

## Kangaroo Flat Cemetery



Family grave for Moore and Capper

James MOORE is the brother to [Thompson Moore](#) who died in 1912.  
Both James and Thompson were **Old Bendigonians**, and early Kangaroo Flat storekeepers.

The 1880 Marong Shire rates lists James and Thompson in equal partnership with John Capper in a store at Kangaroo Flat.

James was also interested in local politics, but failed to win a seat on the council.

He was killed in 1881 at the age of sixty two,  
crossing a railway line near his home.

*A short obituary from the annual obits in the paper.*

On the 2nd April 1881, Mr James Moore met his death by a railway accident at Kangaroo Flat, being struck by one train in attempting to avoid another. He was walking to the Kangaroo Flat station at the time. He was terribly injured by the accident, and only lived for a few hours. Mr Moore came to Bendigo in 1852 with his brother, Mr Thompson Moore, and during his residence in the district carried on business as a storekeeper. He was at one time a member of the municipal council. He was a very generous and much respected citizen, and was 62 years of age at the time of his death.

He is buried at Kangaroo Flat cemetery.

Seen in the paper: News of the death of James Moore's wife:  
*The Bendigo Independent (Vic. : 1891 - 1918) Tue 1 Apr 1902 Page 2*  
Obituary. - The death is announced at Glenelg SA, on March 28 of Mrs Hannan Moore, aged 79. She was the widow of the late Mr James Moore, of Kangaroo Flat, and for a long while past, was living with her relatives in South Australia.

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](#).  
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1st stone

Scared  
to the memory of  
W.T. MOORE  
died Dec 18th 1856  
Aged 5 months and 10 days  
also  
JAMES  
died Sep 8th 1858  
Aged 10 months  
also  
WILLIAM GEORGE  
died Aug 1st 1867  
Aged 6 years and 5 months  
also  
BLANCHE  
died December 30th 1877 Aged 13 years and 7 months  
also  
JAMES MOORE  
died April 5th 1881 Aged 62 years



## 2nd stone

Thy will be done.  
In Memory of  
MALCOM THOMPSON CAPPER  
beloved son of  
JOHN and RACHEL CAPPER  
who was killed by accident at Kangaroo Flat  
on Thursday 10th March 1870  
Aged 4 years and 9 months  
JOHN WILLIAM  
died April 18th 1871  
Aged 13 months  
JAMES MOORE  
died Dec 14th 1873  
Aged 17 months  
ANNA MAY died Feb 25th 1877  
Aged 3 years  
also  
RACHEL CAPPER  
died 20th Sep 1891 Aged 53 years  
and  
JOHN CAPPER  
died at Wagga Aug 17th 1904 Aged 68 years.



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*Malcom Thompson CAPPER*

**Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Fri 11 Mar 1870 Page 2**

FATAL ACCIDENT

We regret to learn that an accident which terminated fatally occurred yesterday at Kangaroo Flat, to the son of Mr J Capper. It appears that in company with other children he was playing near a heap of sawn timber, when, from some cause, it turned over, burying him beneath, inflicting wounds in the head which caused death in a few hours. The other children fortunately escaped with a few bruises.

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*James Moore who died in 1881*

**Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Mon 4 Apr 1881 Page 3**

SHOCKING RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

DEATH OF MR JAMES MOORE.

Quite a gloom was cast over Kangaroo Flat and the whole district of Sandhurst when it became known that an old and highly respected resident of Bendigo, Mr James Moore, had met his death on Saturday night through an accident on the

railway line. On Saturday morning Mr Moore, after attending to his business matters at his stores, Kangaroo Flat, came into Sandhurst, where he met various friends, and was seemingly in the best of health and spirits. He returned to Kangaroo Flat in the afternoon and was at his place of business for some time.

Two letters, which had come by post during the day, were handed to him, and after reading one of them he said that he would have to go to the Kangaroo Flat railway station to meet the evening train from Melbourne. After giving some instructions to his employees, and stating that he might not be back until near closing time, he left the shop at about seven o'clock to proceed to his residence for the purpose of having his tea before going to the station. After he had had tea he left home for the station.

It should here be stated that at about this time of the evening three trains pass through Kangaroo Flat, viz., a passenger train from Sandhurst en-route for Melbourne, due at Kangaroo Flat at about 7.25 pm, which is followed by a goods train due at about 7.35 pm, also a passenger train from Melbourne due at about 7.10 pm. It was the last mentioned train that Mr Moore stated his intention of meeting. He left his home rather close upon the time of the train's expected arrival, and as was his frequent practice took a short cut by proceeding from his residence to the railway, and walking along the line.

At about five minutes past eight o'clock a young man named George Marshall, residing with his parents near the viaduct, heard some person moaning and calling out, the voice apparently proceeding from near the embankment. He told his father, Mr Jesse Marshall, and the two proceeded to the viaduct which carries the line over the creek, and which is situated several hundred yards from the station on the Melbourne side. On arrival there they heard someone moaning at the bottom of the embankment, and close to the fence on the township side of the line. Mr Marshall called out "Who's there?", to which Mr Moore replied "James Moore, who is that speaking to me?"

Mr Marshall (whom he knew well) told him. He then said, "Oh, Jesse, Jesse, I'm killed." He was perfectly in the possession of his senses, and was lying on his back evidently in great pain. Mr Marshall at once sent one of his sons to procure assistance, and another for Dr O'Donnell. Whilst they were waiting the arrival of assistance, Mr Moore stated to Mr Marshall that he left his home as stated. He proceeded along the line and was crossing the viaduct when he saw a train coming from the direction of Sandhurst.

He then endeavoured to avoid it by running across to the other line, when he was suddenly struck in the back by the engine of the train coming up from Melbourne, which he did not think would have been there then. This occurred at the end of the viaduct nearest the station, and where the bank is unprotected.

He seemed to have lost all feeling in his legs, and asked Mr Marshall frequently to move them, and also to turn him from side to side, which seemed to give him slight relief. The blow, he said, knocked him down the embankment (which is about 20 feet deep at this spot), and he could feel that he had received severe internal injuries.

Mounted-constable Sainsbury, who was informed of the affair, proceeded to the spot without delay and the doctor soon afterwards arrived there also. The constable had a stretcher procured from the railway station, and also sent for a cab, but it was found that they could not get Mr Moore into the cab. He was then conveyed on the stretcher to his residence, retaining perfect consciousness and addressing those who were near him. Drs J Boyd and Macgillivray were sent for, and arrived as soon as possible, but too late, as the unfortunate gentleman rapidly sank after arriving at his residence and expired between half-past ten and eleven o'clock.

Besides the direct internal injuries caused by the blow from the engine, the deceased received a wound on the back of his head, caused by coming in contact with a stone when thrown from the engine. It is thought that the side-rod of the engine struck him, as the supposition is that had he been struck by the buffer he would have been thrown for some considerable distance along the line.

At the time of the accident the train, which eased off on approaching the station, was travelling slowly, and it is possible that the deceased, who was a little hard of hearing latterly, did not notice its near approach. The driver of the train, George Cook, was not aware of the accident until told of it afterwards. The deceased gentleman leaves a wife and three daughters, the eldest of whom is away from home. His life was insured with the Victorian Company for £1,000.

An inquest will be held on the body this morning at ten o'clock, and the funeral will leave his late residence for the Kangaroo Flat cemetery at four o'clock this afternoon. The deceased was a very old resident of the Sandhurst district, and at one period occupied a seat in the City Council. He was born in Tyrone, Ireland, in 1819, and arrived in the colony in 1852 with his brother, Mr Thompson Moore. After residing in Melbourne about twelve months, during which period he entered into a contract for the erection of some public offices at Williamstown, he came to Sandhurst.

He joined his brother, and the firm commenced storekeeping at Kangaroo Gully in 1853. In the following year Mr J Capper was taken into partnership, and the firm of Moore Bros and Company then opened a large store at Kangaroo Flat. They established a branch of the business at Sheepshead, which was placed under the deceased's management. This shop having been consumed by fire, the firm purchased a business at Long Gully, which was taken charge of by Mr J Moore,

and carried on for several years.

On Messrs Francis Brothers relinquishing store keeping at the Beehive, they were succeeded by Messrs Moore Bros, who conducted the business with great success until the disastrous fire of 1871. They then purchased the Lyceum Theatre, which was converted by them into a large store, and occupied by the firm until the recent formation of the Lyceum Mutual Store Company. During the past eighteen months the deceased had conducted the establishment at Kangaroo Flat on his own account.

In addition to the Municipal honors that were conferred on him in the early days he occupied the position of President of the Sandhurst Liberal Association, and was also an honorary magistrate. He was a gentleman who was held in the highest esteem, his popularity was unbounded. By his death the district has lost one who was ever liberal and generous, and his many friends will grieve to hear of his untimely end.

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*A second story about James Moore.*

Millewa Hall was built in 1872 for Irishman, James Moore, brother of the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Mandurang, Thompson Moore. James himself was President of the Bendigo Liberal Association in the early 1870s. In partnership with his brother and John Capper, James Moore traded as Moore Bros and Co. The partners had a store in Kangaroo Flat, later expanding to the Beehive Building in Pall Mall, Bendigo, and subsequently also to the Lyceum Store Co. Ltd in Pall Mall. Millewa Hall was built in 1872 and was designed by noted local architectural practice Vahland and Getzschmann.

It was described by James Moore as "a bit of a place," being a 13-room dwelling set in a 2 ha (5-acre) site at the southern entrance to Kangaroo Flat. The property originally extended to the Bendigo Creek, to the west. James Moore died in 1881, when he was struck by a train on his way to the station at Kangaroo Flat. Millewa Hall is presently a private residence, having previously been adapted as a nursing home and accommodation for the aged.

Information from the City of Greater Bendigo Heritage Policy Citations Project 2010.

Millewa Hall



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*Rachel Capper*

**Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Tue 22 Sep 1891 Page 2**

OBITUARY.

The death is announced of Mrs John Capper at her late residence Nicholson Street, Fitzroy, after a short illness. The deceased lady was an old and respected resident of Kangaroo Flat. The funeral will move from the Kangaroo Flat railway station on the arrival of the train from Melbourne at half past ten o'clock this morning, the place of interment being the Kangaroo Flat cemetery.

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John Capper was an Old Bendigonian.

*John Capper died in 1904.*

**Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Fri 19 Aug 1904 Page 4**

OBITUARY

The death of a gentlemen well known in Bendigo some 25 or 30 years ago, Mr John Capper, a member of the late firm of Messrs Moore Bros, and Co, of Bendigo and Kangaroo Flat, took place yesterday at Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, where he had resided for a number of years. At the time of his death Mr Capper was bookkeeper on Mr A O'Keefe's estate. He leaves a grown up family of four daughters and two sons, Mrs Capper having died some years ago. His remains will be interred in the Kangaroo Flat Cemetery on the arrival of the Melbourne train this afternoon.

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**Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Sat 20 Aug 1904 Page 5**

**OBITUARY.**

The remains of the late Mr J Capper were interred in the Kangaroo Flat Cemetery yesterday afternoon on the arrival of the Melbourne train. The funeral was attended by a number of the old residents of Bendigo and district. Owing to illness, Mr Thompson Moore, one of the partners in the late firm of Moore Bros, and Co, of which deceased was a member, was unable to attend.

Amongst those present were Messrs M and F Moore (nephews of the deceased), A Bush, G and H Ferguson, J Francis and others. The coffin, which was covered in black figured velvet with silver mountings, was carried to the grave by Messrs G W Buttrey, C A F Taylor, J Stewart, and P Finn. The Rev W H Beer, of St Mary's Church of England, officiated at the grave. Several handsome floral tributes were forwarded by sympathising friends. The mortuary arrangements were in the hands of Mr R Farman, of Kangaroo Flat.

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