

Bendigo Cemetery



Notes for the Jensen and Klunder grave with broken headstone.

Grave #5438 in section D4.

All publicans of the Black Swan Hotel in McCrae St.

Friderich Jensen was a hotel keeper of the Black Swan in the 1870's.

He was married to Alida (nee Walters) who later married John Klunder in 1876.

Therefore Alida is buried with her two husbands.

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From broken headstone. . . .

To
The Memory of
FRIDERICH JENSEN
who died Feb 10th 1875
Aged 66 years
also
ALIDA KLUNDER
who died 10th January 1887
Aged 69 years



Small plaque
JOHN KLUNDER
died 1891
Husband of
Alida Jensen



The following people were buried in this grave #5438 Sect D4 as per cemetery records.

5438 JENSEN Friderich 10/02/1875 11/02/1875 65 yrs

10157 KLUNDER Alida 10/01/1887 12/01/1887 69 yrs

11816 KLUNDER Johannes (John) 29/04/1891 30/04/1891 70 yrs

Alida Klunder

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DEATH of Mrs Klunder.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mrs Klunder, of the Black Swan Hotel, who has for the last six months been hovering between life and death. The deceased lady was suffering from an internal complaint, which terminated fatally last evening at about 10 o'clock.

Mrs Klunder was born in Tenning, Schleaweig, Germany, and came out to this colony about the year 1857, coming on to Bendigo with her husband, Mr Jensen (now deceased). She kept the Bull and Mouth Hotel in High Street for a number of years, and has also been in the Black Swan Hotel for a very lengthened period. On the 9th of May next it will be 20 years since she first started in that hotel.

Fifteen years ago Mr John Klunder married the deceased lady, and now survives to mourn his loss along with the only son, Mr Thos Jensen.

In consequence of the critical condition in which his mother was at the date of the annual Licensing Court, the hotel license was transferred to Mr Jensen. The deceased lady was greatly esteemed for her geniality and kind heartedness, and her death will be deeply deplored by a very numerous circle of acquaintances.

Dr Eadie, junr, has been in constant attendance on her. Dr MacGillivray was also called in consultation, but the case was considered a hopeless one from the first. Tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock the funeral will take place, the burial ground being the Sandhurst Cemetery.

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John Klunder

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SAD DEATH OF AN OLD BENDIGONIAN.

SUICIDE BY HANGING.

General regret was expressed about town yesterday, when it became known that Mr J Klunder had been found dead in his bedroom at the Black Swan Hotel under circumstances that pointed unmistakably to a case of suicide. The flag at the hotel, which is the recognised place of meeting for our German friends, was flying half mast during the day out of respect to his memory.

The deceased gentleman, who was about 70 years of age, was a native of Germany, and came out to this colony when the gold fever was at its height in the early fifties. On his arriving on Bendigo he started work as a miner, but in 1866 he took the Black Swan Hotel, where he has remained ever since. In 1876 he married Mrs Jensen, the widow of the late Mr Frederick Jensen, another old Bendigonian.

About four years ago Mrs Klunder died, and ever since he has been quite a different man. Owing to his advancing years and failing health he about that time transferred the property to Mr T H Jensen, the present licensee. The funeral takes place at half past three o'clock this afternoon, the place of interment being the Sandhurst Cemetery.

In the afternoon Mr J M Harcourt JP, held a magisterial inquiry, when the following evidence was adduced:-

Mary Jane M'Namara, a sister-in-law of the licensee of the hotel, Mr T H Jensen, deposed that she usually visited the deceased every morning for the purpose of lighting the fire in his room. That morning, about seven o'clock, she visited his room as usual and found the deceased apparently standing at the head of the bed, between the window and the bedpost. He was dressed in his night clothes. She called out to him twice and then left the room to call Mr Jensen, as she thought there was something peculiar about the deceased. She called Mr Jensen, who got a knife and cut a rope, by which the deceased was suspended from the top of the bed.

T H Jensen deposed that the deceased was his stepfather, and resided at the hotel. For months past the deceased has been peculiar in his manner, and was very childish. On Tuesday evening he seemed to be in his usual state of health, and retired to bed about half past ten o'clock. Witness was called about seven o'clock on Wednesday morning by Miss MacNamara. He went to the deceased's room and found him apparently standing beside the window. Witness asked him "What are you doing here?"

Not receiving any reply, witness looked closer, and noticed that the deceased was suspended by a rope from the head of the bedstead. Witness got a pair of scissors and cut the deceased down. Dr Eadie was immediately summoned, and on examining the body pronounced life to be extinct. Deceased was about 70 years of age, and was a native of Germany.

Dr J Eadie junr, deposed that he had examined the body, and found that the cause of death was asphyxia from hanging. He had attended the deceased for months past, and during that time he showed signs of mental aberration. In witness' opinion the deceased was not of sound mind when he committed the rash deed.

A verdict was recorded in accordance with the medical testimony.

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The Late Mr Johann Klunder.

The funeral of the late Mr Johaun Klunder took place yesterday afternoon. The cortege, which comprised upwards of fifty vehicles, left the Black Swan Hotel about half past three o'clock for the Back Creek Cemetery. A large number of citizens attended to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of the departed gentleman, who had been associated with the district for so many years.

Amongst those present were the Rev F Leypoldt and the Rev J Hunter Potter, and the members of the Bendigo Deutscher Yerein and the Club Harmonie. The pall bearers were Messrs C Heinz (president of the Deutscher Yerein), A Ludge (treasurer), Nagel, Niere, D Kahland, and L Seholtz. The Rev F Leypoldt, of the Lutheran Church, officiated at the grave. The coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths presented by the Yerein, Club Harmonie, and friends.

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A story from earlier on in the year.

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BENDIGO DEUTSCHER VEREIN.

The usual meeting of the Deutscher Yerein was held last evening. The president, Mr O Heinz, was in the chair, and there was a good attendance of members. A balance sheet, showing a very satisfactory credit balance, was submitted by the secretary. The treasurer, Mr Klunder, who has hold the position for the past 22 years, tendered his resignation, which was received with expressions of regret, and it was resolved to present him with an illuminated address, and that his photograph should be hung on the walls of the library. Mr Klunder was also elected an honorary member. Mr A Ludge was elected to the vacant treasurership, and Mr D Kahland was appointed a trustee in place of Mr Ludge, who had resigned that office.



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