

## German Heritage in the Bendigo Cemetery.

German gold diggers were the biggest group of mainland Europeans on the goldfields and participated actively in all aspects of life.

German tombstones are often in very prominent positions. These grave plots were more expensive as they were especially chosen by the family. Germans had diverse religious affiliations so burials occurred in Roman Catholic, Church of England, Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran and Jewish Sections. All the Bendigo cemeteries were divided into denominational sections based on details from the 1856 census. The Sandhurst Lutheran population was small, but they chose not to be buried in 'other denominations' section. White Hills is the only Cemetery in Bendigo with a known Lutheran section. Early German tombstones usually have the inscription in German with the name of the home state or town of origin. Later generations Anglicised their given names and often their surnames as well. Germans socialised and intermarried with the local society but their culture and customs were not abandoned. Don't be surprised to find "**Rube Sanft in Gott**" on tombstones with non-Germanic surnames.

Meaning "**Rest gentle in God**"

Germans showed a preference for tombstones made of imported white Italian marble, with only the lettering being done by local stonemasons.

The 2 conifers by the Burke and Wills Monument are all that remain of the many special seedlings sent by Baron Von Mueller of the Melbourne Botanical Gardens. All the fine avenues of trees, palms and ornate garden beds were destroyed for further burial plots during the last 50 years.

The erection of a tombstone is an act of faith in man's posterity. Once private graves were full there were no inheritance of burial rights, and descendants could not be held responsible. Many graves owned in perpetuity, abandoned and forgotten, are in need of maintenance and conservation. This is not the responsibility of Cemetery Trusts. Concern and action is required by the community to preserve our cemetery heritage.

*To this end a gold coin donation is welcome.*

## Bendigo Family History Group

Our Volunteers are on duty at the

Bendigo Library

Wednesday 10am – 4pm

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## A self-guided tour brochure of selected German Graves at the Bendigo Cemetery

Carpenter Street

Compliments of the

Bendigo Family History Group.

This self-guided tour brochure links (via QR code) to online obituaries for featured graves.

Web page link via QR code

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[https://www.bendigograves.com/Bio\\_pages\\_Tour\\_German/Tour\\_German\\_Bgo\\_list.htm](https://www.bendigograves.com/Bio_pages_Tour_German/Tour_German_Bgo_list.htm)

## Graves Self Guided Tour Brochure of German Graves

Bendigo Cemetery  
Carpenter Street



## Bendigo Family History Group

Wednesday & Saturday

Bendigo Library

and

Bendigo Historical Society Inc.

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- 1 J.C.T. Ballerstedt.** Australia's 1st Mining Magnate. Family returned to Germany in 1871 with 30,000 pounds. He died 16/10/1869. Section E4 Int #3374.
- 2 Vahland's 3 childrens.** E4 grave #3407. The builder/architect is buried in Section H2.
- 3 Jensen and Klunder.** Publicans of the Black Swan Hotel in McCrae St. Widow buried with her two husbands. Section D4 grave #5438.
- 4 John Lohmann.** killed in his safety powder factory at Flora Hill in 16/04/1885. Section D4 grave #5129.
- 5 Bockelmann.** family and John Nissen Musicians, Revolutionary, Hoteliers, also taught piano and zither. Section B4 grave #3343.
- 6 Gustav Luffsmann.** Quartz Crusher, Gustav buried 12/06/1877 in Section B4 grave #3087.
- 7 Albert Boldt.** a miner and highly respected resident. He died 25/08/1895. Section Mon B3 #2630.
- 8 Ernst Mueller.** & family graves Commission agent, stockbroker, and Director. Section Mon B3 #2995.
- 9 Ernst Heinrich Luecke.** He died in 9/07/1903 and but named on his wife headstone in Section A2 grave #21746.
- 10 Johann Carl Gotthelf Haertel.** Died 6/07/1875 in Whipstick. Section Mon B2 grave #5750.
- 11 Johann Carl Gotthelf Hogrefe.** erected by B. D. V. George died in 4/11/1877 in hospital. Sect A1 grave #6731.
- 12 Friedrick Otto Pieper.** of Pieper's Hill, Saddler and Veterinerian, then Publican. Died 26/07/1873, B1 grave #4762.
- 13 Adolph Zesch.** of Flagstaff Hill, Ironbark, died of consumption. Died 17/10/1879. Section B6 grave #7445.
- 14 Augustus Kronk.** arrived with his father in 1855, farmed at Terrick Terricks. Sandhurst Cavalry Troop. Given Full Military Funeral. Died 26/01/1886. Section B6 grave #9699.
- 15 Gottlieb Germann.** Member and Organist Lutheran Church. Died 28/06/1909, Section C6 grave #16823.
- 16 Charles William (Jack) Pabst.** Family were early Butchers. Well known Cricketer. Died 31/01/1902. Section C6 grave #13829.

- 17 Henry (Harry) Stoffers.** Died 28/12/1902. Section C6 grave #17280.
- 18 Joseph Herz.** Died 4/08/1904. Sect D1 grave #18044.
- 19 Isaac Frederick Leonhardt.** Died 17/03/1902. Section C6 grave #16893.
- 20 Friedrich Leypoldt.** Died 27/02/1933. Section B2 grave #5309.  
Pastor Friedrich Leypoldt (1844-1933) was born in Stuttgart Wurtemberg and arrived in Australia in 1869. He was a Lutheran Pastor of long standing in Bendigo. He is buried in B2 in an area known as 'German corner'.
- 21 Johann Carl Friedrich Streger.** Headstone in German. Miner and old resident of Bendigo. Died 31/05/1916. Section B3 #6235.

- 22 W F Barnett.** Explorer 2 expeditions to follow traces of Ludwig Leichardt. Died 18/03/1879 C3 grave #2583.
- 23 Conrad Heinz.** Mayor in 1895. Died 13/02/1896. Sect F3 grave #13815. Tombstone to 3 children in B3.
- 24 Henry Meyer.** Miner on Diamond Hill, 1874 Vineyard at Mandurang. Died 23/09/1888. Sect F3 grave #10774.
- 25 Humme & Henry Iser.** Timber Co-partners. Graves are also close together.  
Joseph Frederick William Humme died 9/01/1899. F3 grave #11248 and Henry Iser died 1/01/1932. F3 grave #23935.
- 26 Wilhelm Wiegard.** of Lockwood Engine Driver R/C with 3 crosses. Died 8/11/1912. Section F5 Int #21767.

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