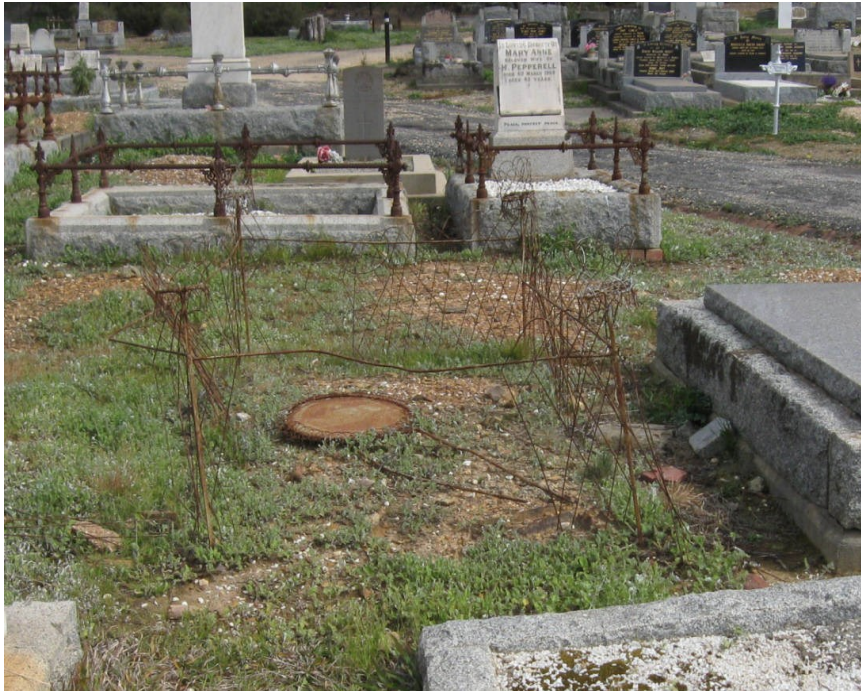


Bendigo Cemetery



Notes for William Henry Jones grave #12824 in section D6.

William was found drowned in a dam in Quarry Hill.

He had been missing for some days.

He was buried on 16/11/1893 and had died aged 84.

He wife Abby gave evidence at the inquest into his death.

This grave has a unique wire fence with a rusted iron shield, but no headstone.

There are two such wire fenced graves in B6, though this style is rarely seen elsewhere.

William's grave is close the section boundary with C6 and adjacent road.

As part of the Grave Tour #2
this portion of the section map for D6
shows the 3 graves spoken of in this section.

GERANIUM WALK															
14163	14137	14111	14061	14069	14026	14076	14028	14024	14043	14073	14036	14077	14084	14035	14212
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13020	13010	13489	13413	13380	13369	13455	13262	13193	13063	12801	12838				
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															12838
WALLFLOWER WALK															

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JONES_D6_035A.JPG



Only William Henry Jones is buried in this grave #12824 Sect D6 as per cemetery records.

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William Henry Jones

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FOUND DROWNED.

Yesterday afternoon about 2.30 o'clock a young man named Samuel Glen, a miner living in the locality, observed the dead body of a man floating in a dam attached to the garden of a Chinaman named Ah Chong, just off Carpenter Street, Quarry Hill, and opposite Loveland's bakery. The discovery was reported to the Quarry Hill police, and Constable Walsh had the body removed to the Greyhound hotel.

It is that of an old man and appeared to have been in the water for several days and was so swollen and discolored as to make recognition somewhat difficult. The clothing consisted of two pair of trousers, a pair of moleskins over a pair of a striped pattern, a black coat. A purse containing 1s 8d was found in a pocket, but there was nothing else by which the body might be identified.

There is good reason to believe, however, that it is the body of an old colored man, named William Jones, a resident of Kangaroo Flat for a great many years. He came into Bendigo last Tuesday week, and during the day was seen about the streets the worse for drink. In the afternoon he was noticed sitting asleep against a tree in View Street, and then presented a very pitiable appearance.

That was about the last time he was seen alive, and how he got to the dam, if the body found yesterday be his, it would be very hard to say, as it is rather difficult of access, being behind the Chinaman's garden, surrounded by gullies, and some distance from the main street. The old fellow, who was about 84 years of age, was well known about the city, having up to a few months ago, when he became rather weak owing, no doubt, to his advanced age done odd jobs for various shopkeepers.

An eccentricity of his gained him some notoriety as for the past 30 years he had a custom of personally welcoming to the city on his first visit, the Governor of the colony for the time being, and is said to have so welcomed every Governor to the city since the time of Sir Henry Barkly.

He would come in from Kangaroo Flat on the morning of the advent of a new Governor to Bendigo, take up a good position on the railway platform, and as soon as the distinguished visitor alighted grasp him warmly by the hand and take upon himself the pleasing task of extending a welcome. The kindly feeling was always acknowledged on the part of the recipient, and the old man's heart made glad. But a day came when he, by some means, missed the visitor on the railway platform.

It was on the occasion of the first visit of the Earl of Hopetoun, and the old man's feelings for some moments sustained a severe shock. He was equal to the occasion, however, as, pushing himself through the crowd and defying the constables stationed round, he rushed up to Lord Hopetoun as he was entering his carriage and grasped him warmly by the hand.

Though not on this occasion the first to pay his respects he felt great happiness to think that he had not been prevented from carrying out his time-honored and, to him, heart gladdening task. All doubts as to the identity of the body should be set at rest today, as the old man's wife has been summoned to attend the inquiry.

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THE RECENT DROWNING CASE.

THE BODY IDENTIFIED.

Yesterday Mr J M Harcourt JP, held a magisterial inquiry at the Greyhound hotel in connection with the finding of the body of an old man in a dam attached to a Chinaman's garden off Carpenter Street, Quarry Hill, on the previous day.

The following evidence was adduced:-

Samuel Glen, a laborer, living off Carpenter Street, deposed to having discovered the body in the water hole on Wednesday. The dam was not fenced in, the deepest part being four or five feet. A number of children were crayfishing in the dam on 14th inst. and there was then no sign of a body there. The dam was about 40 yards from the road, and any person turning the corner of the fence and walking along in the dark could not miss walking into it.

Constable Walsh deposed to being called by the last witness and seeing the body in the water about two feet from the bank. It was fully clothed, and there were one shilling and two threepenny pieces and two pennies in the trousers pocket. Found no marks of a struggle of any kind round the dam. Witness saw that the body was that of a colored man, and answered the description of one who had been missing from Kangaroo Flat for the past eight or nine days.

Ellen Sarah Jones, residing in Melbourne road, Kangaroo Flat, stated that the body was that of her husband, William Henry Jones. On the 7th inst deceased had left home for Bendigo, and as he did not return witness reported the matter to Constable Lysaght.

Deceased's general health was good, but about six months ago he had a fit in Bendigo and was taken to the hospital, where he remained three or four days. Deceased was a little childish and eccentric in his habits, but never threatened to commit suicide. He never drank or smoked. About 24 years ago he lived at Quarry Hill, but there was no reason for him to come along Carpenter Street, and the only reason she could assign for him getting into the dam was that he must have gone wrong in his head and taken the wrong road home.

Dr C Burke Gaffney deposed that he had examined the body, but found no external marks of violence or internal injury. The body was in an advanced stage of decomposition, and must have been dead about eight or nine days.

A verdict was returned that death was caused by drowning, but that there was no evidence to show how deceased got into the dam, which was believed to be accidental.



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