



Pensioner Barracks & Parade, 1860s
(W A Museum)

ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS
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Convenors' Report:-

On the 24th October 2000 it will be the anniversary of the arrival of the Convict ship the "Hashemy". One hundred convicts were landed from this vessel guarded by 32 ENP, with 24 wives and 48 children of the ENP on board. It is significant that Captain John Bruce and his family arrived on this ship. He was a champion of the Pensioner Force, and in the conclusion of his (then Colonel Bruce), 1856 report:-

"....I have the pleasure to observe that, as a body, the Enrolled Pensioners, whether regarded as soldiers or settlers, continue to merit the character of an efficient and respected class in which all that is praiseworthy and useful very much preponderates over what is objectionable.

There are black sheep in every flock and therefore it cannot be expected that a Force of upwards of 300 men could be altogether exempt from slothful, intemperate and improvident characters

To encourage and advance the interests of the meritorious many is still my pleasurable aim as on the other hand it is my disagreeable duty to discountenance and repress the disorderly few, the latter measure being sometimes rendered the more painful by the Defaulters involving in the consequences of their misconduct their wives and children."

In spite of the black sheep, whose misdeeds would in the nature of things receive disproportionate publicity detrimental to the reputation of their fellows of steady habits the Force, and the duty Force especially, was a well disciplined body of trained soldiers.

In a confidential report on the Annual Inspection dated October 1858 sent by Bruce to the War Office the following facts were recorded: Lieutenant Colonel Bruce was in charge of the Perth detachment and residing there: Captain McQueen commanded the Fremantle detachment and resided in that locality. Ten sergeants, active and fit for any garrison duty, were employed, and the rank and file numbered one hundred and fifty six. On their general appearance Bruce had this to say: "The men are so carefully selected at Home that as a body they present a more imposing appearance as regards stature than the detachment of the line, and they are fully equal to any service soldiers might be required to perform in this Colony. They are clean and orderly and there was but one case of drunkenness in the days of exercise. The state of their arms, ammunition, accoutrements and clothing is good.

All the important convict duties throughout the Colony are performed by the Pensioners (The Veterans)

Convenor Lawrence Doran 9478 2962 Deputy Convenor Phillippa Ward 9276 7305
One or both of us will be at WAGS from noon until 2 p.m. most Thursdays

Meeting times for the year 2001

Sunday 21st January	12 noon	Unit 6 WAGS
Sunday 22nd April	12noon	Unit 4 Annual General Meeting.
Sunday 29th July	12noon	Unit4
Sunday 4th November	12noon	Unit4

Bring your own lunch if needed, tea, coffee and biscuits available for 30 cents.

** NEXT MEETING Sunday 22nd October 12 noon.. business first, then Open Session **

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR PENSIONERS IN AUSTRALIA

In consequence of the wish expressed by many Pensioners to settle in Australia, Her Majesty's Government has authorised the following conditions, under which some of them may be provided with free passage to that country.

1st The Convict Guards, hitherto furnished by Regiments of the Line, are in future to consist of Pensioners who wish to live in Australia. A **company** of from 60 to 70 men, with a due proportion of Non-commissioned Officers, will be formed at Tilbury Fort, and kept ready to furnish Detachments for this duty; and as they are embarked, fresh volunteers will be brought from the Pension Districts to supply their place.

2nd The age of the Pensioners is not to exceed 45, and the number of their children not to exceed two under 7. or three under 10 years of age. No maximum is specified for the number of children above 10 years of age, as that must in some measure depend on whether they are likely to be serviceable in the Colony.

3rd These Pensioners shall engage to serve for a period of six months, or until the termination of the voyage, at the rate of 1s.3d. a day for a Private, 1s.6d. for a Corporal, and 1s.10d for a Serjeant: such pay to commence from the date of leaving their respective Districts, and to continue on shipboard, and after landing in the Colony, till the period of their engagement has expired, subject to the usual deductions for rations during the voyage; and they shall be conveyed from their homes to Tilbury Fort, or other place of embarkation, at the public expense.

4th As the Pensioners thus employed are to receive pay during the voyage, no Enrolment Money will be issued to them; and each will be equipped for the voyage by an advance of four months' pay previous to sailing

5th In most cases the Pensioner's wife and family will be allowed to proceed in the same vessel with him; and whenever the accommodation does not admit of this indulgence, they will be sent out, at the public expense, within a short period of waiting. In either case the cost of their conveyance to the Port of embarkation will be paid by the public.

6th If the Pensioner is married, his pension during the six months that he is on pay will be applied for the support of his wife and family till embarkation, and towards their outfit for the voyage.

7th Each Pensioner proceeding on this duty will be equipped with one Frock Coat, one Shell Jacket, one pair of Trousers, and a Cap, to be worn on those occasions when he is on duty, and which equipments, in the event of his serving as an Enrolled Pensioner in the Colony, will be renewed as often as the nature of the service is found to require. The usual arms and accoutrements of an Enrolled Pensioner will also be issued to him.

8th These articles will be marked and numbered as belonging to the Pensioner, and on the expiration of the period for which he is to receive pay, they are to be returned into the Government Store at the Colony in good order, under the direction of the Officer or Non-commissioned Officer in charge of the party. If in the event of any damage beyond what is likely to have resulted from fair wear and tear, the cost thereof is to be deducted from the Pensioner.

9th On the termination of six months, the Pensioner's military engagement will be considered at an end, if by that time he has arrived at his destination, and he will thereafter only be liable to attend exercise as an Enrolled Pensioner, for twelve days in each year, in any Local Company to be formed in the Colony under the authority of the Act 10th and 11th Vict.cap.54; and to serve in defence of the Colony, or when called out for the preservation of the public peace, under the authority of the Governor.

10th When employed on this duty, he shall receive the pay authorised by the Royal Warrant of the 7th September, 1843, for the Enrolled Pensioners, viz:-

	In aid of Civil Power		On days of Exercise		
	s.	d.	s.	d.	
Serjeants.....	3	6	3	0	per diem
Corporals.....	3	0	2	6	"
Privates	2	6	2	0	"

with an addition of 3d. per day beyond the highest rate to a Serjeant Major, if any of that rank are authorised to be employed.

11th In consideration of the expense incurred by the Government in sending out the Pensioner and his family to the Colony, he shall not receive Enrolment Money annually, but shall be bound to keep up the usual stock of necessaries, consisting of--

- One pair of boots
- Two Shirts,
- Two pairs of Socks, and
- One Stock,

and if at any time deficient therein after his enrolment, his Officer will advance the amount necessary for purchasing the same, and deduct it from the first issue of his Pay or Pension.

12th Every Pensioner on the termination of the six months for which he is engaged, shall be bound to register his place of abode in the books of the person who pays his pension, and not to remove therefrom without intimating to him his intended change of residence, and obtaining permission.

It being considered more advantageous for the Pensioners and their families that they should supply the demand for labour, than attempt settling on land of their own, no grant of land has been promised them; but if they acquire money to purchase it in the interior, there will be no objection to their settling there, even though the distance should prevent them serving as Enrolled Pensioners.

13th In the event of the death or removal from the force of any Pensioner thus enrolled before the expiration of the period for which his clothing has been issued, it shall revert to the Public to be made available for the equipment of his successor

14th An allowance of One Guinea will be made to cover the expense of the funeral of any Pensioner who dies while thus enrolled or on pay.

15th It must form a special condition of the original engagement and subsequent enrolment, that the service is in neither case to reckon for increase of pension; but when employed in defence of the Colony, these Pensioners shall, in the event of being wounded or disabled in the execution of their duty, be allowed the usual increase of pension as for wounds received in action

16th Every Pensioner volunteering for this service, will, during the continuance of the period for which he is engaged, or enrolled; be subject to the provision of the Mutiny Act and Articles of War; but all minor offences may be punished by such fines, or by expulsion from the Force, as the Governor of the Colony for the time being may direct

17th In the event of the Pensioners being enrolled, the periods of exercise will be fixed by the Governor of the Colony for the time being, and none of them shall be called out, either for exercise or in defence of the Colony, except by him or persons holding his authority for that purpose, but when so called out they shall be placed under the General or other Superior Officer in command of Her Majesty's Forces in the Colony, in the same manner, in all respects, as if they formed part of the Regular Forces of Her Majesty's Army

War Office
July, 23, 1849

COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE ON THE WALL OF THE BARRACKS ARCH.

THIS ARCHWAY WAS PART OF THE PENSIONER BARRACKS ONE OF THE BRICK BUILDINGS CHARACTERISTIC OF PERTH IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE NINETENTH CENTURY

IT WAS BUILT 1863 - 66 JOINTLY BY THE BRITISH IMPERIAL ESTABLISHMENT AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF THE WEST AUSTRALIAN COLONIAL GOVERNMENT

THE ORIGINAL DESIGN WAS BY CAPT. E.M. GRAIN AND JAMES MANNING. THE DETAIL WAS DEVELOPED IN THE COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION BY RICHARD ROACH HOWELL WHO ALSO DESIGNED THE ADDITIONS.

THE BUILDING ORIGINALLY USED BY SOLDIERS OF THE ENROLLED PENSIONER FORCE FROM WHERE IT TOOK ITS NAME. IN 1901 THE BARRACKS BECAME THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND IT WAS FROM HERE THAT THE GOLDFIELDS WATER SUPPLY WAS PLANNED.

C.Y.O'CONNOR'S OFFICE BEING IMMEDIATELY ABOVE THE ARCHWAY.

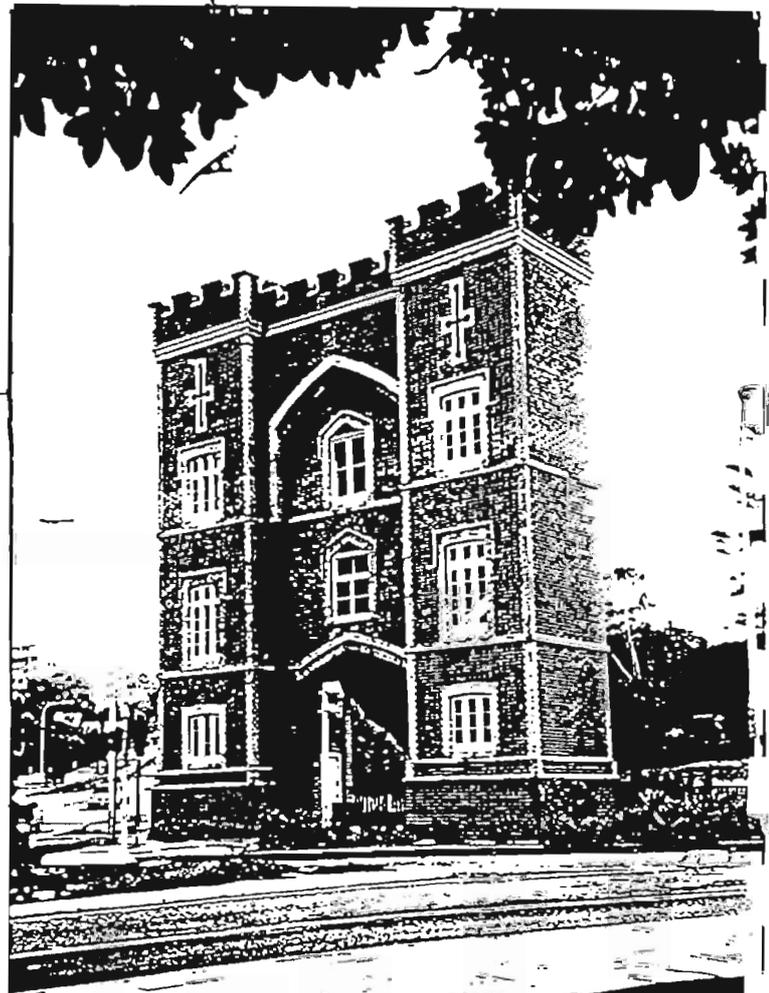
MANY OTHER NOTABLE PUBLIC SERVANTS CARRIED OUT THEIR WORK FROM HERE.

IN 1966 THE TWO WINGS OF THE BARRACKS WERE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE FREEWAY.

THIS ARCHWAY WAS RETAINED AND THE WESTERN ELEVATION WAS FACED TO CONFORM WITH THE EAST FACADE WITH ORIGINAL HAND MADE BRICKS SALVAGED DURING DEMOLITION.

PERTH

BARRACKS



THE BARRACKS ARCH

ALL THAT REMAINS OF THE ENROLLED PENSIONER BARRACKS TODAY

ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARD—PROFILE

Sources

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Surname	Christian Names	
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Military Rank as EPG	Regiment	Regimental Number
.....
Date Pension paid previously	Place of intended abode as per "Discharge to Pension" Document	Pay

MILITARY HISTORY. from Military records

Born	Date.....	Place ..
Enlisted	Date	Service
	Age	

Trade/Occupation at time of enlistment.

MILITARY SERVICE

Time Served

Where Served

Promotions

Medals

Character

Discharged	Where
	Date
	Reason

Description	Height
	Complexion
	Eyes
	Hair

Other Details

ARRIVAL IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Sources

Date of Arrival..... Ship.....

Family Accompanying him.....

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DETAILS OF SETTLEMENT

Location

Allotment/Occupation

Land Grant

Purchased Land

Record of Citizenship (knowledge of life after arrival in the colony).

FAMILY HISTORY SHEET

HUSBAND'S NAME

information on this sheet obtained from

When born..... Where.....
Christened Where.....
When Died..... Where.....
When Buried Where.....
Cause of Death.....

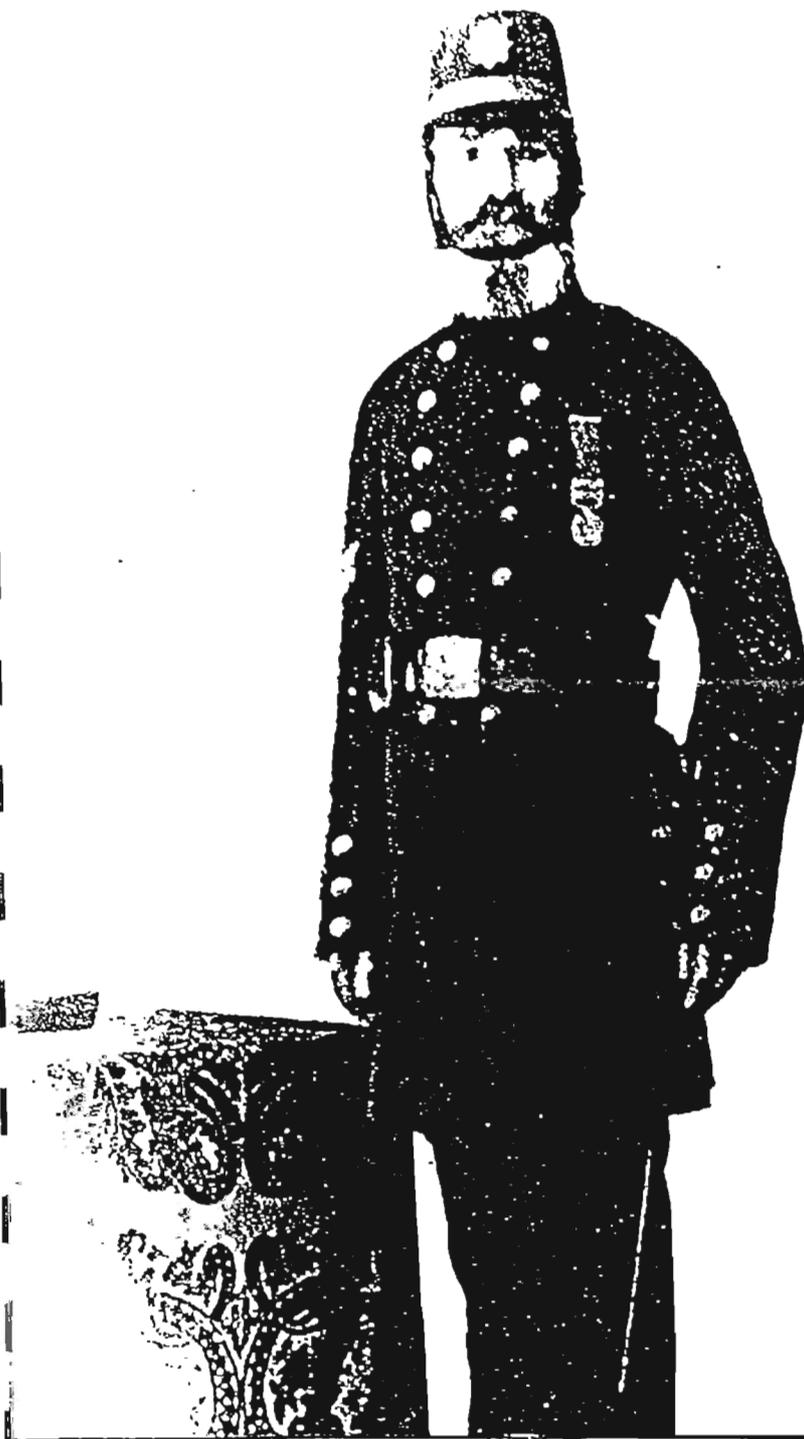
When Married. Where.....
Other wives (if any) ..
When Married. Where.....

His Father ..
His mother's Maiden Name.

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME

Name at time of marriage ..
When Born Where ..
Christened Where ..
When Died Where ..
When Buried Where ..
Cause of Death ..
Other husbands (if any)... ..
When Married Where.....

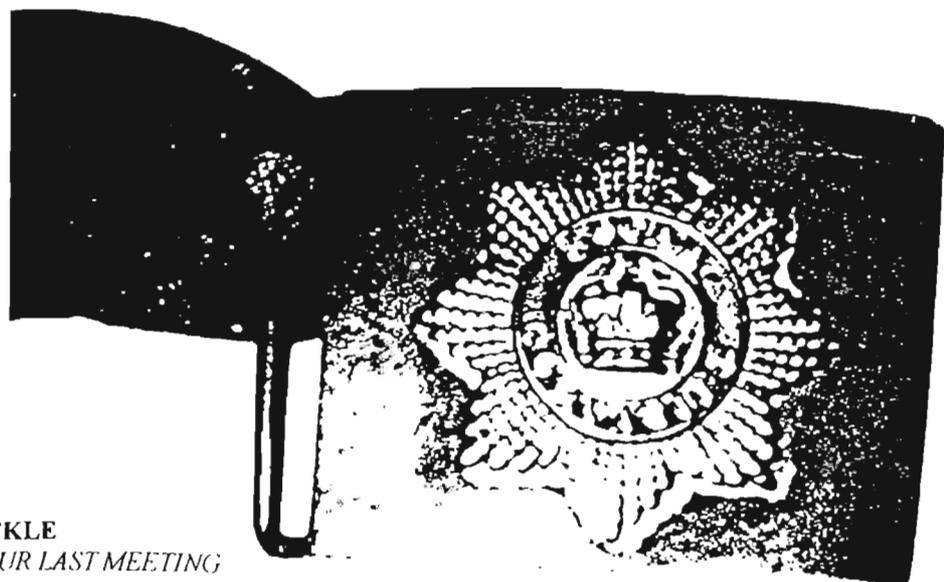
Her Father ..
Her Mother's Maiden Name ..



PENSIONER GUARD OUTSTATIONS

- PERTH
- FREMANTLE
- GUILDFORD
- ALBANY
- KOJONUP
- BUNBURY
- YORK
- NORTHAM
- TOODYAY
- GREENOUGH
- CHAMPION BAY
- PORT GREGORY
- ROEBUCK BAY
- CAMDEN HARBOUR

Pensioner Guard in Sergeant's uniform
Sgt. John Tunney, Battye Library 3965B



1851 EPG BELT BUCKLE
AS SHOWN BY PAUL BRIDGES AT OUR LAST MEETING

Thanks to those contributing information. The numbers now contributing information for our resource file has grown to such an extent that we can no longer thank you individually. **Thank you.**

AN EPG PROFILE SHEET has been developed at the request of some of our members, unsure how to record their information. This has been included in the centre of the newsletter. Many of our members have already submitted a profile as a resource for future researchers of their Pensioner Guard. **If you wish to share your details** with us, the enclosed form can be used, and will be useful for us to collate the information. Otherwise you may find this useful for your own records.

Last Special Interest Group Meeting on 15th July 2000

Our speakers were: **Jack Herbert** who thanked all those who attended the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Scindian at the Claremont Museum on 1st June .

Bev Iffla, Convenor of the Convict Group who gave valuable advice about Basic Research Rules, emphasising the need to double check all information, being methodical, using a notebook instead of pieces of paper to record where , what and when you have sought information, and to look at the information in the context of time and place.

Paul Bridges and John Sweetman from the Fremantle Artillery Barracks and Museum. A very informative talk and demonstration about an 1851 Pensioner Guard "kit" from Paul's private collection. Shown were :- an 1839 classic muzzle loading Musket, an 1853 3 Baud Schnider rifle, Pensioner Guard Belt Kit, consisting of Cartridge Box and shoulder belt, Waist belt and Buckle, Percussion Pouch and demo of how the bayonet was worn.. The uniform was described as the 1847 -1855 pattern, double breasted jacket given to the EPG, Shako (head covering) with badge as for the belt badge.

The importance of OLD NEWSPAPERS AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUR RESEARCH is demonstrated by the following article, and brought to our attention by WAGS member Bernice Holbrook.

Funeral of Corporal Richard Barrett

From newspaper Friday 25th September 1891.

The remains of the late Corporal Barrett were interred yesterday afternoon in Fremantle Cemetary with Military honours.

The funeral cortege left the late residence of the deceased in South Terrace shortly after 4 o'clock. The Procession was composed of a Firing Party of The Fremantle Volunteers under Sgt. Townsend, a squad of the Fremantle Artillery under Capt. Mayhew, and the greater part of the F.R.V.Corps in the main procession as well as a large body of townsmen. The coffin was borne to the grave on a gun carriage draped with the Union Jack. The procession also included the F.R.V Military Band which played the Dead March on the way. At the grave the usual volley was fired and the Last Rites having been performed and proceedings terminated.

The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Davies, Undertaker

(Richard Barrett would have been buried in the old Fremantle Cemetary / no surviving headstone)

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| | | 4 | "British Army Pensioners Abroad 1772-1899" Crowder |
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Calling the Watch

The old magazine near the Causeway held explosives for use in the road-making, and the guard room nearby was used by the Pensioners for its protection. From this point the "watch" was called through the night from midnight to dawn. It was preceded by the words "All's well" and then the hour was given from five points, the Causeway being the last. There was No I., No II., No III., No IV., and No V., starting at the Barracks and ending at the Causeway within a narrow radius. On one occasion when the first "watch" was called at midnight "Number 1. Twelve o'clock and all's well", number 2 followed, and so on until number 4 there was a pause. Then came ringing out of the silence of the night a voice proclaiming "Number 5. All's well and number fower's drunk".

Enrolled pensioners

Three Falkland Island Veterans who subsequently came out to W.A. as EPG :-

James (Thomas) McDonald
Mark Ring
William Stokes.

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An EPG and the First Italian woman migrant

The first Italian woman to settle in Western Australia was Nicoletta Salustri, wife of James O'Byrne, pensioner, who probably arrived with the transport ship, the Hashemy in 1850. Nicoletta was born in the province of Ancona (very likely Fermo) in 1814 or 1815 and was at Corfu (Ionian Islands) in 1829 when she married O'Byrne, then on garrison duty with the British Occupation Forces. Their first daughter was born at Corfu in 1833

TRIVIA FILE

NOTICE TO MARINERS

A revolving catoptric light will be exhibited from the lighthouse near the centre of Rottnest Island on and after the night of the 1st June, 1851, during the period between sunset and sunrise.

The lighthouse is a white stone tower 53 feet high, erected on the summit of the island, and is surrounded by a lantern 11 feet high.

The light will consist of two groups of three powerful lamps in each; the whole revolving once in two minutes, and showing a flash of light of five seconds' duration, with intervals of 55 seconds of darkness. The centre of the light is 197 feet above high water level, and may be seen in clear weather at a distance of seven leagues.

16 May 1851

The statistics of the colony for 1851 show a gratifying state of general progress in every particular.... The number of acres devoted to wheat crops was 4989 against 4416 in the previous year, being an increase of only 573 acres, notwithstanding the greatly augmented numbers of labouring class engaged in agriculture; barley shows an acreage of 610 against 637 in 1850; oats 77 3/4 against 140 1/2; rye 117 1/2 against 139 1/2; potatoes 117 against 138; maize 17 1/2 against 36; vines and olives 231 1/2 against 215; kitchen gardens 159 1/2 against 84; pulse 6 against 37 1/2; hay and green crops 1863 against 1567. The total quantity of land in cultivation was 8188 acres, giving an increase of 779 acres over 1850. Cattle and sheep both exhibit an increase, the former 2241 and the latter 12302, the numbers being for cattle 15,315, sheep 140,413, a result most satisfactory and greatly exceeding that of any former year, notwithstanding the consumption has been so much larger. Swine are also greatly augmented in numbers, the returns 4065 against 3190.

In horses we find the increase not so great, only 343, the numbers being 2978 against 2635. Of population.... the shipping list gives a total of 1479 arrivals (803 of whom were convicts) and 48 departures, which taking into account the estimated population of 1850, numbering 5886, makes it 7317 on the 31st December last, without taking into notice the births and deaths during the year

20th February 1852

RESOURCE UPDATE.....contributions from our many members.

BURIAL REGISTERS

St. George's Cathedral Perth (Anglican),

Burial Registers 1854 -1916

Transcribed by Keith Randall

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ACC 2467 A/44 " 10 Jan 1899 - 3 Jun 1916--

DAY BOOK OF DONALD J. CHIPPER

Funeral Director 1896 -1916

Burials in the East Perth Cemeteries

Transcribed by Betty and Keith Randell

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LONELY GRAVES OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND BURIALS AT SEA

By Yvonne and Kevin Coate

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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN REGISTRAR GENERAL

East Perth Cemeteries Burials 1896 -1916.....

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