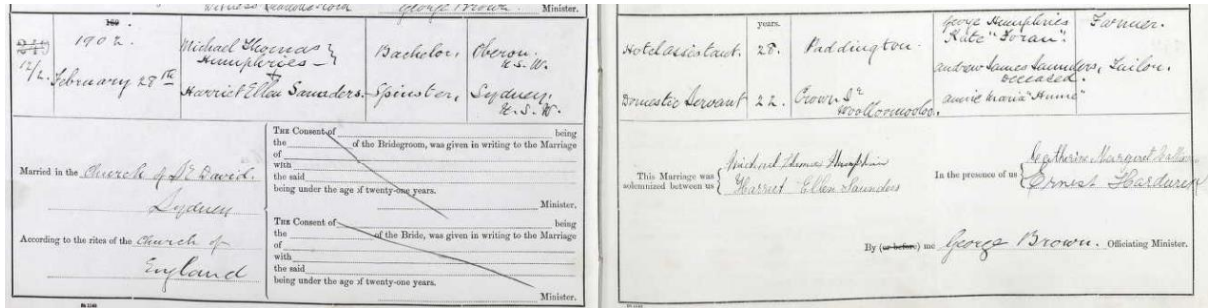
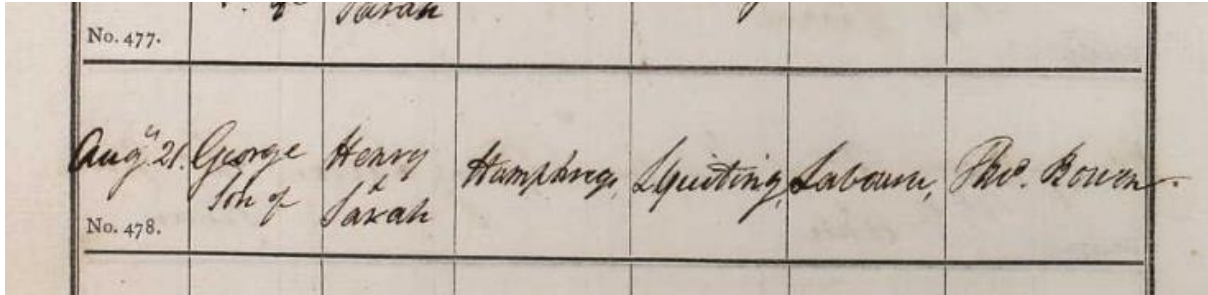
Their 14<sup>th</sup> child Ellen was born on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1878 and married Nicholas Howard Elliott Ward in Dubbo in 1896. See photo. They had 11 children with their youngest Howard Elliott Warn finding his mother dead in 1922. The family story is:

*Grannie Warn Junior died leaving eleven surviving children, the youngest Howard Elliott Warn was only two at the time. The story I have been told by Debbie Baus, Howards youngest child, my dad's 1st cousin, was that Ellen had squeezed something out from her temple, septasemia set in and she died of blood poisoning. Debbie tells the story from her dad that he was pulling on his mums skirt trying to wake he up when someone found them. Howard became a male nurse as a profession, I wonder if that was due to the shock it would have been for a two year old to experience his mum's passing away.*

The children not discussed above were:

- # 6 a male born in 1865 possibly died at birth or soon after birth
- # 10 Mary Jane 1870-1957

- #13 Emily Jane 1875-1946
- #15 Frederick Stephen 1880-1923 his birth is not verified so I suggest he might in fact be Stephen William
- #16 Stephen William 1881- 1923 his birth is verified by primary documentation
- Family trees also have 2 unverified children-Edwin born 1881 and Maud M 1884 and no documentation exists for these two.



George Humphries and family



Michael Thomas Humphries and Harriet Saunders



National Advocate (Bathurst, NSW : 1889 - 1954), Wednesday 22 February 1893, page 3

**A BALL AT WISEMAN'S CREEK.**  
 On the 17th inst., a bachelors' ball was given by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Humphries, of Homeward Bound, near Oberon. About 26 couples put in an appearance and enjoyed themselves with dancing and singing till morning. The dancing was conducted by Messrs. E. and P. Foley, who carried out their duties in a very satisfactory manner. The singing was really good. About half past two in the morning rain fell very heavily and made the return home disagreeable in the extreme. Mrs Rose Humphries was the belle of the evening

Their eldest Alfred James



Lucy Ann Humphries and Cornelius Australia Wilcox



The sad death occurred on Saturday last of Mrs. Ellen Warne, at Stuart Town, at the early age of 38 years, the remains being interred in the Presbyterian portion of the Stuart Town cemetery yesterday.



12-11-15  
15-11-15  
Determine cost of funeral  
arranged without cost of  
burial

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

Name *Phillip James Humphries*  
Unit *1st Lt. 6th Div. 4th*  
Joined on *21/1/15*

*P.D. Ingalls*

Dubbo Liberal and Macquarie Advocate (NSW : 1894 - 1954), Thursday 4 September 1947, page 2

## OBITUARY

### Mr. Phillip James Humphries

The death occurred at the Dubbo Base Hospital on Tuesday night of Phillip James Humphries, of Gosh Street, Trangie at the age of 73 years. The deceased who was a retired drover, was a veteran of the first World War.

He is survived by a sister, Miss Ruthless Humphries, of Rimble Street, Comamble.

The funeral left Shakespeare's funeral parlours on Wednesday morning for the Church of England portion of the Dubbo cemetery. The Rev. Canon C. W. Leavers officiated at the graveside.

Funeral arrangements were in the hands of C. J. Shakespeare and Sons.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon for the Catholic portion of the cemetery. Rev. Father Keogh officiated at the graveside. Funeral arrangements were in the hands of C. J. Shakespeare and Sons.

Muswellbrook Chronicle (NSW : 1898 - 1955), Friday 30 June 1922, page 2

**A LIFE SENTENCE.**  
**DEATH OF A BEDOUIN.**

Mr. Justice Schutt in the First Civil Court, Melbourne, gave judgment upon an application by Phillip James Humphries, now a military prisoner in Goulburn Gaol (N.S.W.), requiring Reginald Greene, solicitor, of Melbourne, to deliver to John J. Carroll, solicitor, of Melbourne, a detailed bill of costs for work alleged to have been done by Greene on behalf of Humphries.

From affidavits filed, it appeared that Humphries, while a member of the A.I.F. in Palestine, was convicted by court-martial on a charge of manslaughter in respect of the death of a Bedouin. Humphries is now serving a sentence of imprisonment for life imposed by the court-martial. Humphries, contending that he was the subject of great provocation in regard to the offence, on his return to Australia, engaged Greene to bring his case before an appeal board, and claimed to have paid Greene £280. He now declared that Greene had failed to carry out his contract, and called for an account of the expenditure of the money.

An affidavit by Mrs. Harriet Stevenson, of Oberon (N.S.W.), aunt of Humphries, stated that Greene wrote to her, saying he had been fortunate in obtaining several interviews with a Minister, and that if an application to the Appeal Court failed the matter would be brought before Parliament. This involved heavy expense.

His Honor made an order that Greene should supply an itemised statement of his professional costs within one month.

within one month.

Phillip had his sentence commuted to 7 years in 1922 as the NSW Police Gazette reported for 26<sup>th</sup> July. It stated that he had been sentenced to life in a Field Court Martial in Palestine on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1918 and listed his trade as carrier. He is 5 foot 9, dark complexion, brown hair and eyes. Phillip clearly did not marry and lived near his sister Catherine [8<sup>th</sup> child] who was born in 1867 and died in 1953. She never married. Phillip died in 1947 at Dubbo Base Hospital.

For the information of the Medal Board.

3. 5.16 Embarked for active service.  
 3. 8.16 T. O. S. of 6th L. H. R. at Tel-el-Kebir.  
 25. 9.16 To hospital. V. D.  
 11.10.16 Discharged from hospital to details. Total period V. D. 17 days.  
 14.10.16 Rejoined unit.  
 25.10.16 To hospital. V. D.  
 8.11.16 Discharged from hospital. Total period V.D. 15 days.  
 9.12.16 To hospital V. D.  
 11.12.16 Discharged from hospital. Total period V.D. 3 days.  
 20. 2.17 Transferred to Details at Moascar.  
 20. 7.17 Rejoined unit ex Training Regt.  
 15. 3.18 F.G.C.M. Charge:- When on active service committing a civil offense, that is to say manslaughter in that he in the field on 15.3.18 unlawfully did kill and slay **MARHOMED ALI KAGI**. Sentenced to F. S. for life.  
 19. 5.18 Embarked for R. T. A. Prisoner under sentence.  
 4. 7.18 R. T. A. and dis-embarked 3rd M. D.  
 22.10.19 Discharged. S. N. L. R.

AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT

PROCEEDINGS OF COURT MARTIAL HELD FOR TRIAL OF

Regimental Number.	Rank.	Initials.	Name.	Unit.
2337	Trooper	P. J.	HUMPHRIES,	6th L.H.Regt., A.I.F.

Sentenced to—  
 Penal Servitude for life.

Dated 8/ 4 / 1918

Filed in Attorney-General's Department and numbered 22353.

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George Humphries died in Stuart Town the same place as his daughter Ellen on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1907. He is listed as a drover. This lists 12 children so I expect that Frederick and Stephen are the same individual and Edwin and Maud were not children. The one male death is likely to be the unnamed male in 1865.

Ellen's husband was the informant. Perhaps he was living with them.

Catherine/Kate died in 1911 at Coonamble NSW.

**Police Court.**

THURSDAY, MAY 30TH, 1889.

(Before Mr. G. H. Smithers, acting P.M., Messrs. J. Meagher and J.B. Duhuntz, J.S.P.)

**LUNACY.**—Cornelius Humphries, aged 24, was charged with being of unsound mind.—Constable Lynch, of the Mounted Police, deposed to arresting prisoner near the cemetery on a charge of being of unsound mind; witness judged by his manner that he was of unsound mind and unfit to be at large.—Dr. Bassett deposed to having examined prisoner and was of opinion that he was insane and unfit to be at large.—Dr. Edmunds deposed that he had examined prisoner and considered him to be insane.—George Humphries, grazier, of Essington, deposed that accused was his son; for some days he has appeared strange, talking very curiously and acting strangely; this morning he was running about with only a portion of his clothing on; he has had money given him to buy clothes with but he has lost it and could not give any account of it.—Accused was ordered to be sent to the Asylum for Insane, Parramatta.

NSW DEATH REGISTRATION TRANSCRIPTION		REF NO 1907/11827
NAME	GEORGE HUMPHRIES	
DATE OF DEATH	30 JUN 1907	
PLACE	STUART TOWN	
OCCUPATION	DROVER	
SEX	MALE	
AGE	71	
CONJUGAL STATUS		
PLACE OF BIRTH	GLOUCESTERSHIRE ENGLAND	
TIME IN AUST COLONIES	67 YEARS IN NSW	
FATHER	HENRY HUMPHRIES	
OCCUPATION	SQUATTER	
MOTHER	SARAH DIXON	
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	BATHURST NSW	
AGE AT MARRIAGE	22	
NAME OF SPOUSE	KATHERINE FORAN	
CHILDREN OF MARRIAGE	SARAH L 45, HENRY 43, CORNELIUS A 42, LUCY A 41, GEORGE 30, KATIE 37, MARY J 35, PHILIP J 34, MICHAEL T 32, EMILY 31, ELLEN 29, FREDERICK S 26, LIVING, 1 MALE DECEASED	
INFORMANT	NICHOLAS H E WARREN, SON-IN-LAW, STUART TOWN; WITNESS: JOHN E CRICK JP	
CAUSE OF DEATH	CANCER OF STOMACH	
LENGTH OF ILLNESS	10 MONTHS	
MEDICAL ATTENDANT	INDIGENT UNNECESSARY - JOHN E CRICK, POLICE OF THE PEACE, STUART TOWN, 1 JUL 1907	
DATE LAST SEEN		
DATE OF BURIAL	3 JUL 1907	
PLACE OF BURIAL	THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY AT OMIGAL, NEAR STUART TOWN	
MINISTER & RELIGION	JOHN E CRICK (ACTING), ROMAN CATHOLIC	
UNDERTAKER	JOHN HUGHES	
WITNESSES	H WARR, C A WILCOX	
CREMATION DATE		
CREMATION PLACE		
CREMATION INFORMANT		
CREMATION RELIGION		
CREMATION WITNESSES		
REGISTERED	6 JUL 1907 - WELLINGTON	
NOTES		

### Henry and Sarah's Australian Story:

The Amelia Thompson had departed Plymouth on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1839 and arrived in Sydney on 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 1839 only 17 days before little Rachel died. The ship had left Gravesend on 3<sup>rd</sup> June and called into Plymouth on 13<sup>th</sup> June. The Humphries were not listed as cabin passengers so would have been in "steerage".

<https://www.freesettlorfelon.com/searchaction.php?page=1&surname=&ship=amelia%20thompson%201839&firstname=>

At the time they arrived there was an inquiry into immigration going on in Sydney esp. into Immigration Agent Mr Marshall. See report. Key questions which highlight Henry and Sarah's suitability for emigration were:

*Question 24. To what class of Immigrants do you find a preference generally given?*

*To the English, from the rural or agricultural districts, for general purposes, but certainly to the Scotch, for shepherds.*

*Question 37: 37. You have said, and are of opinion, that there is still a very great demand for useful and effective laborers of all descriptions?*

*Very great, including the class of domestic servants.*

*Question 41: Would young married couples, with small families, from the parts of England you have alluded to, still obtain engagements upon advantageous terms ?*

*Yes, to any extent ; also single men and women in equal proportions.*

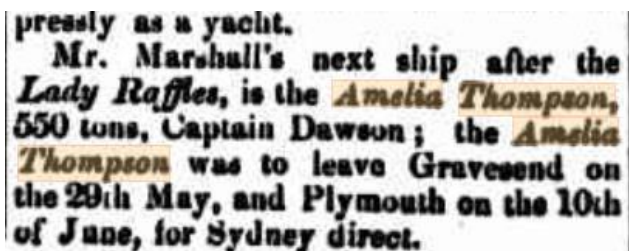
No wonder Henry and Sarah emigrated.

Question 39 of the second day of evidence throws some light on the times: *39. In engaging them do you find employers generally give a preference to those from any particular part ?*

*I find that employers prefer labourers from the rural districts of England ; I have generally observed a prejudice against those from Ireland.*

The Amelia Thompson was in fact a Marshall ship as the excerpt below shows:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/2540358?searchTerm=amelia%20Thompson%201839>



pressly as a yacht.  
Mr. Marshall's next ship after the *Lady Raffles*, is the *Amelia Thompson*, 550 tons, Captain Dawson ; the *Amelia Thompson* was to leave Gravesend on the 29<sup>th</sup> May, and Plymouth on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, for Sydney direct.



Beginning in 1828, the Australian Government organized a program to encourage people to migrate to Australia, particularly to the State of New South Wales, which had been founded in 1788. "Assisted Immigrants" were immigrants whose passage was paid for or partially paid for by the Government as an incentive to settle in New South Wales. Children are often listed separately on a brief handwritten card with no parent's name as well on the father's card under "children".

Another program which ran from 1835 to 1841 was the bounty reward system. "Bounty immigrants" were selected by colonists who then paid for their passage. When the immigrant arrived, a colonist would employ the immigrant and the employer would then be reimbursed by the government for all or part of the cost of passage. The first immigrants to apply for this assisted immigration, were the people from Ireland, England, Wales, and Scotland. Later, people from other European countries began immigrating to Australia.

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Australia, New South Wales, Index to Bounty Immigrants - FamilySearch Historical Records](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Australia,_New_South_Wales,_Index_to_Bounty_Immigrants_-_FamilySearch_Historical_Records)

Henry and Sarah were neither Bounty immigrants or assisted they paid full passage. They were not Irish so would have attracted a good position for both of them. Why were they not assisted? Perhaps because of the children.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/12872981>

**MR. JOHN MARSHALL.**  
THE last of Mr. MARSHALL's immigrant ships have arrived in the Colony, Mr. MARSHALL having stated in a circular, which we give below, his intention to retire from the business. The reason for this retirement is generally understood to be embarrassment of his affairs. Although we have had occasion to complain of the number of Roman Catholics sent out by Mr. MARSHALL, we must admit that he has "done the state some service" as an Emigration Agent.

The Sydney Gazette reported on the Amelia Thompson on 5<sup>th</sup> oct 1834 that its surgeon superintendent was in fact not qualified and then they had to take it all back. There was clearly an issue with Mr Marshalls' treatment of his emigrants which had preceded the papers attack.

**SYDNEY GAZETTE. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1839.**

*Immigration.*

UNDER this heading, in our last number, we made some remarks touching the expediency of passing some

legislative enactment, or adopting some efficient regulation, for securing the selection of me medical men of high character and standing to undertake the superintendence of emigrants on the outward voyage. We were induced to make these remarks in consequence of having been informed that the surgeon of the newly-arrived emigrant ship Amelia Thompson had made his appearance in the witness-box at the Police Office, a day or two before, under circumstances by no means creditable to him. Since the publication of our last number Mr. ENSCOE, the surgeon-superintendent of the Amelia Thompson, has called upon us, and we learn from him that the person who represented himself at the Police Office as the surgeon of the Amelia Thompson, was an intermediate cabin passenger, and had nothing what ever to do with the superintendence of the emigrants, being merely occasionally employed as an assistant in consequence of his possessing some knowledge of me dicine. We regret for the sake of Mr ENSCOE, who, we understand, is a highly respectable gentleman, and purposes following his profession in the Colony, that our remarks should have appeared, but we were induced from the representations made by the individual alluded to, at the Police Office, to believe that he was the surgeon-superintendent, and under that impression commented on the conduct of the supposed delinquent in a strain, which, without this explanation, might seriously affect the prospects of the gentleman who really filled the office of surgeon-superintendent.

But, although we learn, and with pleasure, that our remarks had no foundation in the particular case to which we alluded, it is but too true that in several instances within our knowledge, both in

*Government and Bounty emigrant ships, individuals have been entrusted with the medical charge whose conduct during the voyage, and even subsequent to their arrival in the Colony, has been such as to show that very little care has been exercised in their selection. We repeat therefore that the medical charge of emigrants, on a voyage of such duration, should be entrusted only to naval surgeons, because their commission forms a strong guarantee for their conduct; or, if other surgeons are to continue eligible, that at least their appointment shall be subject to the approval of the Government Emigration Agent at the port of embarkation, or some other person who can be made responsible for their good conduct on the voyage. At present naval and civil surgeons are indiscriminately employed both in Government and Bounty ships, and the public have no security for the good conduct of the latter excepting the gratuity allowed by the Local Government on the safe arrival of the emigrants in port. It would go a long way (looking to present and past occurrences) to ensure the selection of proper persons for the superintendence of Bounty ships, were the payment of the Bounty made in some degree contingent on the good behaviour of the surgeon on the passage. The matter is worthy the attention of the Committee on Immigration.*  
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article2550903.txt>

**Reference: The Great Emigration of 1841 Recruitment for New South Wales in British Emigration Fields** <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2952476>.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

At the end of the 1830s the colony of New South Wales was clamouring for a new labour supply. This outlier of British industrialization was booming under the stimulus of pastoral expansion, but convict transportation, its primary source of labour, was about to cease. Land sales were unprecedentedly high and the revenue derived was ear-marked to finance immigration. Therefore the colonial government offered large numbers of heavily subsidised passages to the working people of the British Isles.

Henry and Sarah just beat the 1841 emigration and would have taken advantage of the need for rural labour. We know by the birth of their daughter Mary Ann in 1841 that Henry and Sarah were at Bathurst and in 1851 there were unclaimed letters for Henry of Bathurst reported in the newspaper. I suspect they would have moved to Essington / Rockley area for work and could have even worked at Charlton Station.

What we do know is Henry became wealthy by 1857 and bought 350 acres taking over the King's Essington Park and building the current Essington Park house in 1860. The Thematic History of Oberon<sup>1</sup> records some of Henry's ventures:

*The first white people to live in the Oberon district were the stockmen of Sydney run-holders. Captain Philip Parker King, son of Governor King had his stock running on Bingbungel Creek (west of Oberon town) in 1823. King was a sea captain and would seldom have been there. His rural affairs were in the charge of his overseer, William Hayes<sup>87</sup>. Major Druitt apparently had a run at the head of the Duckmaloi River previously when Archibald Hood asked to be located there in 1826.*

*King's run was estimated in 1825 by Captain Fennell to be 7000 acres<sup>88</sup>. After King formalised the purchase of 2000 acres in 1828, it was located in the Parish of Crete with Captain King's Creek crossing one end. According to Charles Whalan's daughter Sarah Hughes:*

*Captain King, son of Governor King ran stock all over what is now Oberon. He had his stockyards near where the bridge is on King's Stockyard Creek [near the abattoir on the north eastern side of the town] – hence the name. Legend has it a stockman's hut was near the spring near Mrs Whiteley's house. There is a good spring there [now a dam in the common]. –the town well is down near that old flooded gum tree near the caves turn-off.<sup>89</sup>*

*"King's stock probably ranged over a far greater area, as when Charles Whalan jnr bought 988 acres in 1831 the land included Captain King's stockyard, hence the name of the creek<sup>90</sup>. The Essington Park house was not on King's original Essington Park estate but on an adjoining property to the west of it. It was built by Henry Humphries in 1860.*

<sup>1</sup> Gemmell Phillipa, A Thematic History of Oberon 16<sup>th</sup> March 2004. Page 23.

Oberon was originally known as 'Bullock Flat', after a flat on the Fish River frequented by King's bullocks. The name was elevated to 'Oberon', from the King of the Fairies in Shakespeare's A Midsummer Nights Dream in 1863 when it was proclaimed a village. This was already the name of the parish.....

### Essington

Captain King died in 1856 and his widow still owned the 2000 acres of Essington Park in 1874. On the west side Henry Humphries bought 350 acres in 1857, part of his extensive holdings in the Oberon district. He built the present Essington Park homestead on the 350 acres in 1860.

In 1876 the King brothers sold their 2000 acres (Essington Park) to the brothers Archibald and John Stevenson. Both these men married daughters of Henry Humphries, Harriet and Susan respectively.

Henry Humphries ran into financial problems towards the end of that century with the increase in government land rental and the drop of wool prices and sold much of his land to John and Archibald Stevenson. Archibald became the sole owner of the 350 acres with the house in 1904 and enlarged the upper floor, changing the appearance of the house from "pioneer" to colonial.<sup>2</sup>

Gemmell further reported in her 2018 study in referring to Governor King the original owner of Essington Park:

He called his grant, Essington Park, after family friend Vice-Admiral Sir William Essington, indicating the intention of forming emotional connection. His tickets of occupation, however, were known as Bullock Flat (Oberon) and Paling Yards.<sup>17</sup> As King did not own these holdings, it seems he did not give them names with personal significance and was probably not the conferor of those appellations.<sup>3</sup>

Although there is evidence that King visited the station at least once, about 1833, it seems on that trip he was more engaged in scientific pursuits. He rode from Emu Valley on Cox's Road over the plateau to "Mr Hassal's house at Bolong" (Figure 5.1) south of the Abercrombie River, measuring the heights of hills.<sup>17</sup> A letter to the Surveyor General, Sir Thomas Mitchell, with the results of his calculations reveals his great Enlightenment enthusiasm for this project.<sup>18</sup> He spent ten days at his grant, Mobrín, (which he later named Essington Park) taking 24 barometric readings, and then visited his ticket of occupation, Paling Yards north of the Abercrombie River, but there is no record of his impressions of either. When the 'rot' hit in 1826, King lost almost all his 2700 sheep.<sup>19</sup> His overseer William Hayes apparently reconceived

Mobrín/Essington Park as primarily a cattle station.<sup>20</sup> King's widow, Harriet, retained Essington Park until her death in 1874, but the Kings never built a homestead there.<sup>21</sup>

NEW SOUTH WALES  
BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT 1995  
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE  
1863 / 001437

Date and place of marriage	Names and surnames of parties	Conjugal status	REGISTRATION	
27 <sup>th</sup> May 1863 Bathurst	William Henry King Smith	Bachelor	Single	
	Parents: King, Archibald; Humphries, Henry			
Maiden to the name of Sarah Ann Smith				
According to the forms of the Church of England				
Usual occupation	Age	Usual place of residence	Father's name and mother's name and maiden surname	Father's occupation
Farmer	23	Bathurst	William Henry King Sarah Ann Smith	Farmer
	21	Bathurst	Henry Humphries Sarah Ann Smith	Farmer
This Marriage was solemnized between us		In the presence of us		
William Henry King		Sarah Ann Smith		
By (or before) us		Witnessing Minister in Regime		
MARRIAGE MINUTE BOOK				

Before accepting copies, sign (or seal) original. The original has a colored background.  
REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES  
17 Jul 2006  
Greg Currey  
Registrar

Henry and Sarah had 9 more children when they arrived in New South Wales. They were:

- Mary Ann** born 24<sup>th</sup> July 1841 Bathurst. She marries John Wilcox on 21<sup>st</sup> December 1855 at the Wesleyan Church Bathurst. The Wilcox's have an extensive family history available online. They had 14 children with only one child dying early. Mary Ann died at Llandillo on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 1938.
- Emma**: born 19<sup>th</sup> July 1843 at Campbell's River suggesting Charlton Station. Emma married William Henry Smith the eldest child of William Richard and Mary Ann. Refer the Smith page. They married at St Stephens Church Bathurst on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1863. She later married John Maher a year after William Henry's death in 1871. See the story of Emma and William's

<sup>2</sup> Op cit page 97

<sup>3</sup> Gemmell Phillipa, Mountain Beings Relationships with land in the Oberon district, 1800-1900. PHD Thesis April 2018. Page 135.

<sup>4</sup> Op cit page 120.

son James Joseph Henry Smith as it is a great tale. Emma died in Oberon in 1889. She had 6 children with William -refer his story in the Smith webpage here and 4 children with John Maher. Her youngest Cyril J Maher would only have been 8 when she died.

- c) **Alfred:** born in 1845. He married Matilda Sturzaker on 12<sup>th</sup> August 1879 at All Saints Bathurst. The Sturzakers were a Rockley family and Rockley Manners says that Alfred was a farmer at Wattle Grove when he married Matilda. Matilda was the organist at the C of E Church at Oberon and probably Rockley before she married. She was born to James and Mary McLean an Irish woman in 1857. James had arrived free about 1831 and Mary was an immigrant arriving in 1841 aboard the Cadet. James was a bootmaker to the McPhillamy's on Charlton in 1866 and he was a foundation member of the Church of England at Rockley. Matilda and Alfred had 8 children. Alfred died on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1924 at Wattle Grove and Matilda died in 1919 in Oberon. <sup>5</sup>

Family Photo of Alfred and Matilda with their children, except Les, back row Bert, Ted, Roy and Lance, centre row father Alfred, Mac and mother Matilda with Carrie (niece of Matilda) and Fred GRUNDY. Front row Harold, Eva GRUNDY(daughter of Carrie) and Dolph



- d) **James Frederick:** born 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 1847 . He died in 16<sup>th</sup> April 1933. Pam Wilcox wrote to Irene Birch an Oberon family historian on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1983 and Pam said she had been informed that James had gone in for bushranging and she was told he never married.
- e) **Sarah** born 1848-49 and baptised on 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 1849 at Bathurst. She married James George Edward Mansfield on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 1868 in Oberon. They had 6 children. James died in 1911 and Sarah married David Greeves in 1896 in Bourke where she died on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1915.
- f) **Henry Jr** born 1851. He married Amelia Harris on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1878 at O'Connell. They had 7 children and Henry died on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1944 at Maitland. Amelia died in 1954.
- g) **Harriet** born 24<sup>th</sup> October 1854 and she married Archibald Stevenson on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 1875 at Essington Park. They had 12 children and Archibald and his brother purchased Essington Park from her father Henry. Harriet died in Parramatta on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 1941.
- h) **Lucy Ann** possibly named after Lucy Ann Arkell. She was born in 1857 and died in 1861.

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<sup>5</sup> Roberson A.M Rockley Manners 1989. Page 235-236

- i) **Susan** we do not know when she was born. She married John Stevenson Archibald's brother on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 1872 . She died on 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 1941 at Balgowlah Sydney.

## The story of James Joseph Henry Smith and his Dix Family

James changed his surname from Smith to Dix the surname of his grandmother and married Rubina Wilson. He was born 20<sup>th</sup> May 1864 at Brisbane Valley to William Henry Smith and Emma Humphries. See his birth certificate below. The family line from his marriage to Rubina contacted me to explain:

*My sister and I had been trying to find a birth for our great grandfather James Henry Joseph Dix but without success until my sister found out (knowing his parents were William and Emma from his marriage certificate) that he was really Smith not Dix. He used a different surname on his marriage (1889) and later divorce certificates. He only had one child with Rubina before their divorce and subsequent marriage that you have recorded and that was my grandfather called Stanley Smith Dix (no-one ever knew just why his middle name was Smith but now it is apparent) We thought that James may have already been married at the time so used a different surname but on searching there was no other wife. He just took the maiden surname of his grandmother Sarah Dix (not Maher as you have recorded) who was the mother of Emma Humphries. We are supposing (no evidence) that he possibly lived with his grandparents following the death of his father and his mother's remarriage and for whatever reason used his grandmother's maiden name.*

*Although James Smith/Dix lived until 1951 there was no contact between him and my grandfather and he would have been unaware of the half brothers and sisters he had at Oberon. Jan Minter and Lori Cupples.*

Looking into this James did indeed marry Rubina Wilson under the name James Dix and listed his father's name as William H Dix not Smith and his mother as Emma Humphreys. James was a coal miner in Wollongong at the time of this marriage. Rubina required her father's permission to marry. They married on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1889 in Wollongong. Photos below. Their only son Stanley Smith Dix

arrived on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1891 in Wollongong.



James must have told Rubina about his real surname of Smith in order to name their son with Smith as his second name. We can only wonder about this or did he not and this was the cause of the divorce in 1899. Young Stanley's story is relayed separately below as it is one close to my early life

and my dad's in Lake Heights. Rubina divorced James on 5<sup>th</sup> October 1899 in Oberon. Reg Rubina's grandson filled me in on her life after James:

*Robina Wilson was married to James Joseph Smith your relation took on the name of Dix his paternal grandmother's maiden name. They divorced and my Grandfather (Stan's father) Stanley Smith also took on the surname of his father's grandmother(Dix). Robina remarried a Stanley of Corrimal and had children Eric, he lived in station street Corrimal and was a bus driver. The other sons owned a hardware store in Corrimal during the sixties Aub Stanley another son worked as chief electrical at NESCA in Newcastle. My middle name is Stanley and there was some conjecture as to whom I was named after. Was it my Grandfather, my Uncle or my Great Grandmother's surname. Stan always said it was him, but I had other claims as well. My father Terry change his mind on many occasions I suppose depending on the situation or the relatives at hand.*

NEW SOUTH WALES  
BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT 1995  
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

REGISTRATION NUMBER  
1889 / 005274

Date and place of marriage	Names and surnames of parties	Conjugal status	Birthplace
24th October 1899 Wallingong	James Henry Dix Rubina Wilson	Bachelor Spinster	Bathurst -

Witness to the ceremony -  
Kearney Wallingong

According to the provisions of the Marriage Act 1961

The consent of the parties was given by the parties themselves in the presence of the Registrar and witnesses at Wallingong on the 24th day of October 1899.

Witness to the ceremony -  
R. H. Wallingong

Usual occupation	Age	Usual place of residence	Father's name mother's name and maiden surname	Father's occupation
Coal Miner	24	Journal	William H. Dix Erna Humphreys	-
Widow	16	Journal	Abraham Wilson Mary Wilson	Widow

This Marriage was solemnized between us  
James Henry Dix  
Rubina Wilson

In the presence of us  
Robert Wilson  
Elizabeth Wilson

By (on behalf) of Robert Wilson, Officiating Minister in Charge

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REGISTRY OF BIRTHS  
DEATHS AND MARRIAGES  
SYDNEY 09 Sep 2003

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of particulars recorded in a Register in the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia

Director

In the Supreme Court  
of New South Wales  
In Divorce

No 3213

Between Rubina Dix  
Petitioner  
and  
James Henry Dix  
Respondent

On this 24th day of October  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and ninety nine John Roswell Sturt of  
Oberon in the colony of New South Wales  
Barrister at Law being duly sworn maketh oath and  
saith as follows

I did on the 24th day of  
October one thousand eight hundred and ninety  
nine at Bathurst in the said colony make  
a true copy of the Decree nisi annexed hereto marked  
H upon the above named James Henry Dix by delivering  
the same to himself

Sworn by the Respondent on the  
day and year first above mentioned  
at Oberon before me  
John R. Sturt  
Barrister

Attested before me  
A Justice of the Peace.

It looks from the divorce as if James had returned to Oberon. He married again under his Smith surname at the parsonage in Keppell St Bathurst on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1906. His wife was Marion Agnes Isobel Hobbs. Marion's' mother was a Sturzaker – Jane. Jane was the sister of Matilda who had married Alfred Humphries. Jane married Charles Hobbs in 1863 at Rockley. He must have had another name Frederick! <sup>6</sup>

James has an added name Richard which is the first time this has been cited. This would have

<sup>6</sup> Roberson A.M Rockley Manners page 236

been after William Henry's father and grandfather John aka Richard and William Richard Smith. James was 42 years of age and a canvasser.

James and Marion had 6 children a younger female being unnamed. Two of their son Victor William 1910-1988 and Albert Henry 1906-1991 are buried with their father next to the graves of William Richard Smith and Mary Ann Barsden in Oberon Cemetery CofE section.

James died at 'Diamond Vale' Oberon on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1951. Marion names Mary Ann in his obit had died on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1951 2 months before James.

**NEW SOUTH WALES**  
BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT 1995

REGISTRATION NUMBER  
**1864/005370**

**BIRTH CERTIFICATE**

Date and place of birth of child	Name and whether present or not	Sex	Father's name, occupation, age and birthplace	Date and place of marriage, previous issue	Mother's name and maiden surname, age and birthplace
Present May 1864 Brisbane Valley	James Joseph not present	male	(1) William Henry Smith Farmer (2) 24 (3) now (4) New South Wales	(1) 17th May 186 Bathurst New South Wales (2) now	(1) Emma Humphreys New South Wales (2) 21 (3) New South Wales

Informant	Witness	Particulars of registration	Name if added after registration of birth
W. H. Smith Father Brisbane valley	(1) now (2) W. H. Smith (3)	James Joseph Smith July 1864 Bathurst	

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SYDNEY 18 Jul 2006

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Corey Cery  
HM Registrar

**MARRIAGE TRANSCRIPTION from NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages**

Transcription requested by **LORIS CUPPLES** 29-Jun-07

Registration Number **09496**  
Date Married **6 OCT 1906**  
Place Married **PARSONAGE, KEPPELL STREET, BATHURST**  
Religion **METHODIST**

**Groom**  
Name **JAMES JOSEPH HENRY RICHARD SMITH**  
Conjugal Status **DIVORCED**  
Birthplace **BRISBANE VALLEY, OBERON, NSW**  
Occupation **CANVASSER**  
Age **42**  
Usual Residence **OBERON, NSW**  
Father **WILLIAM HENRY SMITH**  
Mother **EMMA HUMPHREYS**  
Occupation - Father **FARMER**

**Bride**  
Name **MARION HOBBS**  
Conjugal Status **SPINSTER**  
Birthplace **BATHURST, NSW**  
Occupation **DOMESTIC DUTIES**  
Age **27**  
Usual Residence **BATHURST, NSW**  
Father **FREDERICK HOBBS**  
Mother **JANE STURZAKER**  
Occupation - Father **BRICK LAYER**

Witnesses **MARTIN 'X' LONG, E. HULME**  
Minister **JOHN HULME; REGISTERED 17 OCT 1906**  
Comments

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BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT 1995  
**DEATH CERTIFICATE**

REGISTRATION NUMBER  
**1951/021674**

Date and place of death	Name and occupation	Sex and age	Cause of Death Duration of last illness; medical attendant; when he last saw deceased	Name and occupation of father Name and maiden surname of mother	Informant
1951. 14 <sup>th</sup> August Oberon N.S.W.	James Joseph Henry Smith Carpenter	Male 87 years	(1) Sudden. (2) 3 days. (3) L. S. Kirby. (4)	(1) William Smith. (2) James. (3) Emma Humphreys.	T. W. Smith Doct. "Harwood Vale" Oberon.

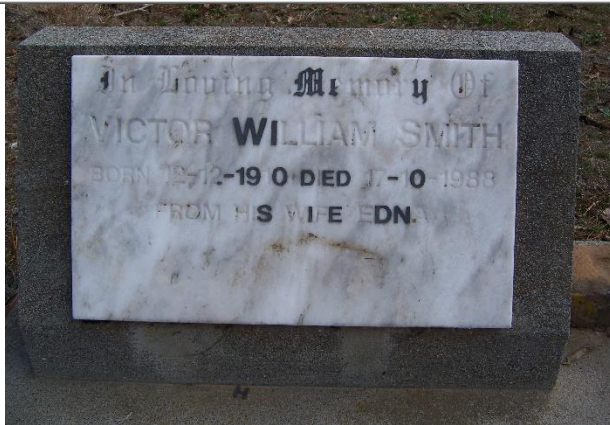
Particulars of registration	When and where buried; name of undertaker	Name and religion of Minister and names of witnesses of burial	Where born and how long in the Australasian Colonies or States	Place of marriage, age, and to whom	Children of marriage
(1) <i>[Signature]</i> (2) 12 September 1910 (3) Oberon	(1) 16 August 1951 (2) Church of England Oberon (3) N. R. Sheppard	(1) G. Humphreys. (2) Methodist. (3) J. Robinson. J. Sheppard	Oberon N.S.W. Noolbong, N.S.W. 26 years. 42 years.	Noolbong, N.S.W. Bathurst, N.S.W. 26 years. 42 years.	Stanley, 60 years. Albert H. 60 years. Edna M. 39. Doris 29. Living One female deceased.

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*Corey Curry*  
Registrar



**SMITH, James Joseph Henry.**— August 14 1951, at Lowes, Mount Oberon, dearly beloved husband of Mary Anne (deceased), and loved father of Henry, Dulcie (deceased), William, Edna (Mrs. Robinson), and Doris (Mrs. Horton), aged 87 years.

**SMITH, Marlon Agnes Isobel.**— June 12, 1951, at the residence of her son-in-law, 192 Edgar Street, Bankstown, beloved wife of Joseph H. Smith, and loved mother of Albert, Victor, Edna, and Doris, aged 72 years.

James death certificate does list Stanley who was 60 years of age when James died. This would suggest the family knew about Stanley. At his death the female who died was Dulcie Emma who died in 1945 at Bowenfels Lithgow.



## NOW TO THE STORY OF STANLEY SMITH DIX:

Stanley married Sinda May Holmes on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 1914 at Fern Cottage Holmesville. See photo below. They had 5 children:

- **Stanley Holmes Dix** born March 1915 Holmesville and died March 1987 Wallsend. More about Stan below.
- **Kenneth W Dix:** 1917-1918
- **Daphne May Dix:** born 25<sup>th</sup> August 1919 Mayfield Newcastle and married William Clyde Cupples on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1940 at Mayfield. See photos below. Parents of Loris Cupples. Photos below.
- **Terence William Dix:** born 15<sup>th</sup> May 1925 Mayfield. He married Rona Schofield in 1944.
- **Frances Louise Leslie Dix:** born 1937 Wickham Newcastle.





Stanley Holmes I found out in 2019 is the Stan Dix I grew up with at Lake Heights. Stan was a boat builder not less than 50 houses down from where I grew up on Northcliffe Drive Lake Heights. Dixies Wharf is a famous part of my childhood and we have been active in 2021 with a Lake Heights group trying to save it. Stan Dix as we knew him had a boat shed just up from the jetty and was an iconic figure in my community. The Lake Heights and surrounds Facebook site in 2019 posted this:



*Thought that I would post information and a number of photos that have been collected over time of Stan Dix's Boatshed and Jetty. Unfortunately, the elusive "complete" photo of Dix's Boatshed and Jetty remains tucked away in someone's "photos shoebox". But, the photos posted here provide an insight to the elements of Dix's footprint on the northern Lake Illawarra foreshore at Lake Heights. According to Joseph Davis' book, "Lake*

*Illawarra – An Ongoing History", prepared for the Lake Illawarra Authority in 2005 (see p.122) Dix's Wharf was established on the lakes foreshore under permissive occupancy by Stanley Holmes Dix, sometime before 1946. Dix established the wharf in association with his business "Ye Olde Boat Shoppe". The wharf was apparently modified in 1946 and 1962 for the purpose of building a jetty and breakwater. Mr Dix was involved in the formation of the Port Kembla Yacht Club, who utilised Dix's Wharf after a meeting held at the site in 1946. In Circa 1971, Dix's Wharf was resumed by the Government/Council as part of an ambitious, but ultimately failed plan to build a major road alignment along the foreshore. This also resulted in the resumption of the Port Kembla Sailing Club, and the subsequent construction of its new facility adjacent to Berkeley Harbour where it continues to operate today. According to his nephew, [Reg Dix](#) "Stan participated in the first Sydney Hobart on SV. Wayfarer holds the record for the longest trip to Hobart 11 days, 6hours, and 20 minutes. The vessel did not come last as there was a withdrawal from the race by SV.Archina I believe that Stan did three or four races. The first from what he told me there was no grog left by the time they finished the race. I believe the crew were more interested in a few drinks rather than serious racing".*

*2017: This is the only photo I have been able to find of Dix's boat shed. Must be early as there is only one jetty. The Port Kembla Sailing Club began in 1949 in an old boat shed on the lake foreshore about 1-2 km east of the clubs present location. Local boat builder Stan Dix led a breakaway group of V J Dinghy sailors from the IYC and formed the club on his boat building premises. Photo taken by Alan Jeffrey. Further info re the history VJ Club and Port Kembla Sailing Club is available at <http://www.pksc.com.au/our-history.html>*



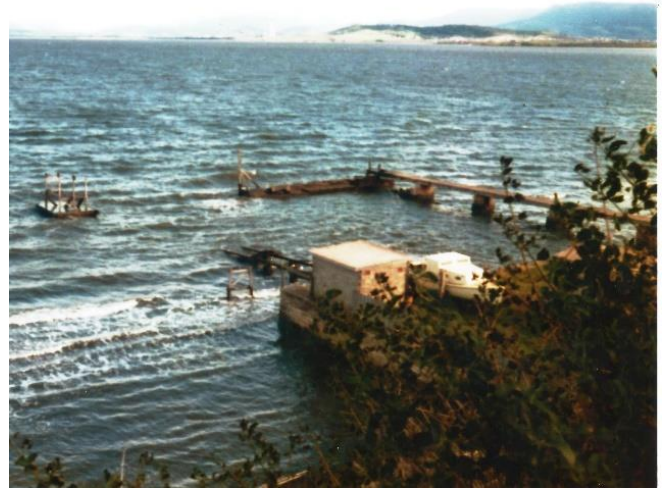
2019 from Reg Dix Stan's great nephew

*My name is Reginald Stanley Dix son of Terrence Wilson Dix. Kenneth Dix passed away as a young child as a result of a boating accident. Your knowledge of the family history is quite correct. Stan died at his home at Boat Alley Fennel's Bay ( part of Lake Macquarie). I was Stan's nephew and heir to his estate. I worked on the upgrading of the wharf October 1961 Peter John Maywald has information on another site. Stan and I*

*when he returned to Newcastle spent many times together reminiscing about his many friends and his life, alongside the Lake at Lake Heights. I can on good authority assure you that he was most distressed upon the resumption of his boat shed and to think that today the proposed road did not eventuate would further cause him considerable distress if he was alive and have knowledge of the outcome. Stan did fulfil one of his bucket list in sailing around Cape Horn it was always a dream to him to accomplish this in his lifetime. Perhaps a little known fact is that he along with others was instrumental in forming the Sydney Hobart Yacht race in 1945. He participated in the race on three to four occasions if I remember correctly. It is great to see that Stan is still remembered fondly by the community that he loved.*

Part of my parents property was also resumed for the road that never went through. Such a shame as Stan could have lived out his days there with his wife Frances Louise Leslie Dix. It would have been great for dad to have known that his cousin was Stan and for them to perhaps broach the Dix Smith family divide. Here are some photos of my childhood:





Dixies wharf was a place for teenage contemplation for many of us in the 1970's.

Stan as I remember him



## Stan Dix dies at 71

Former Illawarra Mercury sailing columnist and yachting personality Stan Dix died at Newcastle yesterday.

Dix, 71, was a boat builder who conducted a business on Lake Illawarra for about 40 years.

He was one of the founders of the Illawarra Yacht Club and the inaugural meeting was held in his boatshed near Northcliffe Dr, Warrawong.

Dix held the position of club commodore for several years, while his wife was minute secretary in the early days.

He built and sailed all yacht-type boats on Lake Illawarra and was a distinguished guest at the IYC's 40th anniversary celebrations last year.

When Dix sold his Lake Illawarra business a few years ago he returned to Lake Macquarie, where he had resided before coming to Wollongong.