

JUNCTION HOTEL

later **CARLISLE GUESTHOUSE**

Location

On the southwest corner of Murchison Street and Pack Road (Section C, Lot 11), this lot was sold to William Henry Kirwan on 28 April 1865. The building was demolished after the death of its owner, Harold James Robert Coney in 1968. In 2022 the Bakery is on this site.

History of the Building

Martin Cussen¹ was in Marysville prior to the Land Sales of December 1864 with a 7 roomed wooden house with shingled roof and verandah on Block C Lot 11 on the corner of Pack Road and Murchison Street, valued at £300. William Kirwan, Martin's brother in law, purchased this block on 28 April 1865 and William and Bridget nee Cussen ran their Junction Hotel from this building, providing accommodation for travellers on route to Woods Point.

It really only had two owners - **William and Bridget Kirwan** and **Henry and Mary Ann Coney**. The building was occupied by Harold James Robert Coney until his death in 1968. By this time the house was in a parlous state, but its contents were frozen in time past. It had stood on the corner for over 100 years, the only survivor from the beginning of Marysville. The building was pulled down by 1970.

The Kirwan Family

Records of the early days are sketchy. Land Sale records for Marysville show W Kerwan (sic) bought Lot 11 Section C on 28 Apr 1865 and was amongst applications for a Publican's License on 7 February 1866 - 'Wm Kirwan, 8 rooms, own property, to be Junction Hotel'. Butlers Woods Point Directory 1866² records Wm Kairwen operating the Junction Hotel and Balliere's Directory 1868 also has William Henry Kirwan as the operator. William had married Bridget Cussen, daughter of James Cussen and Catherine nee Dooley³ in Inglewood in 1861.



The Junction Hotel with Bridget Kirwan wearing a large white collar (feint M centre bottom on the photo) Other people are family members. Photo cmid-1870s.

The hotel was generally referred to as 'The Junction Hotel', although there is a reference to Henry's Hotel⁴. In the Holiday Ramble 1881, (diary excerpt from the Latrobe Library) it is being called 'The Temperance'⁵. William Henry Kirwan had a fall from his horse in 1889 and badly damaged his head. Suffering severe mental impairment he was sent to Kew Asylum and then to Ararat Asylum where he died 10 years later in 1899.



MC - Maria Catherine Chester nee Kirwan with her children Cath and Walter, her mother Bridget Kirwan and other guests. Walter was born 1900 so photo is c1903.

Maria and her family spent much time with her mother at the hotel particularly in the winter months when William Chester's Golden Bower Mine at the Cumberland was snowed in. After deregulation of licenses in 1913 the Junction Hotel lost its licence.

The establishment was sold to James Richard Coney in 1914 and became the Carlisle Guesthouse run by Mary Coney. Bridget went to live with her daughters dying in 1921, aged 77.

Details on the Cussens Family and the Kirwan Family are available. Photos donated by Chester descendants.

¹ Rev George Edwards Notes and Book

² Facsimile reprint of Wood's Point directory

³ From Marriage record 21 April 1861 in Inglewood between William Kirwan, 31, a Reefer from Galway, Ireland, parents John Kirwan, gentleman & Jane Brockman and Bridget Cussen, 17 (she required her mother's permission) from Limerick, Ireland parents James Cussen, farmer & Catherine Dooley (copy of record in files)

⁴ Henry as in William Henry Kirwan.

⁵ Henry's Hotel was called "The Temperance" – (mentioned in the Holiday Ramble 1881, diary excerpt from the Latrobe Library.) Then Henry's Hotel became known as "Junction Hotel" Rev George Edwards.