

Bendigo Cemetery



Notes for John Wolstencroft and his wife Sarah Ann.
They are buried in the family Grave #2747 in section E4.
Four earlier children are not named on the headstone.

Sarah died in 8/08/1911 aged 76 and
John died in 5/03/1922 aged 87 and their son Joseph in 5/01/1945 aged 77.
John was involved in establishing the family brick making company with his brother
William.

William is buried in F3 in his family grave but his obituary is shown as this page,
as both brothers worked together and came to Australia at the same time.

This inscribed brick is at the summit of the Post
Office tower.

With others it was made and presented by the
Wolstencroft brothers
in a ceremony during construction on 27th
November 1885.

Source and photo from:
"Pride of Pall Mall" The Post Office Building
Centenary.

This book was available from the PO Tourist Center in July 2019.



Images:

WOLSTENCROFT_E4_144.JPG
WOLSTENCROFT_E4_144A.JPG
WOLSTENCROFT_E4_144B.JPG



In loving memory of
SARAH ANN
dearly beloved wife of
JOHN WOLSTENCROFT
Brick Manufacturer, Miller Street
who was born March 6th 1835
and died August 8th 1911
Aged 76 years and 5 months
Native of Oldham, Lancashire
England
A Bendigonian 50 years
Her last words were/ "Where's Father"

One of the best that God could send
beloved by all, a faithful friend
called home from those who deeply love
To call a glorious life above
With aching hearts, with tearful eyes
We linger where our dear one lies
and breathe those sacred words, once more
Not lost, but only gone before
Sadly missed

also the above

JOHN WOLSTENCROFT
who died March 5th 1922
Aged 87 years and 7 months
also
JOSEPH
son of above
died 5-1- 45, Aged 77 years

The following people were buried in this grave #2747 Sect E4 as per cemetery records.

2747 WOLSTENCROFT Joseph 9/06/1867 6 yrs
3406 WOLSTENCROFT Thomas 28/11/1869 4 mths
4653 WOLSTENCROFT Sarah Ann 18/04/1873 9 mths
7121 WOLSTENCROFT John George 2/11/1878 3y 6m
21202 WOLSTENCROFT Sarah Ann 8/08/1911 10/08/1911 76 yrs
25378 WOLSTENCROFT John 5/03/1922 6/03/1922 87 yrs
33610 WOLSTENCROFT Joseph 5/01/1945 8/01/1945 77 yrs

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Sarah Ann Wolstencroft

The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Thu 10 Aug 1911 Page 5

Obituary.

A very old and respected resident of Bendigo, Mrs Sarah Ann Wolstencroft, died at her residence, 14 Miller Street, on Tuesday afternoon, at the age of 76 years. The cause of death was senile decay. For the past three months the deceased lady was confined to her bed. She was a native of Oldham, in Lancashire, and came to Australia with her husband 50 years ago. She leaves a widower and a grown-up family. The remains are to be interred in the Bendigo Cemetery today at 3 pm.

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John Wolstencroft

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Tue 7 Mar 1922 Page 1

Death

WOLSTENCROFT.

On the 5th March, at his residence, 14 Miller Street, Bendigo, John Wolstencroft, brick manufacturer, aged 87 years 7 months.

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The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Tue 7 Mar 1922 Page 8

The death has occurred of Mr John Wolstencroft, founder of the Bendigo firm of brick manufacturers. He was aged 87 years, and had lived in Bendigo for 63 years.

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The Herald (Melbourne, Vic. : 1861 - 1954) Mon 6 Mar 1922 Page 7

PERSONAL

Mr John WOLSTENCROFT, who went to Bendigo in 1856, has died there at the age of 87 years. In 1859 he established the Bendigo Brick Works, which are still being conducted by members of the family.

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William Wolstencroft and his wife Eliza.

Obituaries for William Wolstencroft, brother to John. He died in 1907 and is buried in section F3 with his wife Eliza who died in October 1910.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Fri 26 Jul 1907 Page 5

OBITUARY.

Mr William Wolstencroft, whose name has been associated with the local brickmaking industry for many years, passed away at his residence, Sheepwash Road, last night. The deceased gentleman, who was 66 years of age, had been ailing for about two months from kidney troubles, to which he ultimately succumbed. He was a native of Oldham, Lancashire, and had resided in Bendigo between 40 and 50 years.

On his arrival in Bendigo, Mr Wolstencroft's attention was directed to the brickmaking industry, and he and his brother afterwards became associated with the firm of J and W Wolstencroft and Sons, of Back Creek. Mr Wolstencroft, who was universally esteemed and respected was of a quiet, unassuming nature, and did not interest himself in public matters. There are only two children, Mr Joseph Wolstencroft and Miss Marjorie Wolstencroft, both of whom reside in Bendigo.

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Eliza Wolstencroft

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tue 18 Oct 1910 Page 3

OBITUARY.

Mrs Eliza Wolstencroft, widow of the late Mr William Wolstencroft, of the well known firm of brick manufacturers, expired somewhat suddenly on Sunday night, at her residence, Sternberg Street, at the age of 70 years. The deceased lady had not enjoyed good health for several years, but was able to go about, and was in the city last Friday, when nothing serious was apparent. Dr Park attended her. She was a native of Oldham, Lancashire, and spent 37 years of her life in this State. She was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. The funeral will take place today at 3 pm, and will be of a private character.

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Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Wed 19 Oct 1910 Page 5

OBITUARY.

The remains of the late Mrs Eliza Wolstencroft, widow of the late Mr William Wolstencroft, were interred yesterday in the family vault in the Anglican section of the Bendigo Cemetery. The funeral, though of a private character, was largely attended. It moved from her late residence in Sternberg Street.

The coffin bearers were Messrs T Lowery, L Hogan, W Tucker, and G Watson. Mr G H Woodhead, curate of St Paul's, conducted the burial service. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr W Farmer, McCrae Street.



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