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**COMING EVENTS:**

**Our Society's Christmas get-together on  
Saturday 12th December 2015, midday.**

Lunch at the [Pinsent Hotel](#) in Reid St Wangaratta. RSVP  
Cheryl Price on 03 5721 5906; email [info@wfhs.org.au](mailto:info@wfhs.org.au); or  
add your name to the list in our Library by Thursday 10th  
December. Members and their family and friends will be  
most welcome.



**Closed over the Christmas New Year period**

From Friday 17 December 2015, re-opening  
Tuesday 2nd February 2016.

**Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 19 March 2016 at 2.00pm.

**Researching Irish Ancestors in 2016**

Online information sessions will be held early next  
year in our computer room for members who wish  
to learn how to research Irish records online.

Georgina Cusack, who has extensive experience in  
Irish research, will lead the sessions. A small charge  
will be made to cover the internet costs.

More information will be available in the new year  
but if you would like to make a booking now, please  
email [info@wfhs.org.au](mailto:info@wfhs.org.au)

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- Christine Heard.



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING:

'History Mystery Tour' event during Seniors' Week in October brought sixty people to our building where they enjoyed afternoon tea and found out about our Society and what we do. This followed their bus tour of historical sites of Wangaratta including a visit to The Vine hotel as well as the historical homestead 'Warra'.

So people can clearly see our location, an application has been made to the council for a grant to cover the cost of signage for the front of our building. Result will be known in December.

Members of the Benalla Family Research Group also visited us in October and we all enjoyed finding out about the projects each group is undertaking and planning; a look at our research resources; and a very fine morning tea and lunch was enjoyed by all.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:

- \* Alexander Mark



## HAVE A QUERY OR WISH TO MAKE A SUGGESTION?

Contact:

- \* Ray McKenzie, President, on 03 5721 7553; or
- \* Val Brennan, Vice President, on 03 5727 6229.



## MEMBERSHIP:

Initial 1st year Admin Fee	\$10
Single Full Membership	\$25
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Joint Pensioner	\$30
Newsletter only	\$12



## THE N G SHEPPARD GATE & SEVEN OAKS ROAD:

Three months ago Cheryl Price from the Wangaratta Family History Society asked local family and social historian, **Heather Lane**, to research the people whose names are on a gate and the original route of the Seven Oaks Road. This is what Heather discovered.



On the corner of the Tarrawingee Eldorado Road and Seven Oaks Road in north east Victoria is a gate. It seems to open to nowhere really. Constructed of galvanized steel pipes and welded mesh, with the carefully fashioned scrolled letters of 'N G SHEPPARD' emblazoned across the top section, the gate is attention seeking. Cheryl Price stops her car, grabs her camera and takes a photo.

It's a beautiful sunny winter morning, the grass is green across the rolling countryside, cattle graze in nearby paddocks and the clouds drift on by. Is this a new road, this Seven Oaks, or was it an old Beechworth road Cheryl wonders?



**Norman George Sheppard** (N G SHEPPARD) was the grandson of early settlers to the Eldorado area, George Sheppard and Susan Coster. George arrived in the Eldorado district with two shillings and sixpence in his pocket and pitched a tent on his selection. He was employed as a carter of timber for the mining shafts.

When the squatters' leases came to an end, George purchased, by instalment, twenty acres of prime land near Eldorado. As the years past he increased and improved his holdings south of Eldorado and in the Byawatha, Tarrawingee and Whitfield areas.

He and Susan raised a family of seven children<sup>(1)</sup>, George Alexander (1867-1941), Theodore (1869-1945), Emanuel (1871-1945), Oswald (1874-1874), Victoria Louise (1876-1959), Valentine (1878-1934) and Ada (1881-1948). One can only imagine what life must have been like for the young pioneering family, especially Susan.

Conditions would have been primitive comprising of a small shack type home, with no electricity or running water. Walking, riding a horse, or sitting atop a horse and cart were the main modes of transport. Children walked or rode a horse to school. As the Sheppard family grew along with many other settlers' families in the area, schools were established at Eldorado (1860s), Carraragarmungee (1870s), and for some time there was one between the Milne and Seven Oaks roads at the entrance to Kelvin Sheppard's property.

Little is known of Susan's early life especially as to when she arrived in Australia. After raising her large family, she passed away after a lengthy struggle with cancer on 19 August 1901 aged sixty-three.

Born in Northampton, England, George died aged ninety on 28 August 1913 and was buried at Eldorado Cemetery beside Susan. He willed his substantial holdings to his children. George Alexander inherited *Horrocks*, Victoria and Ada the *Homestead*, Emanuel *Shoebidges* all at Tarrawingee, Valentine *J J Newtons* at Byawatha and Theodore *Whitfield*<sup>(2)</sup>. Several of these properties remain in Sheppard family hands today, although they may be different in acreage. Victoria, Ada and Emanuel never married, whilst Valentine married Johanna Augusta Minnie Schelesky in 1907<sup>(3)</sup> and Theodore married Isabella Bone on 24 October 1903 at Beechworth<sup>(4)</sup>. All had children, several of whom remained in north east Victoria. Names such as Dudley, Max and Russell may be familiar to some.

George Alexander Sheppard was educated at the Carraragarmungee School. He worked hard and was a great inventor of farm machinery. He settled on *Horrocks* and purchased further land. In 1904 at Beechworth, he married a Tarrawingee local, Maud Bussell, youngest daughter of Henry Bussell's and Rebecca Harvey's thirteen children. George Alexander was a lay preacher at the Eldorado and Everton Methodist churches<sup>(5)</sup> as well as being a husband, father, farmer and grazier. Maud was an ardent supporter of Eldorado's St Jude's Anglican Church, which was built in 1870 when the population was around 4,000.

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## THE N G SHEPPARD GATE & SEVEN OAKS ROAD cont:

Maud and George Alexander Sheppard built a new home and raised their two sons, Roy Maynard, born 1 May 1909, and Norman George, born 23 July 1911, on the Tarrawingee farm. The boys attended the Eldorado School.

A huge fire in January 1928 devastated the area. 'From early in the morning a scorchingly hot wind blew from the north'<sup>(6)</sup>, dust and smoke rose blinding all in its way. The dry long grass and wheat stubbles added fuel to the unstoppable fire, which had started opposite McGregor's at Byawatha. Whilst most homes were spared, property losses were large. Along with other farmers, the Sheppards lost sheds, machinery, stock, and dry feed.

Roy Maynard Sheppard married Doris Charlton at Bobinawarrah in 1941 and had three children—Dorothy, Beverley and Maxwell. Successful farmers at Tarrawingee, Roy and Doris retired to Wangaratta in the 1970s. Doris passed away on 23 May 1996 and Roy on 7 August 2001. Both are buried in the Wangaratta Cemetery.

At the Tarrawingee Cemetery, George Alexander and Maud Sheppard's headstone is easy to see as it stands out beside other Bussell family graves. George predeceased Maud on 17 December 1941. Twenty five years later Maud died on 22 December 1966. Their sons carried on with the farms.

*One of the acreages purchased or leased by either George or his son, Norman, was once owned by James McGee in 1883. The 'N G SHEPPARD' gate provides entry to this eighty acre block.*

A story told by his granddaughter suggests Norman 'was a bit of dare devil' as a youngster, which conveyed a very different image she had of him 'as a hard working, very sensible, no nonsense person'.

The Second World War had not long been declared when Norman George Sheppard married Amy Joan Aldridge in 1940. Amy, who prefers to be called Joan, was born ninety seven years ago 'at Sister Beeston's private hospital, 33 Moreland road, Coburg, to Mrs. and Mr. Ernest Aldridge, of Springhurst'<sup>(7)</sup>.

Glenda, Wendy, Lynne and Kelvin are Joan and Norman's children all of whom live and work in north east Victoria<sup>(8)</sup>.

Fire again devastated the area in January 1944. Strong northerly winds swept in from the Byawatha area destroying nearly everything in its path, including much of the Sheppard property. Being stalwarts of the farming variety, the only choice was to pick up from what was left and begin again.

And their endeavours were rewarded when Norman and Kelvin won the Hanslow Cup Competition in 1977 for the North-Western [sic] region of Victoria. This award was for 'farmers who had achieved significant results in coping with specific problems'<sup>(9)</sup> for soil conservation. This was a great joy for Norman especially.

**Norman George Sheppard** died on 9 May 1985 and is buried in the Wangaratta Cemetery. Joan resides at Rangeview Private Nursing Home in Wangaratta. She is wonderfully bright and holds a great conversation.

Kelvin and his wife Carol remain on the Tarrawingee property. He '*must get that gate*'<sup>(10)</sup> as the block of land is no longer theirs.

Numerous newspaper articles make reference to the Sheppard family through the generations being involved in their communities. Building schools, road management, local history writing, church services and support, agricultural shows and cemetery trusts are but a few.



## Seven Oaks Road:

In the early days of settlement and the mining boom of the Tarrawingee, Eldorado and Reedy Creek area, there was a *Seven Oaks Road*, Seven Oaks Creek, Seven Oaks Gully, Seven Oaks Inn and Seven Oaks Hotel. This was a clue as to where a road may have once traversed the countryside.

Today, Seven Oaks Road is a miniscule version of its earlier length and a no through road. Eventually, after many hours of investigation, a couple of road trips and lots of suggestions from others along the way, the original route can only be guessed at. Another clue was that part of this road was called Woolshed Lane, maybe Woolshed was a possible destination?

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## THE N G SHEPPARD GATE & SEVEN OAKS ROAD cont:

Old parish maps indicate the course of the old road. Imagine if you will, beginning at the Great Alpine Road at Tarrawingee, head in a north easterly direction along Pryse, Lyons and Newtons roads. Continue on Woolshed Lane, across the Tarrawingee Eldorado Road and into Seven Oaks Road. Follow along the Seven Oaks Creek and gully connecting with the southern portion of Milne Road before heading east and joining with Cemetery Road. After a short distance south, take a left turn in a north easterly direction onto Stewart's Track, which winds around the creeks and gullies before it enters Masons Road. Within a very short distance it meets at a T-intersection with the Woolshed Road.

This was a much shorter and easier route to the Woolshed Valley and Reedy Creek mining communities than going via Beechworth for would-be miners and to deliver much needed supplies.

Family names of some of the early settlers along the road were Ladson, Shaw, Berrigan, Martell, Newey, Horrocks, Stewart, Southern, Nolan, Cunningham, Strain and Sheppard.

Bone rattling travel on these unformed, wagon-wheel rutted rocky roads would have been enough without contending with the vagaries of the weather in rain, hail, floods, fire, flies and dust, and the ever present danger of a hold-up by bushrangers.

The Seven Oaks Inn was a stopping point along the road. It was opened by George Eccles in January 1857<sup>(11)</sup> and sold to George Strain circa 1858. It was situated about half way between the Woolshed Road turn-off and Tarrawingee<sup>(12)</sup>. July 1862 saw George Strain selling his land near and possibly including the Seven Oaks Inn. By 1870 the inn no longer existed<sup>(13)</sup>.

George Johnson Strain also owned the Seven Oaks Hotel in Tarrawingee<sup>(14)</sup>. Along with inn-keeping duties, George was a committed member of the community, a farmer and a breeder of Clydesdale draught horses<sup>(15)</sup>.

The actual location of the hotel in Tarrawingee is unknown however Martin Sheedy, a neighbour who lived at the western end of Tarrawingee, rushed to help put out a fire when it totally destroyed the hotel in 1866. A new hotel was constructed of bricks and it is probable that the hotel was situated on George's block of land next to the Tarrawingee Reserve on the Great Alpine Road and Nolan's Lane.

Sadly, Ann Strain (née Johnson), George's wife committed suicide in January 1871 by jumping into the Ovens River which was a short distance from the hotel<sup>(16)</sup>.

In May of the same year George married Bridget Hourigan<sup>(17)</sup> in Beechworth. They were to have five children, George, David, James, Mary and Thomas<sup>(18)</sup>. On Tuesday 13 December 1881 Bridget Strain's funeral was held at Tarrawingee<sup>(19)</sup>. Born in Waterford, Ireland and the fifth daughter of David Hourigan and Margaret White, Bridget had died a day or two earlier. She was twenty-eight years old.

Due to failing health and a consequent fall in revenue, George Strain put his substantial holdings up for sale in 1885 and moved to Tylden in Victoria, where he continued as an inn-keeper and victualler at Noah's Ark Hotel. He married his third wife, Merica Louisa Ramseyer, in 1890<sup>(20)</sup> however she is not mentioned in his Will of February 1891<sup>(21)</sup>. George died on 18 February 1892 at his residence, 66 Harris Street, North Melbourne leaving the proceeds of his large estate to his children, one of the executors being his brother, James Johnson of Wandilagong.



*Although they lived in different centuries, Norman Sheppard and George Strain are connected by the gate on Seven Oaks Road. Their lives are intertwined in this region's history. In the near future, Kelvin Sheppard will remove the gate.*



*Heather Lane thanks all who assisted in this research especially Carol, Kelvin & Max Sheppard, Sue & Howard Phillips, Denise McMahon, Rural City of Wangaratta, Anne Hanson and Kellie Roberts.*

*Ed:* For Footnotes and Sources see next page

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## THE N G SHEPPARD GATE & SEVEN OAKS ROAD cont:

- 1) Theodore - Victorian Registry Birth Deaths & Marriages (hereafter Vic BDM) Birth 1869/15354, Death 1945/23484; Emanuel - Vic BDM Birth 1871/23046, Death 1945/23487; Oswald – Vic BDM Birth 1874/8671, Death 1974/12217; Victoria - Vic BDM Birth 1876/2300, Death 1959/3415; Valentine – Vic BDM Birth 1878/2328, Death 1934/134/23; and Ada – Vic BDM Birth 1881/9072 & Death 1948/21658.
- 2) Public Record Office Victoria (hereafter PROV) – VPRS 7691/P2, Unit 501, File Number 131/569
- 3) Vic BDM 1907/2579
- 4) *The Argus* (Melbourne, Vic.: 1848 - 1957), 31 October 1903, p. 9.
- 5) *Wangaratta Chronicle* (Vic. : 1914 – 1918), 24 April 1915, p. 2
- 6) *The Age* (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954), 2 January 1928, p. 7
- 7) *The Argus* (Melbourne, Vic.: 1848 - 1957), 25 May 1918, p. 11.
- 8) Glenda married Neil Wise (three children), Wendy married Kevin Macklan (three children), Lynne married Warren Graham (two children) and Kelvin married Carol Lawrey (four children).
- 9) Go to: <http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/papers/govpub/VPARL1978-79No29.pdf>
- 10) Heather Lane in conversation with Kelvin Sheppard.
- 11) *Ovens and Murray Advertiser* (Beechworth, Vic.: 1855 -1918), 10 January 1857, p. 4. George Eccles & family moved to Chiltern.
- 12) *Ovens and Murray Advertiser* (Beechworth, Vic.: 1855 -1918), 24 March 1857, p. 3. and *Ovens and Murray Advertiser* (Beechworth, Vic.: 1855 -1918), 5 July 1862, p. 3.
- 13) *Ovens and Murray Advertiser* (Beechworth, Vic.: 1855 -1918), 1 November 1870, p. 2.
- 14) *Ovens and Murray Advertiser* (Beechworth, Vic.: 1855 -1918), 3 September 1859, p. 2.
- 15) *Ovens and Murray Advertiser* (Beechworth, Vic.: 1855 -1918), 3 December 1867, p. 3.
- 16) *Ovens and Murray Advertiser* (Beechworth, Vic.: 1855 -1918), 2 February 1871, p. 3.
- 17) Hourigan recorded as Horrigan in many instances in Vic BDM.
- 18) George Johnson Hourigan – Vic BDM Birth 1872/7243, Death 1951/7122; David Johnson – Vic BDM Birth c1875, Death 1928/14352; James Johnson Hourigan – Vic BDM Birth 1877/19070, Death 1937/4586; Mary Ann Johnson – Birth c1878, Vic BDM Death 1929/4535; and Thomas Johnson Hourigan – Vic BDM Birth 1879/26214, Death 1880/8703.
- 19) *Ovens and Murray Advertiser* (Beechworth, Vic.: 1855 -1918), 13 December 1881, p. 5.
- 20) Vic BDM 1890/2403
- 21) PROV – VPRS 7691/P2, Unit 192, File Number 48/526.

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Sheppard, Dudley, *El Dorado of the Ovens Goldfields, A history of 100 years of goldmining with Goldmining biographies*, Research Publications Pty Ltd, Blackburn, Victoria, 1892.

Maps: Parish of Tarrawingee, County of Bogong, Parish Series 3560, Division of Survey and Mapping, © Crown (State of Victoria) Copyright 1976 – State Library of Victoria.



### STUDENT-MADE DESK:

A compact handmade desk made from a variety of wood has been donated to our Society and it now sits amongst the bigger modern desks in our computer room. This little desk was made by students of the Wangaratta Technical School soon after WWII when materials were difficult to source.

The teacher of the woodworking students was Edward Norman Anderson who joined the staff of the school soon after his discharge from the Army (Staff Sergeant, Intelligence) after WWII.

Edward and Sheila Anderson's daughter Beverley Margaret Toone of Eltham kindly donated the desk to us.

### INTERNET SITES:

Victorian Dept of Justice is no longer charging a fee to search historical birth deaths and marriages. This brings Vic in line with most of the other States and Territories—just google (state) BDM.

The Albury City Council now has an online deceased search with map location etc <http://www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/community-services/cemeteries-and-crematoria>

Cyndi's List—a large online index of genealogy sites. <http://www.cyndislist.com/australia/>

New at the Public Records Office of Victoria—'Deeds of Composition' - arrangements between debtors and creditors <http://prov.vic.gov.au/blog-news/newly-indexed-deeds-of-composition-shed-light-on-financial-dealings-in-melbourne-1871-98>

## U3A TALKS ON WWII NEXT YEAR — SEEKING INFORMATION:

Next year, information session on WWII will be run by U3A in Wangaratta.

Our Society has been asked to deliver two sessions—'Effect of WWII on the Community' and 'Land Army Women'.

If you have any stories or experiences which could help develop the above two sessions, please share them with us by contacting Cheryl Price or Ray McKenzie at [info@wfhs.org.au](mailto:info@wfhs.org.au) or phone 03 5721 5906.

## MEMORIAL TO THE SOLDIERS FROM SOUTH WANGARATTA WHO DIED IN WWI:



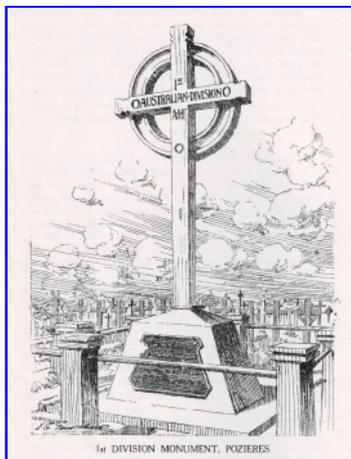
Children of Our Ladies School Choir admire the Memorial to the following WWI soldiers which was unveiled at the South Wangaratta CFA Station on 15 November 2015:

Chick C. A.	Law J.
Coulls S.	McCormick J.
Emslie A.	McGregor D.A.
Foster N.	McGregor D.D.
Handley J.A.	O'Brien G.
Handley L. L.	Raison A.
Holt E.E.	Raison E.
Kenny W.A.	Tippet P.

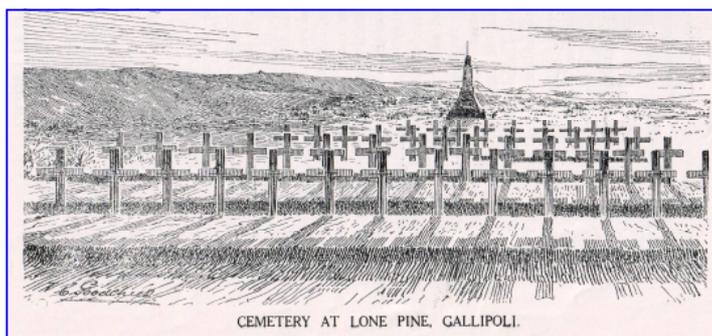
The unveiling of three history interpretative panels at the same location followed.

## 100 YEAR OLD BOOK 'WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST':

Because all Australians demanded to know what was being done to bury and memorialise those WWI soldiers who died in the battlefields in foreign lands, the Australian Minister of State for Defence published the above book in 1920. A copy is held in our library. There are many illustrations of memorials erected in the battlefields soon after the end of WWI, and two examples with a picture of how those memorials now look follow:



The First Division Memorial, Pozieres. The top of the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme can be seen above the trees in the distance.



Cemetery at Lone Pine Gallipoli.

## **A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AT SPRINGHURST:**

*Compiled by Valerie McPherson*

When checking the original Order for Burial books for the Wangaratta Cemetery I noticed that five people from Springhurst were all buried on the same day, the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1894, and that the causes of death indicated that a grim tale would unfold.

Three children, Catherine Jane Dobson aged 8 years, George John Dobson aged 7 years and Frederick Joseph Dobson aged 5 years had all been murdered. There was no cause of death for George Dobson aged 36 years, presumed to be their father. An elderly man, Peter Dinsdale aged 65 years, died from "Gunshot" and was buried the same day.

This terrible tragedy and the circumstances leading up to it were reported in the Chiltern newspaper "The Federal Standard" on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1894. This is a summary of that report.

George Dobson, a highly respected man, was a farmer of 175 acres at Bontharambo on the Boorhaman Road about two miles from Springhurst. After the establishment of a butter factory at Springhurst he started a small dairy herd and was in the habit of buying stock in order to keep up the supply of milk to the factory. Payment of sixteen pounds for his most recent stock purchase was due on the 1<sup>st</sup> September and George Dobson did not have money to settle the debt. He became very despondent and told his wife that the only way out of this debacle was for them all to die together. Recognising that her husband was in a very bad state of mind, Mrs Dobson set out on the Sunday morning with her two youngest children to visit her brother-in-law Mr Vonarx at Dockers Plains and her mother at Estcourt to seek financial assistance. Her husband begged her not to go and did all he could to prevent her leaving.

Peter Dinsdale was a neighbour of the Dobsons and it was his habit to visit them on a Sunday. He would sit at the kitchen table reading the newspaper and talking with Dobson.

On this Sunday, George Dobson, despairing that he could not raise the sixteen pounds by the due date, had a plan fixed in his mind that they should all die. Seeing Peter Dinsdale as a threat to his plan, he crept up behind him with a gun and shot him in the back of the head, killing him instantly.

From reconstructed evidence it appears that Dobson then took a butcher's knife, chased each of the children about the yard until caught, whereupon he cut their throats. He then attempted to cut his own throat but the knife was too blunt so he ran to the underground tank and threw himself into the water where he drowned.

The tragedy was not discovered until the next day when Mr Vonarx arrived to talk to George Dobson about his financial problem. Vonarx immediately went to Springhurst and telegraphed the police at Rutherglen. He also managed to intercept Mrs Dobson and inform her of the tragedy before she arrived home.

An Enquiry into the five deaths was held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at Dungey's Hotel Springhurst by Police Magistrate Mr Dobbin. Evidence was taken from Mrs Dobson, Mrs Dinsdale, Mr Vonarx (brother-in-law), Mr John Wighton (neighbour), Mr Allison (neighbour), Constable Cahill, Constable Mansfield & Dr Dean.

The Magistrate gave his opinion that the cause of death in the case of the three children Catherine, George John and Frederick Joseph, was that they died on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August at Bontharambo from wounds inflicted by their father while of unsound mind.

In the case of Peter Dinsdale, he died from gunshot wounds inflicted by George Dobson at Bontharambo while of unsound mind, and that George Dobson himself died from wounds self inflicted whilst of unsound mind.

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## A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AT SPRINGHURST cont:

Peter Dinsdale was buried on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1894 in plot 20N of the Methodist Section in Wangaratta Cemetery. His widow, Esther Dinsdale died 29<sup>th</sup> May 1896 and is buried with her husband.

George Dobson was the son of Joseph and Mary Dobson. They both died in 1898 and were buried in plot 116S in the Methodist Section of the Wangaratta Cemetery, in the same three-wide family grave in which George Dobson and his three children had been buried four years earlier.

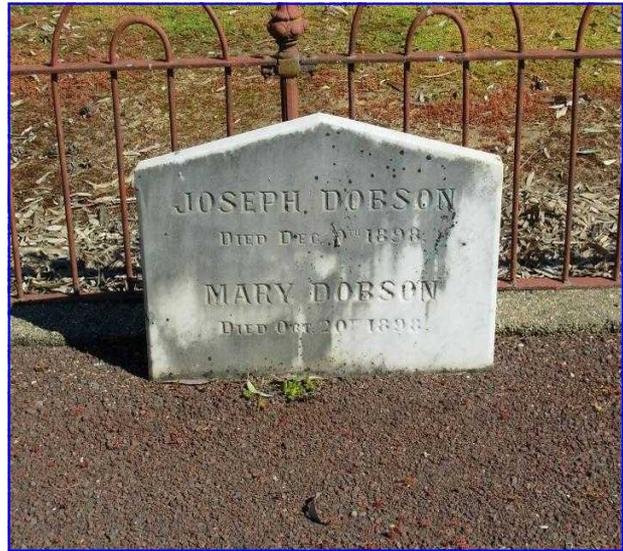
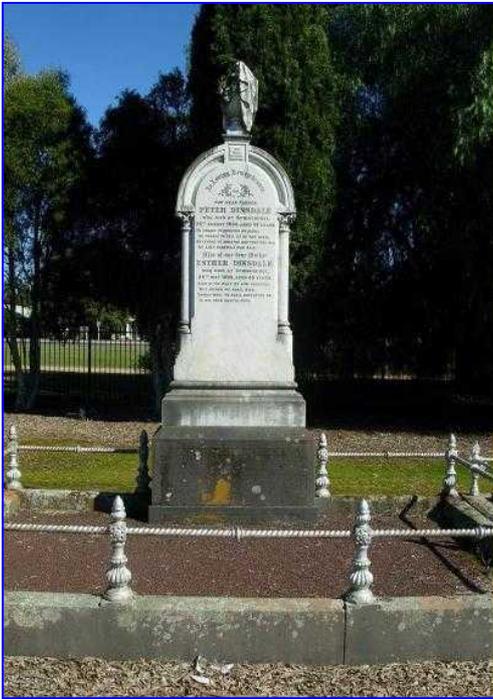
Catherine Dobson, wife of George Dobson, was the daughter of John Rowe and Jane. Her birth was registered at Wangaratta. Catherine Rowe married George Dobson in 1885 and they had five children—Catherine Jane in 1886, George John in 1887, Frederick Joseph in 1890, Mary Elizabeth in 1891 and Clara Isabella in 1894.

In 1896 widow Catherine Dobson married Thomas Hayes to whom she had two children, Thomas in 1897 and Ernest Andrew in 1900.

Catherine Hayes died in 1929 aged 71 years and was buried at Carlyle (Rutherglen) Cemetery on 9<sup>th</sup> June – grave number 2594 CE Lot No 37.

### Acknowledgments:

The Federal Standard 31<sup>st</sup> August 1894.  
Research attributed to RWP Ashley.  
Wangaratta Cemetery Records.



Above, this modest headstone in the Wangaratta Cemetery only names the Dobson grandparents. Deliberately, no mention is made of their murderous son and his three little children that lie beneath.

To the left is the headstone at Wangaratta Cemetery of one of the murder victims, Peter Dinsdale, and his wife Esther who died two years after her husband.



### ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY:

On the fileserver in the 'V' drive: NE Co-store employee index and customer list.

CDs & fiche: Vic Crown Grantees Index 1836 to present.

#### Books:

'Amazing People of the Border', Howard C Jones, 2015.

'Famous Graves to Visit Before You Die', SK Copper, publisher: New Holland Publishers P/L, 2015.

Forty Two Faces. Profiles of Livig Australian Writers', John Hetherington, publisher: F W Cheshire, 1962.

'Historic Buildings of Victoria', David Saunders, pub: The Jacaranda Press P/L, 1966.

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'Stand and Deliver! 100 Australian Bushrangers 1789-1901', Allan M Nixon, publisher: Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd, 1991.

'Started With Sawdust', Ray Dunstan, 2015.

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'The Progress of Swan Hill and District', J Edward Robinson.

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