

Bendigo Cemetery



Notes for Carl Haertel (1833-1875) Grave #5750 in section B2.

Carl was injured in his mining claim and died at home that night.

His wife Johannah Otilie Francestra nee: Haln (1847-1925), is not named on the headstone.

She died aged 78 and was buried on 18/11/1925.

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Erected by  
J.O.F. HAERTEL  
In memory of  
her beloved husband  
JOHANN CARL GOTTHELF  
HAERTEL  
who died July 6th 1876  
Aged 42 years

Also haj Gott die Welt geliebet das er  
seinen  
Einoebornen Sohn, ab au dasalle die an thn  
glauben  
Nicht verboren worden soudern das ewige,  
Leben haben.



Translated

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

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The following people were buried in this grave #5750 Sect B2 as per cemetery records.

5750 HAERTEL Johann Carl Gotthelf 9/07/1875 42 yrs

26803 HAERTEL Johannah Francestra 18/11/1925 78 yrs

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*Johann Carl Gotthelf HAERTEL*

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FATAL MINING ACCIDENT.

Dr Pounds, the District Coroner, held an inquest yesterday at the Whipstick on the body of a miner named Carl Haertel, who came by his death on Tuesday evening through a large fall of mullock in the claim he was working at Frahling Reef.

Ottilie Haertel, widow of the deceased, deposed:-

I was married to the deceased eleven years ago in Sandhurst. He had been on Bendigo almost since he came from Prussia in 1854, and has now left three young children living. He never drank, was the sole owner of a claim on the Frahling Reef, and worked there by himself.

On Tuesday morning he had breakfast with us as usual, and about half past eight he went to his claim. Between twelve and one o'clock I went to the shaft, and called down the pass for him to come to dinner, and he cooeyed as he always did by way of reply. I then returned home, but finding that he did not come after ten minutes I went back, and again called my husband. Only getting a weak answer from him, I went to the next claim and called Richard Kahlkin from his work, who came and went down the ladderway, and then called up for me to get another man.

After a little time my husband was raised up, and taken home and placed in bed. He said he was glad I came back so soon to the claim the second time. I asked him how he got hurt, but he did not answer. He felt very cold, and we made him warm and put hot boards with flannel to his feet. Dr Cheyne was then sent for. Deceased spoke so well that I did not think he was dying, but he suddenly became worse, and died about half past nine the same night, before the doctor arrived.

Richard Kahlkin, a miner working an alluvial claim on the Frahling, deposed:- For four years I have known the deceased as a sober, well conducted man. On Tuesday last I was at my work, a couple of hundred yards from the deceased's claim. After dinner, about one o'clock, Mrs Haertel came running down to me saying that she thought her husband was hurt, and she could not understand what he said. Immediately went with her to his shaft, and descending 60 feet sung out to him. He answered that he was nearly dead.

I had no light and could not see where he was, so I sang out to Mrs Haertel to get more assistance, with Michael Bernini then came down. I had meanwhile found a candle below and hit it. Bernini and I went up the pass some 10 feet from the surface, where deceased had been working on a stope, and found him buried, except his head and left arm, in a mass of slate mullock, which we had to break up before we could extricate him.

When we got him out he said he was not much hurt and had n bones broken. He was quite sensible, but did not say how he got hurt. It took Bernini and me half an hour to free him from the mullock, which was about half a ton, and then we tied a rope round his body and he ws hauled up through the shaft. That ground only required his pick, no shots, to bring it down.

The mullock which had buried him slipped from the floorwall above his head, jamming him against the hanging wall. It would have come suddenly, unknown to the best miner. He was very careful in timbering there for it was loose ground. I would not work there alone, as deceased did, for 18 months. There is a stage across the shaft at the 60 feet crosscut, by which he went through a pass or winne to his work opening on the surface.

Michael Bernini, miner, who assisted the last witness to extricate the deceased, next gave corroborative evidence.

Dr Cheyne, who had been called in, but who on arriving at deceased'd house at between ten and eleven o'clock on the evening of Tuesday, found him dead, stated:-

I simply made an external examination of the body. The only marks of injury appears were abrasions on the left elbow, chest and hip. There was great odema about the throat and shoulders, as a large quantity of blood came from the nostrils. The cause of death I supposed was a fracture or dislocation of the spine, both probably. I am unable to say what other injuries he may have received, not having made any internal examination.

The verdict of the jury was that the deceased died at his house at half past nine o'clock pm, on the 6th instant, from injuries received that afternoon by a fall of a

large mass of slate mullock upon him while injudiciously working along on stopes in his own claim, near his residence.

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