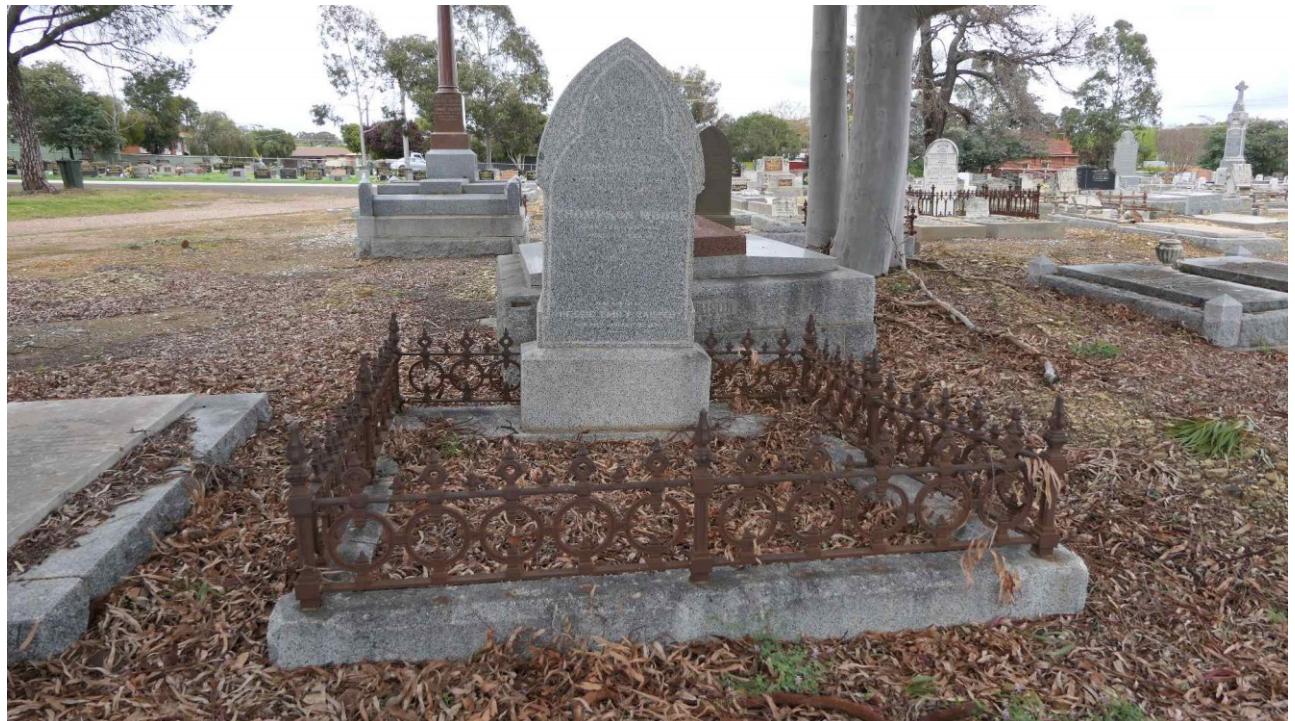


## Kangaroo Flat Cemetery



Moore family grave.

Thompson MOORE is the brother to [James Moore](#) who died in a train accident in 1881. Both James and Thompson are Old Bendigonians, and early Kangaroo Flat storekeepers.

What was an Old Bendigonian,

- an explanation can be read on the obituary page for Richard Andrews,  
a man credited with starting this social organization. [Link](#).

Refer to note on how grave numbers were used at Kangaroo Flat Cemetery. [Link](#) Use the back arrow to return to this page.

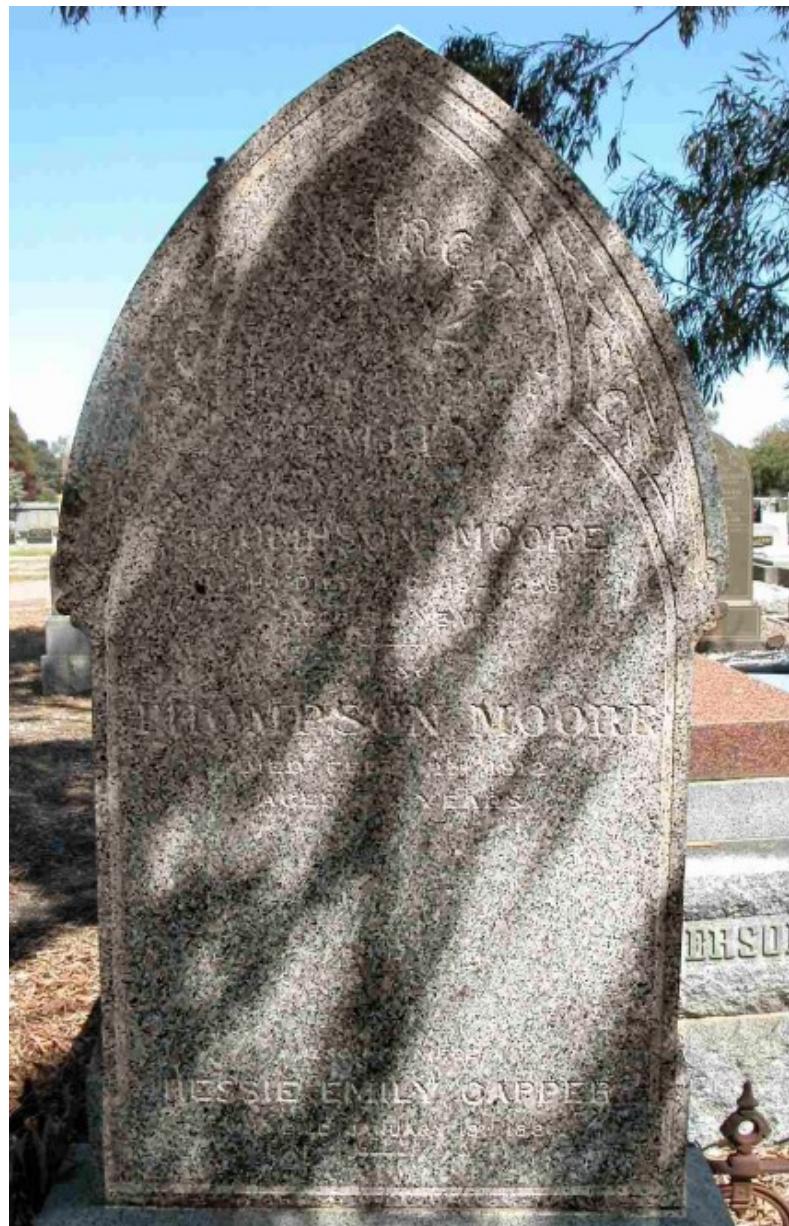
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Sacred to the memory  
 of  
**EMILY**  
 the beloved wife of  
**THOMPSON MOORE**  
 who died Aug 18th 1888  
 Aged 54 years  
 also  
**THOMPSON MOORE**  
 died Feb 2nd 1912  
 Aged 79 years

also her niece  
**HESSIE EMILY CAPPER**  
 who died Jan 19th 1881



### Burial list for this grave.

Possible burials for this grave. But incomplete cemetery records means this list may not be confirmed or complete.

SURNAME	Given Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Burial Date	Age	Plot Sect	New Sect name	Grave Number	Reference #	Interment Number
CAPPER	Hessie Emily		19/01/1881	19/01/1881	19 yrs	Methodist	Monumental	1551	N-20	08/144
MOORE	Emily		18/08/1888	20/08/1888	54 yrs	Methodist	Monumental	1945	N-20	10/198
MOORE	Thompson		22/05/1901	25/05/1901	24 yrs	Methodist	Monumental	2651	N-20	15/1044
MOORE	Thompson		2/02/1912	3/02/1912	79 yrs	Methodist	Monumental	3157	N-20	18/1622

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*Emily Moore*

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Family Notices

**DEATHS**

MOORE.—On the 18th August, at her residence, 4 George Street, East Melbourne, Emily, the beloved wife of Thompson Moore, aged 54 years. and

**DEATH OF MRS THOMPSON MOORE.**

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mrs Thompson Moore, who expired at her residence, George Street, East Melbourne, on Saturday morning at 3 o'clock. The deceased lady was a sister of Mr John Capper, of the late firm of Moore Bros, and Co, Pall Mall, and prior to living in Melbourne resided for many years at Kangaroo Flat, at which place, and also Sandhurst, her kindly, genial and generous nature will live for ever in the remembrance of those with whom she was associated. She leaves a family of seven to mourn their loss.

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*Thompson Moore*

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DEATH OF MR THOMPSON MOORE.

**AN OLD BENDIGO IDENTITY.**

**A VALUED AND USEFUL CAREER CLOSED.**

The news was received with genuine regret in Bendigo yesterday of the death of one of the earliest and best known residents of this district, in the person of Mr Thompson Moore. The deceased gentleman, who was 80 years of age, recently suffered from a short illness, during which he was under the attention of Drs T and W K Boyd. Despite the best care and skill of the doctors, the patient gradually sank, and passed away at his late residence, "Eucla," Kinkora Road, Hawthorn, at an early hour yesterday morning.

There were few better known men in either Bendigo or Melbourne than the late Mr Thompson Moore. He was born in the North of Ireland, near Enniskilien, in the year 1832, and 20 years later, when the exciting accounts of the discovery of gold in Victoria were reaching the old country, he, with one of his brothers, decided to emigrate to this State. On his arrival he at once proceeded to Bendigo, where he arrived on the second day of the year 1853.

He settled down at Kangaroo Gully, where he was joined in the business of a general storekeeper and gold-buyer by his brother, and the enterprise then commenced developed into the house of Messrs Moore Brothers and Company, which for many years was so well-known in Bendigo. The business prospered to such an extent that the firm opened a larger business in Bendigo, first commencing in the Beehive buildings, and later on opening at the Lyceum Theatre, which they

subsequently purchased. The premises ran right through from Pall Mall to Hargreaves Street, and eventually a company was formed to carry on the business, which thenceforward became known as the Lyceum Store Company Limited, and nothing but local capital was put into the business.

Mr Thompson Moore watched the interests of the Kangaroo Flat establishment, and at the same time he applied himself vigorously to mining investments in the district. As the result of his speculations, he netted £9000 from the gold purchased from the Golden Fleece Company. In an auspicious moment he bought 600 shares in the company at 16d per share, but by some means he overlooked them. Fortunately, he had left them in good hands, and they were given to him at a time when they were worth £7 each. He invested much capital in mines, such as the Birds Reef, Albion, Ellesmere, Red White and Blue, Diamond Hill, Crusoe, Golden Gully and other companies. In the early days of his business Mr Moore frequently paid as much as £140 per ton carriage on goods, and on many occasions he paid £20 per barrel for flour, the empty barrels of ten times being subsequently sold for 30/- each. Oats were at times quoted at £2 per bushel, and hay, when it was obtainable, sold as high as £50 a ton, whilst chaff was cleared at 6d per lb. Most of the produce came from the Kyneton district, which was at that period a great market mine for all farm produce.

Mr Moore's first entry into public life was as a member of the Marong Shire Council, of which he became president in 1869. In 1871 he entered the Legislative Assembly as a representative of Mandurang, and a colleague of Mr J J (now Judge) Casey. For 15 years he faithfully represented that electorate, but in 1886 he retired from Parliamentary life, after an unblemished legislative career. Soon after he became a Member of Parliament Mr Moore removed to Melbourne disposing of his business in Bendigo. But he did not relinquish his support of mining in this district, whilst he also was a large investor in Tasmanian stocks. Bendigo people, and more especially the Kangaroo Flat residents, will always cherish the memory of Mr Thompson Moore's association with this district. His great faith in Kangaroo Flat never for one moment wavered, and through the "shadow and shine" of fortune he consistently kept his capital at work in the district.

Mr Moore's enterprise in mining here was not allowed to pass unnoticed, for the residents of the district, which he had so materially helped to develop, joined together in making a handsome presentation to him in the shape of solid silver plate valued at £350.

In his very interesting work on the Bendigo gold fields, Mr J Neil Macartney paid the following eloquent tribute to Mr Moore's plucky investments:- "Having now concluded the description of the Kangaroo Flat reefs, I must not close without a small tribute of praise to Mr Thompson Moore, whose name deserves honourable prominence as the mainstay of this district, and as a general public benefactor. He

persevered in days of doubt and gloom, when blank disappointment, week after week, afforded bitter discouragement, and scopes of miners were dependent upon him for their daily bread, causing a harassing drain upon his resources. By his unbounded faith in the future, the tide was happily turned, and well wishers to the district must find pleasure in the fact that many of his ventures are now proving highly successful and likely to afford that rich reward deserved by such persevering and honest public spirited enterprise."

The deceased gentleman was one of the first councillors of the Shire of Strathfieldsaye. He represented Mandurang in the State Parliament for many years, but in 1880 he was defeated on the dissolution of the Service Government.

Three years later, however, he was returned by a large majority, and remained in the House for three years. He was whip in the Service Ministry in 1880, and in 1885 he served as a member of the Royal Commission on Water Supply. Mr Moore was connected with a large number of public companies in Melbourne, and had been a member of the Australian Widows' Life Assurance Co since its inception. A few days prior to his death he resigned his position as a director of the Melbourne "Herald" newspaper a position he had held for 17 years.

In Melbourne, as in Bendigo, Mr Moore had always shown a genuinely honest spirit of enterprise, and had displayed a lively interest in everything with which he was associated up till the time of his death. His name was one that was looked to in the commercial world, and on the social side of life he had countless friends who respected his acquaintanceship.

Mr Moore regularly attended the Easter Fair held in this city, and was always given a place of honor in the procession. His heart was always with Bendigo and district, in which he had laid the foundation of his future successful career in this State. The deceased gentleman was also one of the oldest members of the Melbourne Athenæum Club, where he was a well known figure. He was twice married, and he leaves a family of eight children. Mr Moore's two sons, Mr Arthur Capper Moore and Mr Ernest Thompson Moore, have been associated with him in the firm of Thompson Moore and Sons, Equitable Buildings, Melbourne, for some years. Mr Malcolm Moore, the eldest son, is an officer in the Commonwealth Statist's office, Mr William Moore is a member of the Melbourne "Herald" staff, and Mr Alfred Moore is a mining engineer, who has been connected with some of the leading mines in Broken Hill for some years. The youngest daughter of the late gentleman is the wife of Mr W A S Shum, the sub-editor of "Life," whilst two daughters are unmarried.

The remains of the deceased gentleman will be conveyed from the metropolis by the first train this morning for interment in the Kangaroo Flat Cemetery, and the funeral will start from the Kangaroo Flat station on the arrival of the train at 11.12

o'clock.

Our Kangaroo Flat correspondent writes: General regret was expressed by the residents of Kangaroo Flat when it became known that Mr Moore had passed away. The deceased gentleman was a well known and very popular resident in the early days. During his residence in the Flat he took an active part in the public life of the township, and was one of the early trustees of the Methodist Church.

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