

Bendigo Cemetery



This location, grave # 507, in section F5 is the grave for four people.

BRENKE John died 30/04/1860, buried 1/05/1860 aged 26 yrs Int #507

WIEGARD Elizabeth buried 23/06/1868, 1 day old of daughter of Wilhelm & Mary Ann Int 3052

WIEGARD Wilhelm died 8/11/1912 buried 10/11/1912 aged 89 yrs Int 21767

WIEGARD Mary Ann died 28/07/1920 buried 30/07/1920 aged 78 yrs Int 24741

Images:

WIEGARD_F5_209.JPG

to

WIEGARD_F5_209B.JPG



John Brenke and Elizabeth are not named on the headstone.
 There were some spelling variations for John Brenke.
 John died in a mining accident - inquest #833 in 1860

John Brenke

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tue 1 May 1860 Page 2
 CORONER'S INQUEST.

Dr Roche held an inquiry yesterday, at the Shamrock Hotel, Epsom, on the body of Johann Braukie, whose death had occurred, in the works of the Bigshot Company, on Friday last. From the evidence of the foreman of the works, Mr Albert Dumeresquez, the pitman, Blake, the mate of the deceased, and deceased's step-brother, it appeared that the deceased was a native of West phalia (???), aged 25, unmarried, having been in the colony for eight years.

On Friday afternoon he was working below, in a drive 116 feet in length by 6 feet in height, with a width of 6 feet at the bottom by 4 at the top, being slabbed and boarded the whole length. The drive at present is going through cement and gravel, the bottom being pipe clay; the roof is propped at every four feet, and in consequence of the shaky nature of the soil through which they are going, it

becomes necessary to insert false (or temporary) props at every two feet.

At the time of the accident the deceased and Blake had got in the temporary props, and were pushing in a lath behind the last put in permanent prop; deceased, in order to prevent the end of the lath from entering the side of the drive, was using his pick to prize it off, and in so doing, it would appear, he forced the prop out of its place, and a mass of dirt, estimated at 10 tons, fell down on him, and it was about an hour and a half before the deceased could be got out, life being, of course, then extinct. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

The entire of the investigation showed that there was no blame to be attached to any one connected with the works, and that due attention had been paid to the timbering, &c., of the ground, so as to diminish the liability to accident.

The Coroner stated, in connection with this inquest, that it was his intention in future in all cases of accident on large works, as in the present case, to remove the inquiry from the locality, so as to avoid the collection of jurors from among parties who being more or less interested in the works might be deterred thereby from giving a disinterested verdict, and also that he should in all cases take the evidence of parties connected with such works, so that the cause of accident might be fully discovered.

Some other notes seen in Trove.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Sat 28 Dec 1912 Page 9

Mr Wilhelm Wiegard, late of Lockwood, farmer, who died on 8th November, left under will dated 1st May 1899, realty valued at £1700, and personalty valued at £301, to his widow and children.

Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Fri 7 Nov 1913 Page 6

Family Notices

WIEGARD. - In loving memory of our dear father, Wilhelm Wiegard, who died in Lockwood on 8th November, 1912, aged 89 years and 7 months.

Dear father, now silent in the grave;
He was so tired and has gone to rest.
Jesus crucified, never let him perish.

- Inserted by his family with everlasting love.

An email from a family member Gerald Sexton.

Many thanks, Ian, for your call last evening and for the information re Johann Brenke and Wilhelm Wiegard. The Brenke details will help me add a few more paragraphs to the Clan story.

As yet, I have not mastered the art of cut/paste, so I am going to give you the Brenke/Wiegard history here.

Wilhelm Wiegard was born 24 May 1823 at Grosseneder, Paderborn, Germany, to Josef Wiegard and Maria Theresia (nee Michels). Josef (a Miller) died in 1827, and Maria Theresia remarried in 1828 to Ferdinand Brenken (Brenke). Johann Brenke was the second and last child of the latter marriage -- born 12 Jun 1834 at Grosseneder.

Wilhelm and his step-brother Johann travelled to England, from where they sailed from Plymouth on 4 May 1855 on the "Kent", arriving Port Fairy, Victoria, on 27 Jul 1855. They travelled on to Melbourne, and then to Sandhurst (Bendigo) where William reacquainted himself with Father Henry Bachaus, whom he had known from Grosseneder. The two new arrivals found work above ground at Latham and Watson's gold mine at Hustlers' Hill. Johann Brenke did not marry.

On 1 Nov 1857 at St Kilian's Church, Wilhelm married Mary Ann Tittle (an only child) who had travelled with her parents from England in 1855 on the same ship 'Kent' as Wilhelm. Their first child was born at Hustlers' Hill, before moving to Axe Creek, where they share-farmed some land belonging to Father Bacchus. After the birth of three more children, Wilhelm moved his family to Lockwood, where he purchased some acres from one of his original employers, Mr Watson. He gradually acquired more acreage and developed a worthwhile mixed farm -- during that time he and Mary Ann produced a further seven children.

One child (Elizabeth -1868) died in infancy, but the others all married, with the exception of William (1869-1950), who carried on the farm with the help of a nephew after his parents died. When William died 1950, he left the farm to nephew John William Wiegard (1911-1993), who had married Mary Eileen (Molly) Hayes, from Marong. After Mollie's death in 2008, it was decided to subdivide the farm, with John and Mollie's youngest child Paul and wife Debbie retaining the family house and it's "home paddock" in Wiegard Road. End of story?

On a personal note, I was born 12 Nov 1921, the eldest grandson of Wilhelm's third child, Teresa. She married a Charles Kane (Engine Driver) from Kangaroo Flat, and they came to Melbourne about 1908 with their four Bendigo born children. Their only daughter Gertrude married William Sexton in 1917 and bore

nine children--I am No. 3.

Hopefully, the above gives you something worthwhile for your records. Let me know if there is anything else I might be able to help with.

Kind regards, and again - sincere thanks for your prompt help.

Gerald Sexton.



Compiled by Pat & Ian Belmont
in June 2017
for the Bendigo Cemetery Obituaries & Notes