

Bendigo Cemetery



Notes for George Aspinall and his family Grave, #8753 in section A3.
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He twice occupied the position of Mayor.

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- ASPINALL_A3_073.JPG
- ASPINALL_A3_073A.JPG
- ASPINALL_A3_073B.JPG

a very hard to read headstone

GEORGE ASPINALL 2/10/1831 -
18/05/1883
ELIZABETH ASPINALL
16/06/1830 - 6/10/1908
MARGARET 11/01/1863 -
30/05/1886
GEORGE V. 14/02/1867 -
25/10/1905
S. HERBERT 3/01/1861 -
16/03/1924

In remembrance
ADA MILLS ASPINALL died
2/11/37
MARY ELIZABETH died 2/04/39



The following people were buried in this grave #8753 Sect A3 as per cemetery records.

8753 ASPINALL George 18/05/1883 21/05/1883 52 yrs
 9925 ASPINALL Margaret 30/05/1886 2/06/1886 23 yrs
 18566 ASPINALL George Valentine 25/10/1905 27/10/1905 38 yrs
 19960 ASPINALL Elizabeth 6/10/1908 8/10/1908 78 yrs
 26198 ASPINALL Samuel Herbert 16/03/1924 18/03/1924 63 yrs

The following were memorial names on the headstone.

Memorial ASPINALL Mary Elizabeth 2/04/1939 74 yrs
 Memorial ASPINALL Ada Mills 2/11/1937 68 yrs

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Margaret Aspinall

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Family Notices

Deaths

On the 30th instant, at View Street, Margaret, the beloved eldest daughter of the late Mr George Aspinall, aged 23 years.

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George Aspinall

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DEATH OF MR GEO ASPINALL, JP

Another gap has been caused in the rapidly thinning ranks of the old Bendigonians, Mr George Aspinall, who during his career on Bendigo has been a useful citizen in a variety of ways, having died at his residence, in View Street, last evening. His death was not unexpected, all hope of his recovery from the malady which resulted in his death - chest disease - having been given up some time since. Mr Aspinall was born at Whitworth, near Rochdale in Lancashire, in 1831, and was consequently 52 years of age at the time of his death. His father was manager of a cotton manufactory, and Mr Aspinall was then engaged in the counting office.

Mr Aspinall left home in 1852, and came to Victoria in the ship "True Briton," which was trading between Liverpool and Melbourne. He came to Sandhurst in 1853 along with a party known as "Hux and Co" A portion of this party went digging, and Messrs Aspinall and Hux started a butcher's establishment near the old escort barracks, Sheepshead, near where the Red, White and Blue mine is

situated. This party was broken up after a time, and Mr Aspinall started a butcher's establishment in Camp Street on the present site of Webb's tailoring establishment, next the Shamrock Hotel.

He became acquainted with Mr Robert Strickland, the present coroner, in 1854, and in the first week in February 1855 they commenced business together as butchers in Bridge Street. The partnership was very successful, and was subsequently joined by Mr Richard Williamson, who was then carrying on business in View Point. They established another shop where the ironmongery portion of the Lyceum Store is now carried on. This place had previously been Scherff's store, and was connected with the Lyceum Theatre, which was built by Mr J H Abbott. The firm had also a cattle yard in the vicinity of the present abattoirs, and carried on a large whole sale cattle trade, with a depot paddock at Harney's Barnedown station near Clare Inn.

The business was remarkably successful, and in 1859 Mr Aspinall took a trip home. He was supposed to have gone home by the "Royal Charter," which was lost at sea (*460 lives lost off the coast of Anglesey, Wales on 26 October 1859*), but it afterwards transpired that he had not gone home by that vessel. Mr Williamson retired from the firm about this time. When he was at home, Mr Aspinall was married and returned to the colony, bringing his wife with him, in May, 1860, by the ship Norfolk. The firm of Aspinall and Strickland continued to conduct the business until August 1862, when Mr Strickland was returned to Parliament in the place of Mr W D C Denovan.

Mr Aspinall continued to conduct the business alone for about five years, and in 1867 he relinquished it in favour of his nephew, Mr Timothy Nelson.

Mr Aspinall entered the council in 1868, and was re-elected for the Barkly Ward on every occasion till 1880, when he was defeated by Cr Bailes. He twice occupied the position of Mayor during his long and serviceable tenure of office as councillor, and was for many years a justice of the peace.

Mr Aspinall was a very energetic councillor, and exhibited very great aptitude in financial matters. He was always a careful councillor and was guided by thorough business habits, acquired by private experience, in discharging the duties of his position. His absence from the council has been much felt.

For some time he was on the Hospital Board of Management, and for many years was president of the Asylum Board. He was one of the directors of the Permanent Building Society, and he and several other gentlemen subsequently formed themselves into the City Discount Company, of which he was managing director. He was also a local director, along with Mr R Burrowes, MLA, and Mr Vahland, of the National Insurance Company, of which Mr Von der Heyde is secretary. He

was the chairman of directors of the Royal Princess Theatre Company, and was one of the originators of the Easter Fairs, which have resulted so satisfactorily for the charitable institutions.

During the last nine or ten months Mr Aspinall has suffered very much from chest disease, which presented a serious aspect during the last three months, and since Christmas he has been seldom able to leave his house. He has not been confined to his bed, but it was apparent that he was gradually wasting away, and about a week ago Dr James Boyd, who has been his constant medical attendant, said that his death was only a matter of a few days. Yesterday he did not get up as was his habit, and he sank gradually, and died at twenty five minutes to six o'clock last evening.

Mr Aspinall was a kind and affectionate husband and father, and leaves a widow and seven children, three sons and four daughters, to mourn their loss. The eldest son, Herbert, who is 22 years of age, occupies a good position as clerk in the Savings Bank, and the youngest member of the family is six years of age. The funeral will take place at 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

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The Late Mr Geo Aspinall JP

Yesterday morning the mortal remains of the late Mr Geo Aspinall JP, were interred in the Church of England ground at the Back Creek Cemetery. It had been previously announced that there would not be a public funeral, in accordance with a wish expressed by the deceased previous to his death.

There were, nevertheless, a large number of the leading citizens present at the funeral, and there were altogether about 40 vehicles in the cortege. Preceding the hearse were the Rev J Garlick and Dr Boyd in a buggy. The hearse was a plain one, closed in, and without plumes. There were two mourning coaches, containing the male relatives of the deceased and Mr Robert Strickland. The two conveyances which followed contained the Mayor and Crs Bayne, Hayes, Jackson, Bailes, Delbridge, Joseph and Sterry, MLC, and the town clerk, Mr Denovan Messrs Burrowes and J M'Intyre, MsLA, were also present.

The service at the grave was read by the Rev J Garlick, of All Saints' Church, to which the deceased gentleman belonged. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr Sayer. The coffin was of polished cedar, and was covered with a number of beautiful wreaths. Along the route which the funeral took a number of the business places were closed out of respect for the memory of the deceased, while flags were flying at half mast in various prominent places in the city.

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*George Valentine Aspinall***Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Thu 26 Oct 1905 Page 6**

OBITUARY.

The large circle of friends of Mr George Valentine Aspinall, formerly clerk of Petty Sessions at Bendigo, will greatly regret to hear of his demise, which occurred at his residence, "Gannawarra," Malvern Road, Armadale, yesterday.

The deceased gentleman, who was 38 years of age, was suffering from hydatids, and during the present week underwent an operation. It appeared to be successful, but the patient underwent a sudden relapse, and passed away, as stated. Mr Aspinall, who was second son of the late Mr George Aspinall, ex-Mayor of this city, was a native of Bendigo. He entered the local Petty Sessions office as a youth, and remained there up to within two years ago, when he was promoted from the position of senior clerk to the charge of the Coburg Court.

Before leaving his birthplace Mr Aspinall was tendered a send-off by a very large and representative gathering of citizens, who paid striking testimony to the great popularity he enjoyed. On proceeding to Melbourne, Mr Aspinall and his mother took up their residence in Armadale. The greatest sympathy is felt for his sorrowing relatives. Mr Aspinall was a brother of Mr Herbert Aspinall, inspector of Savings Banks.

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OBITUARY.

The remains of the late Mr G V Aspinall, formerly clerk of Petty Sessions at Bendigo, who died in Melbourne on Wednesday, were brought to the city by the afternoon train yesterday, and interred privately in the Bendigo Cemetery.

The principal mourners were Messrs. Herbert and Wm Aspinall (brothers), H W Aspinall (nephew), G D Watson, and Henry O'Neill (Melbourne). There was a large and representative attendance of citizens present, including Messrs E N Moore PM, W W Harris (clerk of courts), Jacob and Julius Cohn, G and A Mackay, G H Tatchell, W H B Neill, P J Edwards, W D C Denovan, W Hunter, J A De Ravin, R McNair, W Brace, F Barker, R O Henderson, M Kelly, W H Cundy, G A Petrie, and others. The burial service was conducted by the Ven Archdeacon Watson, who delivered a brief address. The remains were interred in the family vault in the Church of England compartment. Mr T Sayer carried out the mortuary arrangements.

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*Elizabeth Aspinall***Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Thu 8 Oct 1908 Page 7**

OBITUARY.

News was received in Bendigo last night of the death of Mrs Aspinall, widow of the late Mr George Aspinall, for many years a councillor, and Mayor of Bendigo in 1869-70 and 1873-4. Mrs Aspinall, who had resided in Melbourne with her family for many years, had been in poor health for some time past. She was 78 years of age. She leaves a family of two sons and three daughters. Of the sons, Mr Herbert Aspinall holds a high position in the Savings Bank, and Mr Wm Aspinall is in the London Bank at Stawell. The remains are to be brought to Bendigo for interment beside those of the late Mr Aspinall, and will arrive by the train reaching Bendigo at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

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OBITUARY.

The final scene in connection with the death of the late Mrs Aspinall was enacted yesterday, when her mortal remains were consigned to their last resting place in the Anglican section of the Bendigo Cemetery in the presence of a few sorrowing friends, the funeral arrangements being of a private character.

The remains were brought to Bendigo by the afternoon train from the metropolis, and the cortege moved from the railway station on the arrival of the train. As the deceased lady was a very old member of All Saints' Church, the burial service was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Watson, who recently retired from the charge of All Saints' parish.

The mortuary arrangements were under the supervision, of Mr T Sayer.



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