

# Pioneer Park Cemetery

## History

In 1828 the Colonial Secretary in London, Sir George Murray gave definite instructions making the colonial authorities responsible for the dignity and maintenance of the cemeteries in the new Swan River Colony with proper provision for the burial, care, protection and reverence of the dead. The Colonial



Office in London was not keen to see similar haphazard growth of cemeteries in Western Australia as occurred in the other colonies. The specific directions given to Captain James Stirling in regard to laying out of Perth and the provision of a public cemetery for the citizens was also a direction for other towns as they were founded and developed.

The land lot put aside on the first cadastral survey of Bunbury (1841) by Assistant Surveyor H.M.Ommanney was not allocated a lot number and simply called the “Burial Ground”. The first site chosen was on the western side of what was named “The Russell Esplanade”. It effectively took up a large area which would fill all the area between Simmons Street (as it was named in the first survey) and Wellington Street and extended down towards Rocky Point. The cemetery to which this entry refers has a gazettal date listed as 27.8.1847. The date on the Bunbury Cemetery land grant is 30.3.1849 (area: 2a 2roods).

The place was officially used between 1847 and 1925 as a Protestant Cemetery vested with the Church of England. Health reasons and impending overcrowding prompted the Church to transfer control to the Council, who later voted to close the cemetery and open a larger one on the “outskirts” of town. Many old headstones were set up on a raised area in Prinsep Street, however eventually vandalism caused the Council to remove them to the new Cemetery during 1985. Council campaigned for all graves and headstones to be taken from the old site to the new Cemetery which opened in 1914. However, all costs were to be borne by relatives and as the period around WWI was tempered by harsh economic times, many citizens were unable to comply. The headstones remained at Prinsep Street throughout the 1940’s with a concerted effort mounted by Council in the early 1950’s for all remains to be cleared from this old cemetery. At that much later stage in 1985, Council addresses the issue of any remaining graves at the old cemetery and arranged for their removal. The current public cemetery now contains rows of pioneer headstones placed side by side on an elevated embankment to recognise those who came from the “old” Bunbury Cemetery.

The “old cemetery” area is now Public Open Space with the nomenclature of Pioneer Park in recognition of it’s former use as a burial ground for many of Bunbury’s early settlers.

## References

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## About this Inventory

This is the first time a consolidated list of burials for Pioneer Cemetery has been produced. This inventory has been produced painstakingly cross-referencing several incomplete lists of names of people believed to be buried within Pioneer Park.



Many names were verified using the headstones removed from Pioneer Park and relocated to the Bunbury Cemetery. Note is made of one headstone which is nameless and four others marked only with initials.

Research revealed variation at times in the spelling of the names and these have been noted. Where dates of burial and age are matching and the variation in spelling merely phonetic a see reference has been included.

Names listed in the main alphabetical index have been cross-referenced against two or more records. Other names have been flagged as possible burials as the deceased were recorded as having died in Bunbury during the timeframe that the cemetery was active. These are listed in a separate alphabetical sequence following the main index.

These records may be incomplete. If you feel you have further information about ancestors or loved ones and wish to provide documents that can help complete this record please contact the Bunbury Public Library.

# Inventory of People buried at Pioneer Park 1842 –1925

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Age at death</u>
Abrahamson, Capt. John George	April 5 <sup>th</sup> 1919	70
Abrahamson, Mary Anne	Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> 1912	63
Ackland, Katie	April 13 <sup>th</sup> 1913	13
Alting, Agnes May	April 27 <sup>th</sup> 1904	30
Alting, Constance May	Dec 7 <sup>th</sup> 1907	3
Amethyst, Winifred Mary	Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> 1912	1
Anderson, Alexandrina	Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1906	66
Armstrong, William	March 4 <sup>th</sup> 1904	44
Arviddson, Jane Marie	April 7 <sup>th</sup> 1896	25
Ashford, Thomas	Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> 1878	61
*Averey, Frank A	March 12 <sup>th</sup> 1910	27
<b>Benckendorff, Frederick Oscar</b>	Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> 1913	44
Bishop, John	June 27 <sup>th</sup> 1882	23
Bishop, John (Snr)	June 12 <sup>th</sup> 1897	67
Bishop, Mary	Sept 16 <sup>th</sup> 1911	75
Bishop, William	June 5 <sup>th</sup> 1882	10
Black, Frances Margaret		
Blythe, Joseph	Aug 20 <sup>th</sup> 1919	69
Brockman, Flora Augusta Mira		
Cain, Richard	April 28 <sup>th</sup> 1885	53
Cairns, Robert	April 11 <sup>th</sup> 1899	37
Cam, Thomas	Mar 25 <sup>th</sup> 1901	33
Capron, C.R. Sinclair		
Catharine, Elinor Maude	April 18 <sup>th</sup> 1915	
Chapman, Charles	Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> 1900	22
Chapman, John	Apr 13 <sup>th</sup> 1913	13
*Chandele, George	Nov 8 <sup>th</sup> 1910	69
Christie, Anne	Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> 1906	78
Clifton, Annette	Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> 1871	
Clifton, William Pearce	May 1 <sup>st</sup> 1885	69
*Cockle, James	Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> 1913	67
Coplestone, Ellen	Nov 25 <sup>th</sup> 1909	51
Crampton, Anne	Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1867	68
Crampton, William	Dec 16 <sup>th</sup> 1872	76
Cundle, Margaret	Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> 1892	70
Cunningham, Henry	April 27 <sup>th</sup> 1906	33
*Cutmann, Bernhard	Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> 1911	2

\* Indicates discrepancies

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Age at Death</u>
Dale, John E	Feb 20 <sup>th</sup> 1900	32
Davis, James	Aug 6 <sup>th</sup> 1900	37
Delaporte, John	Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1854	32
Dickenson, Richard	May 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1910	
Dixon-Brown, Dixon Lofthouse	Oct 9 <sup>th</sup> 1898	38
Docton, John	Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> 1901	6
Docton, William Henry	April 13 <sup>th</sup> 1908	62
Docton, William Jr	Dec 27 <sup>th</sup> 1897	2 mths
Duncan, George O	Feb 13 <sup>th</sup> 1907	45
Eccelstone, William	April 14 <sup>th</sup> 1875	86
Edwards, Henry	June 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1914	45
Edwards, Frederic James Puidulles	Aug 26 <sup>th</sup> 1912	45
Eedle, Ann	Dec 14 <sup>th</sup> 1877	65
Eedle, David	Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> 1894	80
Eedle, Emily	Dec 9 <sup>th</sup> 1887	47
Fabricus, Jacob	July 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1909	53
Fisher, Alexander	Jan 25 <sup>th</sup> 1914	28
Floyd, George William	Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 1896	63
Fordyce, John	June 30 <sup>th</sup> 1910	72
Forrest, Esther	Jul 29 <sup>th</sup> 1909	
Frances, Emma Lucille	July 24 <sup>th</sup> 1876	39
Frances, Herbert	Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1873	
Gam, Thomas	March 25 <sup>th</sup> 1901	
Gray, George	Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> 1901	69
Grimm, Henry	Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> 1914	59
Gutmann, Bernard Carson	Feb 1911	2
Harrington, Daniel	July 8 <sup>th</sup> 1927	89
Harrington Mary Ann	June 4 <sup>th</sup> 1911	69
Harrington, Thomas Henry	June 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1898	24
Harvey, Mary	Aug 15 <sup>th</sup> 1904	29
*Hayes, Comfort	Dec 29 <sup>th</sup> 1895	73
*Hayes, James	March 14 <sup>th</sup> 1873	47
Hill, Vic	June 21 <sup>st</sup> 1900	1
Holm, Christian	Feb 26 <sup>th</sup> 1894	29
Hooker, Joseph	Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> 1894	23
Hornsby, Sarah	Nov 25 <sup>th</sup> 1913	57
Hunt, James	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1898	22
Hunter, Richard	July 21 <sup>st</sup> 1899	28
Hurst, Basil	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1901	73
Hurst, Maria	Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> 1903	72

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Age at Death</u>
Jackson, Rev Thomas	Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> 1910	
Jacques, Frederic	Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> 1911	48
*Jenkin, Elizabeth	Mar 5 <sup>th</sup> 1877	51
Jenkin, Isabella see Roberts		
Jenkin, William see Roberts		
Johnson, Peter	May 26 <sup>th</sup> 1911	41
Jones, Richard Thomas	Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> 1903	
Jones, William Janes	Dec 27 <sup>th</sup> 1906	
Jsell see Sell		
Julian, Theodora	Nov 11 <sup>th</sup> 1900	33
<b>Kain, Richard</b> see Cain		
Knight, William Henry	May 20 <sup>th</sup> 1898	28
Le Froy, Gerald	Dec 15 <sup>th</sup> 1878	
Louden, Thomas	Dec 29 <sup>th</sup> 1906	65
Lovegrove, Elinor Maude Catherine	April 18 <sup>th</sup> 1915	
<b>Macowan, Laura Elizabeth</b>	May 6 <sup>th</sup> 1906	32
Maddren, Edna	July 28 <sup>th</sup> 1906	6
Mainwaring, George Thomas	Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1892	19
Mainwaring, Jane	Infancy	
Mainwaring, Thomas	Mar 28 <sup>th</sup> 1879	40
Mainwaring, Thomas Jr	Infancy	
Martin, Ann Jane	Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> 1909	84
Martin, Ebenezer	June 4 <sup>th</sup> 1910	77
Maslin, Sarah Christianna	Feb 15 <sup>th</sup> 1899	70
Maslin, Thomas	Mar 18 <sup>th</sup> 1901	84
Maxwell, Frederic P	Apr 27 <sup>th</sup> 1910	16
Maxwell, Robert W	June 24 <sup>th</sup> 1905	5 days
McDowell, Margaret	Apr 9 <sup>th</sup> 1904	
Monkhouse, John	Mar 17 <sup>th</sup> 1903	76
Moore, James	Sept 29 <sup>th</sup> 1906	76
Moore, Maria	July 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1909	75
Mowday, Ernest	May 19 <sup>th</sup> 1906	11 mths
Muldoon, Minnie	July 26 <sup>th</sup> 1906	44
<b>Nilsson, Bessie</b>	May 28 <sup>th</sup> 1906	36
North, Henry Walter	Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> 1913	43
<b>Okely, Joseph Richard</b>	June 9 <sup>th</sup> 1896	2 mths
Olsen, Neil Christian	Mar 1 <sup>st</sup> 1894	31
Ommehan, Emma	April 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1899	36

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Age at Death</u>
Padbury, Edwin	Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1876	65
Padbury, Mark	Sept 5 <sup>th</sup> 1886	64
Parsons, Harry	Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1914	53
Parsons, Janet	Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> 1915	36
Partington, Hazel Violet	Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> 1914	6
Plewright, James Godfrey	Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> 1899	2
Powell, Graeme	Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> 1906	
Powell, Nancy Meg	May 28 <sup>th</sup> 1911	6 mths
Properjohn, Charles	Dec 15 <sup>th</sup> 1911	84
Puidulles, Frederic James	Aug 26 <sup>th</sup> 1912	45
<b>Rackley, James</b>	June 21 <sup>st</sup> 1912	83
Richardson, Josiah	Nov 9 <sup>th</sup> 1911	27
Roberts, Annie	Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1911	66
Roberts, Elizabeth	March 1877	51
Roberts, Isabella Jenkin	Aug 9 1875	76
Roberts, Mary Ann	Sept 11 <sup>th</sup> 1913	65
Roberts, Thomas	Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> 1907	70
Roberts, William Jenkin	April 26 <sup>th</sup> 1884	88
Rodwell, William	Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> 1882	58
Rose, Emma	Aug 24 <sup>th</sup> 1890	67
Sampson, John	Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> 1904	91
Sampson, W.W	Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> 1867	47
Scott, Arthur A	Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1914	49
Scott, Catherine	Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> 1923	90
Scott, John	Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> 1880	59
Scott, John Jnr	Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> 1881	59
Sell, Benjamin J	May 31 <sup>st</sup> 1897	28
Sinclair, C R	May 14 <sup>th</sup> 1891	1 mth
Sinclair, John	Sept 6 <sup>th</sup> 1916	83
Sinclair, Julia	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1909	63
Smith, James	Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> 1910	56
Smyth, Oliver John Little	Nov 26 <sup>th</sup> 1910	29
Spencer, Ena Margery	Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> 1901	11 mths
Spencer, Margaret	Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 1893	94
Spencer, Mary Ann	Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> 1919	74
Spencer, Thomas Edwin	June 18 <sup>th</sup> 1904	61
Spencer, Thomas Henry	Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1969	73
Stapleton, Edward	Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> 1896	6 mths
Steere, Ellen	Mar 27 <sup>th</sup> 1901	38
Steere, Edward Cecil	Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1904	23
Steere, Walter Leonard	Nov 30 <sup>th</sup> 1912	26
Symmons, Charles A.T	Oct 18 <sup>th</sup> 1887	83

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Age at Death</u>
Taylor, Joseph	April 28 <sup>th</sup> 1899	62
Taylor, Ralph	June 19 <sup>th</sup> 1901	62
Thompson, John R	June 28 <sup>th</sup> 1903	24
Thomson, Alice Yelverton	May 11 <sup>th</sup> 1905	2
Thomson, Emma Lucille Frances	Jul 24 <sup>th</sup> 1876	39
Thomson, Herbert	Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1873	
Thomson, James Guy	Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> 1890	58
Trigwell, Agnes Ann	June 5 <sup>th</sup> 1898	76
Trigwell, Elizabeth	Feb 24 <sup>th</sup> 1872	22
Trigwell, Henry	July 20 <sup>th</sup> 1890	75
Tuxford, John James	June 14 <sup>th</sup> 1900	35
Tuxford, Ronald	June 24 <sup>th</sup> 1894	4 mths
Tuxford, Stuart	June 18 <sup>th</sup> 1897	15 mths
Tyrrell, Charlotte	Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> 1896	29
Venn, Harry Whittal	Mar 8 <sup>th</sup> 1908	63
Walsh, Daisy A	Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> 1915	35
Walter, Henry	Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> 1913	43
Warton, Winifred Mary Amethyst	Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> 1912	1
Watterson, Bert	June 4 <sup>th</sup> 1912	9 weeks
Watterson, Jacky	June 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1911	9
Wellard, Ann	Dec 20 <sup>th</sup> 1890	
Wellard, Christine	Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> 1895	2
Whitelaw, J C Simpson	Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> 1900	57
Whittal, Harry see <u>Venn</u>		
Williams, Arthur	July 9 <sup>th</sup> 1904	24
Wisbey, Charles	Sept 5 <sup>th</sup> 1894	61
Wisbey, Ellen	Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1891	57
Wisbey, Mary Ann	Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1884	20
Withers, Esther	Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> 1896	40
Withers, Comfort Esther	Died in infancy	
Withers, Cora Matilda	Died in Infancy	
Withers, Ronald	April 28 <sup>th</sup> 1902	2
Witton, Joseph Benjamin	May 10 <sup>th</sup> 1910	68
Yelverton, Alice	May 11 <sup>th</sup> 1905	2
Nameless Headstone	July 7 <sup>th</sup> 1897	33
A Y T		
M E R T		
T A	1873	
G T		

Harry Smith of S S Redbridge has a headstone erected by the public of Bunbury in recognition of his bravery at the Messina earthquake.

## Inventory of possible burials unable to be verified through cross reference

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Age at Death</u>
Frances, Emma Lucille		
Frances, Herbert		
James, Herbert	Oct 14 <sup>th</sup> 1872	28
Marcery, Ena	Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> 1901	11 mths
Parsons, Anne	Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> 1915	
Sinclair, C R	May 14 <sup>th</sup> 1891	1 mth

### Noted Discrepancies

- \*Avery spelt Avey on one primary source
- \*Chandele could be George Chandler Dowden same date of death
- \*Cockle also spelt Cockell and Cockwell
- \*Cutmann could also be listed as Guttman same date of death
- \* Hayes, Comfort and James on same headstone as Blythe
- \*Jsell also listed under Sell
- \* Meg, Nancy also listed as Nancy Meg Powell

