

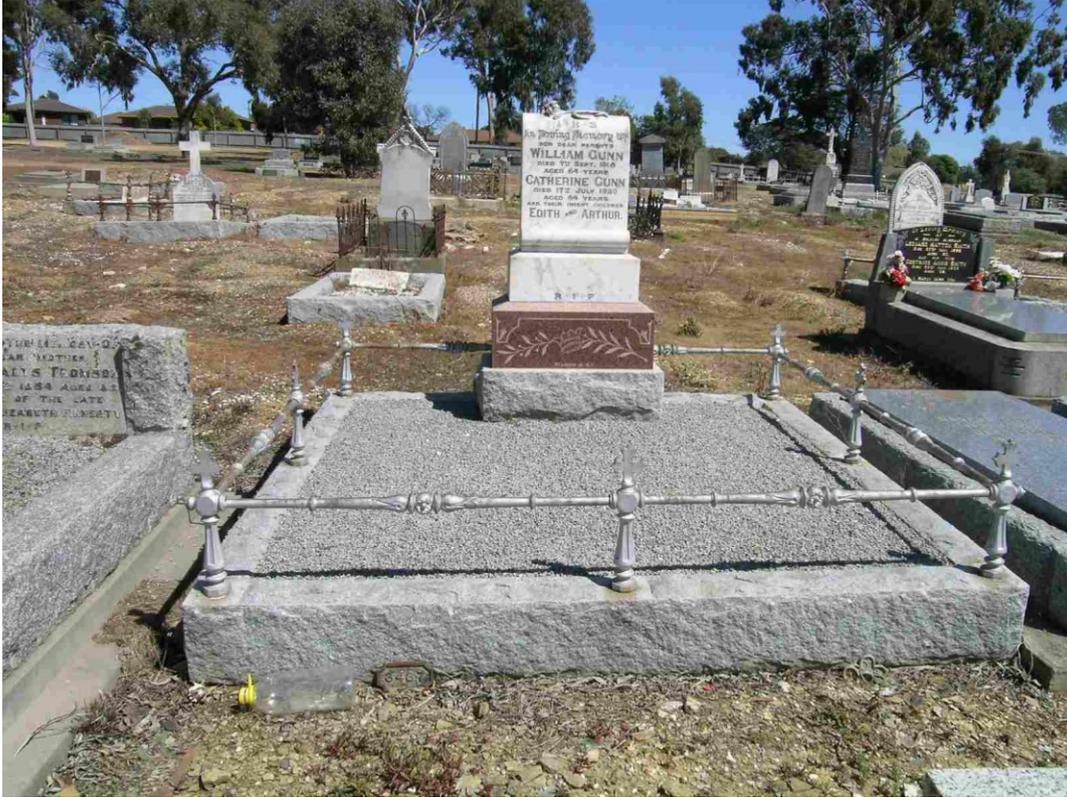
Kangaroo Flat Cemetery



Photo 2021



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William and Catherine Gunn

William Gun (jun) had lived in Raywood since 1874.

He built & owned the Raywood hotel - he called Gunn's hotel, was Mayor on 5 occasions, and a JP.

William also acted as a local correspondent for the *Bendigo Advertiser*.

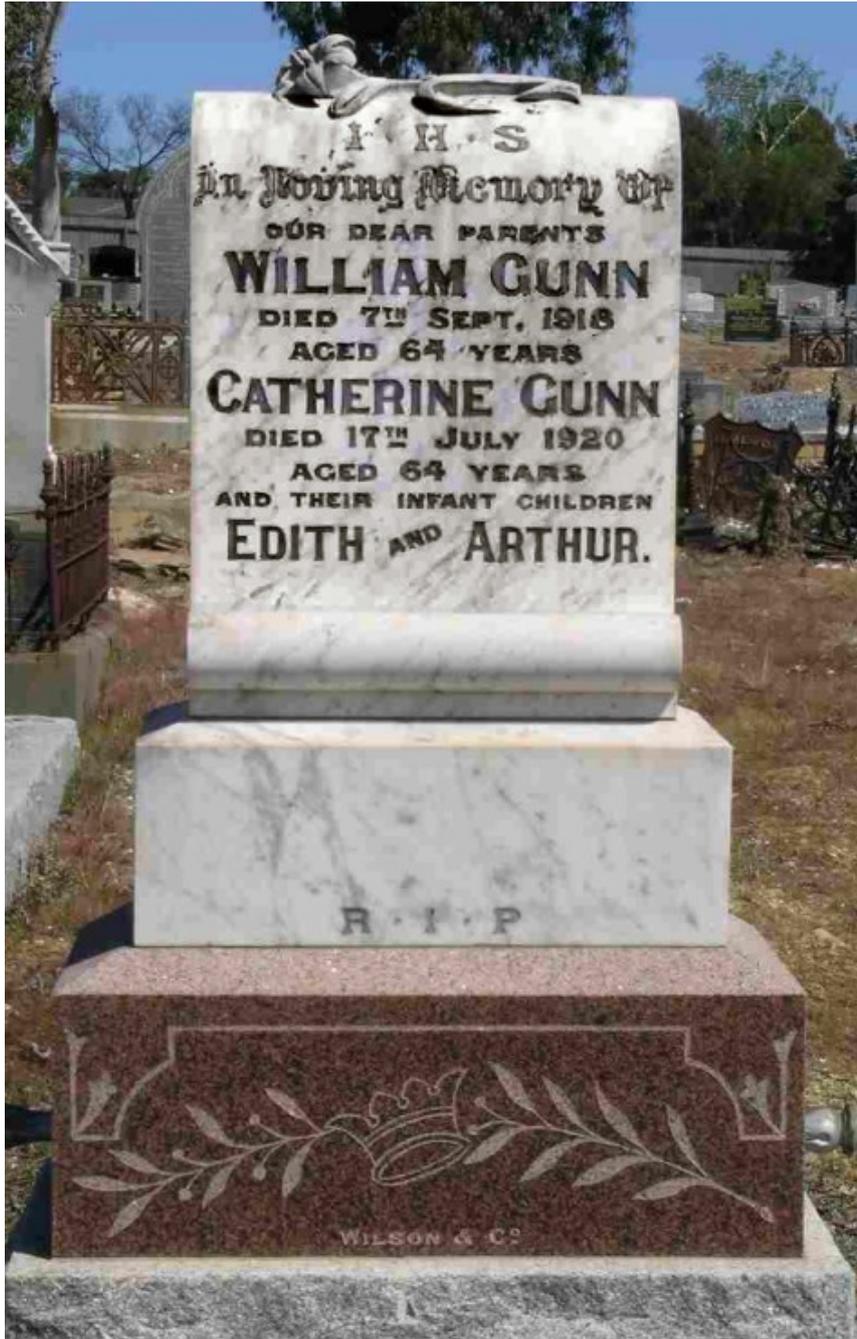


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Burial List

SURNAME	Given Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Burial Date	Age	Plot Sect	New Sect name	Grave Number	Reference #	Interment Number
GUNN	Editte Frances		22/01/1887	23/01/1887	16 mths	RC	Monumental	1849	B-14	10/085
GUNN	Arthur Leslie		22/01/1890	23/01/1890	6 mths	RC	Monumental	2011	B-14	11/277
GUNN	William		7/09/1918	10/09/1918	64 yrs	RC	Monumental	3430	B-14	19/1918
GUNN	Catherine		17/07/1920	19/07/1920	64 yrs	RC	Monumental	3487	B-14	19/1983

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OBITUARY DEATH OF MR William Gunn

**Bendigo Advertiser Mon 9 Sept 1918**

Died Sat 7th Sept 1918 and buried at the Kangaroo Flat Cemetery

Mr William Gunn, of Raywood, who died on Saturday, was one of the earliest natives of the Bendigo gold-fields. He was born at Kangaroo Flat on 26th October, 1853, and was nearly 65 years of age. The late Mr Gunn had been in indifferent health for some time, and about two months ago had a seizure, and had since been confined to his bed. It was in 1874 that Mr Gunn left Kangaroo Flat for Raywood, and he had resided there ever since.

Mr Gunn was for many years a councillor of the Borough of Raywood, and was Mayor on five occasions. He took a lively interest in local affairs, and was a well known figure at the Bendigo shows, at which he was an exhibitor for a lengthy period.

In his young days he was a prominent athlete, and achieved distinction as a sprint, runner. In 1871 W Gunn and C Osborne, of Kangaroo Flat, were the recognised sprint champions of Bendigo. The former was educated at the Bendigo High School, and in 1871 won the Old Collegians' race at the High School sports, held in the Lower Reserve, where the Law Courts are situated. He took a great interest in racing matters, and raced several horses some years ago with success. The Agent, a hurdleracer, being one of the best. He was a prominent figure at the Raywood Club's meeting.

Deceased leaves a widow, five sons and four daughters. The eldest son, William, resides at Ballarat, and is inspector of the Yorkshire Insurance Co Daniel and George reside at Raywood, and Harold is in the office of the New Zealand Co in Melbourne, whilst Norman is employed at the Australian Distillery Co, South Melbourne. The daughters are Mrs C Cail, of South Kensington. Mrs O'Neil, and Caroline and Mona. Mr Gunn's father was the licensee of the Glasgow Arms Hotel at Kangaroo Flat, in the stirring times of the gold digging days. The late Mr W Gunn's brothers, Thomas and George, reside at Kangaroo Flat, while John and Alexander live at Thorpdale, Gippsland, and Daniel at Trafalgar. The sisters are Mrs Watkins, of Moonee Ponds, and Mrs A M'Gregor, of Kangaroo Flat.

The funeral will take place to the Kangaroo Flat Cemetery on Tuesday, leaving the Bendigo railway station on the arrival of the train from Raywood at 11.30 am for the Kangaroo Flat Cemetery. The funeral was very largely attended by sorrowing friends. Many beautiful floral tributes were received. The coffin-bearers were Messrs W Gunn and J Gunn (sons), H and A Gunn (brothers), P M'Namara, M Ryan, H H M'Kane and H Mountjoy. The pall-bearers were Messrs W Donaldson,

C Gaywood, D M'Kay, E Bourke, A Johnson, J O'Shea, C Pascoe, and J Clohesy. The Rev J Crookston read the service at the grave. Messrs Fizelle and Mulqueen carried out the funeral arrangements.

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OBITUARY William Gunn - not buried in the Raywood Cemetery but a big part of its history

**Bendigo Advertiser Wed 11 Sept 1918**

GUNN. - The funeral of the late Mr William Gunn took place yesterday, leaving his late residence, Gunn's Hotel, Raywood, at 9 o'clock am for the Raywood railway station, proceeding by train to Bendigo station, and leaving there at 11.15 am for the Kangaroo Flat Cemetery. The funeral was very largely attended by sorrowing friends. Many beautiful floral tributes were received. The coffin-bearers were Messrs W Gunn and J Gunn (sons), H and A Gunn (brothers), P McNamara, M Ryan, H McKane and H Mountjoy. The pall bearers were Messrs W Donaldson, C Gaywood, D McKay, E Bourke, A Clohesy. The Rev J Crookston read the service at the grave. Messrs Fizelle and Mulqueen carried out the funeral arrangements.

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Stories from the local correspondent.

Mr W Gunn, JP of Raywood, writes:

I notice in Monday's issue of your valuable paper an announcement of the death of one of my oldest friends, in the person of the late Mr Robert Lapsley, the oldest farmer in the Bendigo district. The deceased gentleman, with another young American, named Martin, arrived at Kangaroo Flat in the year 1854, putting up at my late father's old house, the Glasgow Arms Hotel. Being bent on farming pursuits, my late father took them to look at the land on Bullock Creek, where they selected the farm still held by the Lapsley family, having to come to terms with the then owners of Ravenswood station, the Gibson Bros. They named the holding the "American Garden" after their native land.

Mr Lapsley then married, and his wife survives him. The deceased gentleman had reached the advanced age of 90 years. His death was accelerated by an accident which he met with shortly before Christmas, his thigh being fractured. Mr Lapsley left a family of nine sons and one daughter to mourn the loss of a kind father. The late Mrs Thomas Gunn, of Kangaroo Flat, was his other daughter. The funeral is announced to take place at the Kangaroo Flat Cemetery this afternoon.

History for Kangaroo Flat Cemetery

**Bendigo Advertiser Fri 5 Jul 1867 page 2**

Local am - Yesterday we had the pleasure of inspecting, at the premises of Mr Taylor, Mitchell Street, a very handsome monument, which is to be placed over the

tomb of the late Mrs George Elliott, in the Kangaroo Plat Cemetery. The monument is well worthy of notice, not only as regards the beauty and excellence of the design and workmanship, but also from the fact of it being principally composed of granite obtained from the Harcourt quarries, which the workman has shown to be capable of receiving a polish quite equal to marble. The monument consists of a square pedestal four feet nine inches in height, on which is placed the pediment cornice, the whole being surmounted by a vase of marble, making the entire height of the monument twelve feet six inches. The monument will be placed in the cemetery in the course of a few days.

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