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And summon from the shadowy Past

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other pioneers in the south-west portion of the graveyard:—

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
 THOMAS ARNDELL, Esq.,
 Who departed this life May 9th [?2nd], 1821.
 Aged 69 years.

He was one of the earliest civil officers in the Medical Department, and one of the oldest magistrates of the colony, and was humane and honorable in each station, he was publicly esteemed and privately beloved as an affectionate husband, kind parent and firm friend. He has left few to surpass him. He was simple in his manners and upright in his conduct, but Reader Our life is short, but to extend that span To vast eternity is virtues work.

Mors sola futetur Quantula sint hominum corpuscula.

[ALSO] IN MEMORY OF
 ELIZABETH ARNDELL,
 Wife of Thomas Arndell,
 Who died 31st January, 1843.
 Aged 75 years.

Dr. Thomas Arndell had the following family:—Thomas II., James, Mrs. Threlkeld, Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Lakeland, Mrs. Gordon.

The family of Thomas II. was three sons:—Thomas III., born 4th February, 1825, died 30th October, 1907; he married Mary Hall ("Macquarie"); George James (died 1913), and five daughters—Mrs. George Loder (deceased), Mrs. F. R. White, Miss Sophia Arndell (died 1914, aged eighty), Miss Louisa Arndell (died 1914), Miss Eliza Arndell.

Dr. Jas. Mileham.

Surgeon James Mileham arrived in the *Ganges*, 2nd June, 1797, and was employed at Parramatta, Newcastle, and Sydney up till the year 1811. In the year 1807 he was appointed as third Assistant Surgeon in the colony.

In the upheaval of 1808 he was one of the anti-Bligh party.

He came to the Hawkesbury as Government Surgeon about the year 1811, and lived on the river bank near Baker Street.

CHAPTER III.

SOME PIONEER FAMILIES.

FROM an old well-preserved Windsor Muster Book, dated 1813-1818, giving a half-yearly census of the military officers, soldiers, civil officers, free people, settlers, and prisoners—male, female, and children being shown in each division—we find the following well-known names of pioneers. (This muster book is now in the Mitchell Library.) It will be noted that only the names of children born before 1818 are given:—

In the Military: Lieutenant and Mrs. A. Bell and nine children.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Purcell and two children, Charles, and E.

Sergeant Geo. Kay and three children, George, Mary Ann, and William.

Lieut. and Mrs. W. Cox (1817-18) and three children, Edward, Ann, and William.

The Civil officers were:—

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fitzgerald and three children, Richard, Robert, and John.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cox (1813), three children, Edward, Ann, and William.

Mr. James Mileham and one child, Lucy.

Mr. G. W. and Mrs. Evans, 1813, arrived in the *Buffalo*, four children, Ann, Harriet, William and Elizabeth. This family returned to Sydney in 1814.

Mr. Thomas and Mrs. A. E. Hobby, who arrived in the *Buffalo*. He was Coroner for many years in Windsor.

CHAPTER X.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

THE first Congregational services held in Windsor were conducted by Mr. J. D. Brown, in the year 1866, the meetings being held in the School of Arts until 1867. Services were also held at Freeman's Reach. Mr. J. D. Brown was afterwards in charge of the Baptist Church, St. Mary's, for over sixteen years, resigning in 1837 and settling at Ebenezer, where, surrounded by his many relatives and friends, he is still able to conduct services, although in his 89th year.

Mr. F. H. Brown, a student from Camden College, took charge of the Windsor Congregational Church on 28th October, 1868, and remained till he was called to Peter-sham in October, 1871. The Rev. F. H. Brown afterwards laboured in Queensland, and then in Richmond (Victoria), where he was greatly esteemed. During his residence in Windsor the present church was erected. The foundation stone was laid by Mr. James Fairfax, of Sydney, on Good Friday, the 26th of March, 1869, and the church was opened by the Rev. Thomas Johnson on 24th August, 1869, Mr. F. H. Brown being ordained at the same time. A special train, bringing two hundred passengers, was run from Sydney in connection with the opening services on 29th August, 1869.

About this time the Presbyterian Church was in difficulties, and without a minister, and the congregation joined with the Congregationalists, which necessitated the

September, 1893. He was the father of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, M.L.A., who started the *Windsor and Richmond Gazette* in 1888, and of Mr. O. A. S. Fitzpatrick, a former C.P.S. in Windsor. He retired with the rank of Sub-Inspector, and died 26th November, 1899, aged sixty-nine years. Senior Sergeant George Boyd, from Carcoar, followed in 1894; Senior-Sergeant Peter J. Nies, from Parramatta, came next, followed by Senior-Sergeant Henry Norris, from Deniliquin, in 1908; and Senior-Sergeant Sim, from Temora, in 1914.

Gaol Keepers.

George Loder, a grandson of John Howe, held this office from 1820, or earlier, to 1829; G. Walpole, 1829-35; Thomas Keenan, 1842. It was part of the duties of the gaol-keeper to put certain prisoners in the stocks in those days. The stocks were placed in George Street, near the School of Arts site. Michael Raper followed in the sixties. In his time a warder named Spinks was foully murdered by a prisoner with an axe, his grave being in St. Matthew's Churchyard. Eugene McCabe, 1875-81, when he was transferred to Gundagai, where he died 25th December, 1896. Arthur Berekelman, 1882-86, a veteran of the Crimean Light Brigade. He died 15th January, 1904, aged seventy-six. Two long-sentence prisoners escaped on 8th September, 1886, by cutting through four inches of hardwood and picking two locks with a piece of wire. H. Elbest, 1887-92; J. Murdoch, 1892-1900. N. Easterbrooke, 1901-3. Later men only remained for short periods, the gaol being no longer used for long-sentence men. The present gaol was built in 1859 on the site of a still earlier gaol.

Coroners.

Lieut. Thomas Hobby, 1811-26. He belonged to the 102nd Regiment, and assisted William Cox in the construction of the Blue Mountain Road, 1814-15. Hobby's

C. Parker.
B. Conlon. Rev. S. D'Arcy Irvine.

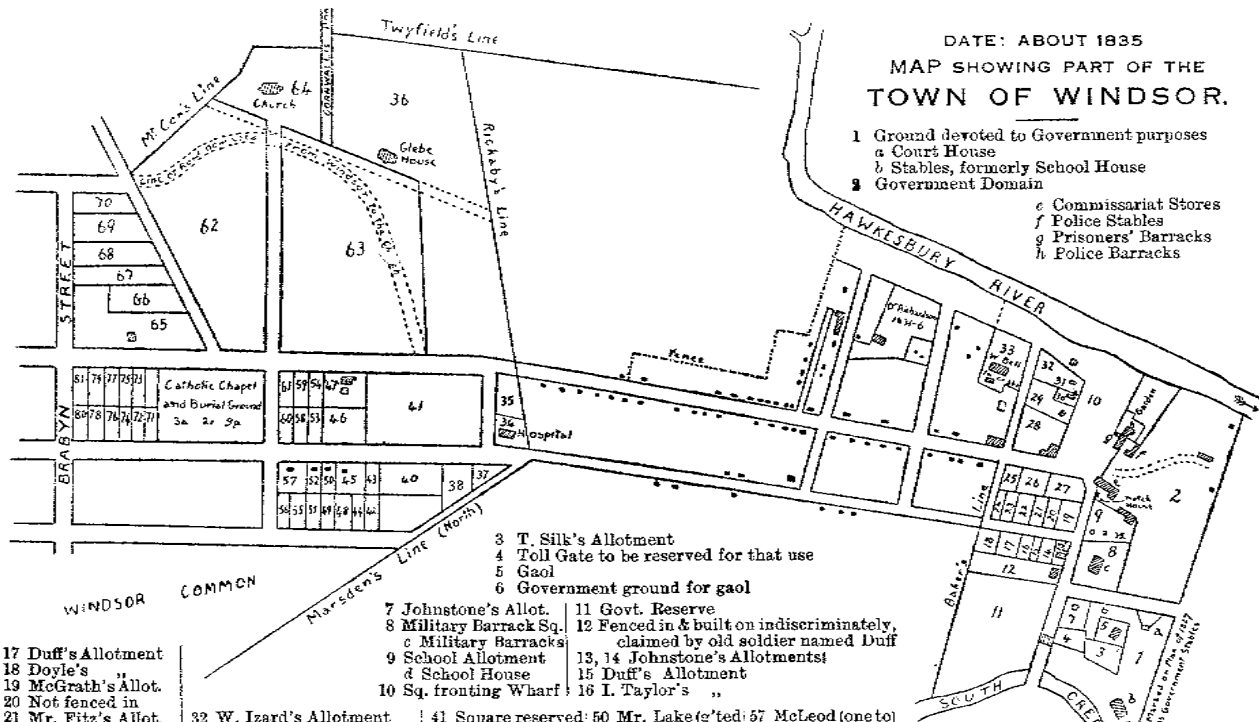


J. Galloway. J. T. Gosper. S. T. Greenwell. W. Walker, M.L.C., J. J. Paine, W. Beard, R. Dick,
Vice-Pres. Pres. Hon. Sec. Hon. Treas. Trustee.

COMMITTEE WINDSOR HOSPITAL, 1892-3.

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DATE: ABOUT 1835
 MAP SHOWING PART OF THE
 TOWN OF WINDSOR.



- 1 Ground devoted to Government purposes
 a Court House
 b Stables, formerly School House
 c Government Domain

- e Commissariat Stores
 f Police Stables
 g Prisoners' Barracks
 h Police Barracks

- 3 T. Silk's Allotment
 4 Toll Gate to be reserved for that use
 5 Gaol
 6 Government ground for gaol

- 7 Johnstone's Allot. 11 Govt. Reserve
 8 Military Barrack Sq. 12 Fenced in & built on indiscriminately,
 c Military Barracks claimed by old soldier named Duff
 9 School Allotment 13, 14 Johnstone's Allotments!
 d School House 15 Duff's Allotment
 10 Sq. fronting Wharf 16 I. Taylor's "

- 17 Duff's Allotment
 18 Doyle's "
 19 McGrath's Allot.
 20 Not fenced in
 21 Mr. Fitz's Allot.
 22 "
 23 Bullock's "
 24 Daly's "
 25 Key's "
 26 "
 27 Kable's, sen. "
 28 Fitzgerald's "
 29 Howe's "
 30 G. Loder's "
 31 Doyle's "

- 32 W. Izard's Allotment
 33 Lieut. Wm. Bell, formerly
 Govt. Surgeon's residence
 34 Hospital
 35 Presbyterian Chapel
 36 Glebe House and Ground
 37 Govt. Hut built on it
 38 G. Loder
 39 A. Loder
 40 Woodbury formerly
 Richards

- 41 Square reserved
 for market
 42 Not fenced
 43 Blady (formerly
 Richards)
 44 Not fenced
 45 I. Cupitt
 46 Mr. Fitz, jun.
 47 Not fenced
 48 Not fenced
 49 James Gassett

- 50 Mr. Lake (g'ted
 to Harris)
 51 James (granted
 to Geary)
 52 J. Nixon (gr'ted
 to Charlton)
 53 Hilton's Allot.
 54 Not fenced
 55 Not fenced
 56 Butter (from
 Bayliss)

- 57 McLeod (one to
 himself, other
 to T. Lynch)
 58 McKellar
 59 Not fenced
 60 Arthur's Allot.
 61 Not fenced
 62, 63 Gov. Res'v'e
 64 Church
 65 Mears
 66, 67 Fee'dy

- 68 Richard Norris
 69 Thomas Upton
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 71 Thomas Gullledge
 72 James Price
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 81 Daniel Dickens

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- use Adobe Reader 6 to do some trial searches to try to identify the characters that may be misread. These can show up in the extra text in the search results list (Adobe 6 only). A few minutes trial will help you to avoid using characters that are more prone to being misread, e.g. try entering “rederi” if you want “Frederick”, but find that the letters “F” “c” and “k” are sometimes misread.
- use the “Match whole word” option to eliminate unnecessary items in your results list, e.g. to eliminate all the blacksmiths and tinsmiths etc when you only want the name Smith.
- use the “Match case” option to eliminate all the occupations “smith” if you only want the name “Smith”.
- don’t just search for names. Search the book for other names, places and subjects of interest:
 - › look for others of the same name
 - › look for others who lived in the same place or street
 - › who was the postmaster or police officer in the town?
 - › how often and at what time did the coach arrive in town?
 - › what churches were there and what time were services held?
 - › what other activities were there in the community?
 - › look for others who had the same occupation or other interests
- all of this and more may be available in a seemingly mundane book such as a directory. You can learn much of the background of life at the time, even if your ancestor is not listed there.
- Many CDs have only one file, but some have the book content spread over several files. Adobe Reader normally searches in the file that is open at the time. If you wish to search ALL files at once choose the “All PDF documents in” option and select the CD drive or directory the files are in—Adobe Reader 6 only.

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