

# MARYSVILLE HOTEL original

later THE FALLS

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## Location

On the right hand side of Pack Rd (now Murchison Street) coming from Healesville<sup>1</sup>, opposite the Junction Hotel/ Carlisle Guesthouse.

At the time of the land sales (5 Dec, 1864) Lot 1, block E was in the possession of John Hall and had a six-roomed house, with shingle roof, detached kitchen, stable, & etc. assessed at £200.<sup>2</sup>

## Hamea & Ashbee

May 1865 newspaper article - Hamea and Ashbee of "Marysville Hotel" have offered their dining room 18 feet x 14 feet, free of charge for a monthly Court. (Court of Petty Sessions at Marysville)<sup>3</sup>

There is a reference to an application for Publican's License - Alfred Hamea, House to be Marysville Hotel, 11 Rooms on 7 February 1866.

Alfred Hamae & Charles Ashbee had the Marysville Hotel - Butler's Woods Point General Directory 1866.

Messrs Hamea and Ashbee of the "Marysville Hotel" (and late of the "Albion Hotel" Melbourne) have purchased "The Commercial Hotel" Bridge St, Woods Point. Mr Ashbee living at Woods Point<sup>4</sup>.

*The Argus, 20 Oct 1866*

ALFRED COOPER, auctioneer and hotel broker, has been instructed by the proprietors (in consequence of their other business engagements) to OFFER for SALE by PRIVATE CONTRACT, that well-known and established business property  
THE MARYSVILLE HOTEL, situated 65 miles from Melbourne, now doing an unquestionably excellent business, and is the booking office of Bevan and Co.'s line of coaches, which necessarily gives the hotel an advantage over any other; also, being what is termed the half-way house, trade can always be depended upon, the up passengers by coach, meeting at this house. The down passengers make the Marysville Hotel the great centre of the Yarra Track.  
The Furniture and Stock have been well selected by the proprietors, and good judgment exercised in its purchase as to the quality and usefulness, the whole of which is to be taken at valuation.

The Diningroom and Parlours are roomy and well proportioned, and enable the proprietors to accommodate their customers with equal convenience to a private residence.

The Bedrooms are commodious, well ventilated, excellently situated, and afford real comfort to the traveller.

The Kitchen, also the scullery, is fitted up in the manner which has enabled the present proprietors to conduct one of the best and most profitable hotel businesses between Melbourne and Wood's Point.

The whole of their valuable premises have been erected under the immediate and able supervision of the present proprietor, to whom expense and trouble has been no consideration in order to make the Marysville Hotel the best house of accommodation on the road.

There is an abundance of the two principal elements, wood and water - a constant running crystal stream passing through the property; and a short distance from the premises abundance of timber is obtained.

Terms-Liberal.

For further particulars apply to Alfred Cooper, 95  
Swanston-street

By 1868 Charles Ashbee was running a Hotel in Alexandria, initially known as Hamea and Ashbee's Hotel in Grant Street. Ashbee transferred the license of the Corner Hotel to A F Fletcher in Feb 1869.

*The Age, 15 Feb 1869*

#### NEW INSOLVENTS

Alfred Hamea and Charles Ashbee, of Alexandria, licensed victuallers. Causes of insolvency : Losses in business by decrease of population in the district. Liabilities, £635 ; assets, £1645s 1d : deficiency, £47014s 11d. Mr Jacomb, official assignee.

Charles Ashbee like so many in the district dabbled in gold mine shares and there is recorded a call on his shares in 1867. By 1889 Ashbee is in Ballarat trading in hotels. *Alexandra and Yea Standard, 22 June 1883*

It is with extreme regret we have to record the death of an old and highly respected resident, Mr Alfred Hamea, of the Corner Hotel, who died last Monday morning. The event was not altogether unexpected as Mr Hamea had been gradually breaking up during the past six months. The disease from which he was suffering was phthisis<sup>5</sup> and in the latter part of last week haemorrhage of the lungs set in, and he gradually sank, breathing his last apparently free from pain. The deceased gentleman was generous and warm hearted to a fault, and a true friend in every sense of the word, and leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss. Mr Hamea was born at Richmond, Surrey, on the banks of the Thames, a spot noted for its beauty. During his early career in this colony he was in the employ of Messrs Spiers and Pond, and afterwards was a valued servant for many years of Jno. Cleland of the Albion Hotel, Melbourne. Following the gold mining rush which led to the discovery of the celebrated Eldorado Reef, he became proprietor of hotels at Marysville and Woods Point.

During his long residence in Alexandria, extending over a period of 15 years, he took an active part in all matters of public interest. He was one of the founders of the local hospital, and president of that institution at the time of his death. He was also president of the Amateur Dramatic Club, and, until sickness interfered one of its most energetic members; always working hard when, any entertainment was given by the club in the cause of charity or for the benefit of any public institution. The funeral took place on Wednesday and was, attended by most of the leading residents of the district. The business places in the township were closed during the funeral procession. The members of the Dramatic Club attended in a body with their Vice-President, F. Wheeler Esq., J.P. and the coffin was borne to the grave by its members. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. W. Hutchinson, who delivered an eloquent address in the course of which he passed a high eulogium on the deceased. Mr T. Carlson conducted the funeral obsequies with his usual ability.

## George Smith

In 1868 George Smith is listed as the publican and the obituary below would suggest that George Smith bought the Hotel in 1866 which tied in with the auction of the Marysville Hotel by Hamea and Ashbee.

George Smith married Elizabeth Bowkett and they had the following children:

1. Thomas Smith 1859, E Collingwood – 1859
2. Elizabeth 1860, Templestowe
3. Ann Jane 1863, Templestowe
4. Thomas 1865, Templestowe
5. Edward 1868, Marysville - 1951, Paynesville
6. John James 1871, Marysville
7. Catherine Rosa 1872, Marysville
8. Frederick Henry 1875, Marysville – 1875 (2 months old)

George was on the first school board, his children being some of the first pupils of the Marysville Rural School.

*The Age, 19 Apr 1886*

SMITH.— On the 12th April, at his residence, Marysville Hotel, Marysville, George Smith, the beloved husband of Elizabeth Smith, after four days illness, aged 52.

*Evelyn Observer and South and East Bourke Record, 23 Apr 1886*

I regret to record the sudden death of one of our oldest pioneers, in Mr. George Smith, of the Marysville Hotel, Marysville, who went over to the majority at 9 o'clock on the 11th inst. at his residence, after a short illness of only three days. The deceased gentleman was formerly a resident of Greensborough, but when the Eldorado of Woods Point was

attracting its thousands he moved with the throng, but at arriving at Marysville he cast in his lot with the Alpine village, which was then in its infancy. There for the past 22 years has resided, universally respected by the surrounding residents who express regret at his untimely death and sympathy for his bereaved family. The funeral, which was the largest ever seen in Marysville, left the residence of the deceased gentleman at 11 a.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> and slowly wended its way to the wild forest cemetery, where the Rev. Mr. Shewell delivered a feeling and pathetic address, which made men with hearts as stern as Scotia Douglas wet their manly eyes.

*Alexandra & Yea Standard, 26 Nov 1886*

APPLICATION FOR A PUBLICAN'S LICENSE.  
To the Licensing Court of the District of Yea. I, ELIZABETH SMITH, of Marysville, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the sitting of the Licensing Court for the Licensing district of Yea, to be held in at Yea, on the 14th day of December, 1886, APPLY for a CERTIFICATE authorising the issue of a Victualler's License for

premises situate at Marysville, known as the Marysville Hotel, containing ten (10) rooms, exclusive of those required for the use of my family and servants.

ELIZABETH SMITH. Dated the 24th day of November, 1886.

*The Age, 6 June 1888*

TENDERS are invited for the LEASE for 3 or 5 years of the MARYSVILLE HOTEL, Marysville. The present proprietor has been in

possession for 21 years, leaving through ill health. Full particulars at the hotel; tenders received until 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## **A number of short term managers**

*Lilydale Express, 29 Nov 1890*

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A VICTUALLER'S LICENSE. I ARCHIBALD WALKER, of Marysville do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the sitting of the Licensing Court for the Licensing District of Yarra Glen, to be holden at Yarra Glen on the 9th December, apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Victuallers 'License for premises situate at Marysville, and known' as the Marysville Hotel, containing eleven rooms exclusive of those required for the use of my family and servants. Dated this 27th day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety. ARCHIBALD WALKER.

In 1895 Archibald Walker, well known in hotels on the Yarra Track obtained the license, but does not appear to own the building.

*Healesville Guardian, 21 June 1895,*

Application. for Transfer of License  
FROM ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER

To the Licensing Court for the Licensing District of Lilydale.

"I, ARCHIBALD WALKER, the holder of a .Victualler's License. for the house and premises known as the Marysville Hotel, situate at Marysville, do hereby give notice that it is my, intention to Apply to the Licensing Magistrate holding the Licensing Meeting at Lilydale on Friday, the 28th. day of June 1895, to Transfer the said License to Thomas Boone, of the Marysville Hotel, Marysville.

Dated this 19th day of June, 1895.

ARCHIBALD WALKER.

And I, the said Thomas Boone, do hereby Apply for the said Transfer.  
THOMAS BOONE.

George Greswolde Day, solicitor, 231 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

## Annie & Henry Carlson

In March 1898 W Smith of Healesville disposed of the Marysville Hotel to Mr Henry Olaf Carlson of Thornton, whose wife, Annie Evelyn had been running the Rubicon Hotel. Annie Evelyn was the sister of Clara Maria Sparke nee Johnston, wife of the first Marysville school teacher. Their mother, Harriet Johnston, died at the Hotel in 1904 and is buried in Marysville.

*Healesville Guardian, 19 Nov 1898*

Mr. Carlson, whose wife took over the Marysville Hotel from Mr. Thos. Boone, was conveyed to Melbourne this week suffering from a derangement of the mind. It appears that the unfortunate gentleman has been a victim of that dread enemy, paralysis, for a number of years, and this knowledge has so troubled him that it affected his mind, with the result above stated.

Henry Olaf Carlson died at the Marysville Hotel on 21 December 1898 of paralysis aged 42. In 1902 Mrs Carlson remarried to Mr Henry James Austin.

1907 Mrs Evelyn Annie Austin disposes of the business to Mr Duncan McIntyre of Merton, but not the property. By the 1910s Melbournians and others were visiting the area as tourists. The Marysville had become a wine saloon.

*The Herald, 19 Apr 1913*

HEALESVILLE, Saturday. The Licenses Reduction Board sat at the Healesville Courthouse today, to consider the case of the Marysville Hotel and the Buxton Hotel, there being one in excess of the statutory number in the district. Mr D. E. Brayshay appeared for the owner and licensee of the Buxton Hotel, Mr George Nichols and Mr T. Eales for Mrs Annie Austin, proprietress of the Marysville Hotel. Constable Deeley gave evidence that the Buxton Hotel was of more public convenience, and better conducted than the Marysville Hotel. Several other witnesses gave evidence to the same effect. The chairman announced that in view of the evidence given, the Marysville Hotel was considered unnecessary by the Board, and would not have its license renewed after the end of the year. A further sitting of the Board would be held to assess the compensation. The chairman complimented Constable Deeley on the efficient way in which his evidence had been given, and asked Inspector Sheehan to take a note of the matter.

*Healesville & Yarra Glen Guardian 12 Sep 1913*

The Licences Reduction Board held a sitting at the Court House, Healesville, on Wednesday to deal with the claim for compensation made by Mrs A. E. Austin, the owner and licensee of the Marysville Hotel, Marysville, which will be deprived of its licence at the end of this year. Mr Eales (Messrs Eales and Miller) appeared for the claimant, and Mr Pierce was called as a sworn valuer. After hearing and considering the evidence, the Board awarded the owner £210, no claim being made as licensee. The Board also heard the owners and licensees of a number of the remaining hotels for the purpose of fixing the maximum compensation. This is a duty placed on the Board with regard to all hotels licensed since 1886, and the amount so fixed is the maximum which can be paid should the hotels at any future period be delicensed, either under the present system or under local option

Thus in 1913 the Marysville Hotel was deprived of a licence, which left the Australian Hotel as the only hotel in Marysville. The Marysville Hotel became 'The Falls'.

Mrs Annie Evelyn Austin moved from Marysville about 1913 with her sister, Clara Maria Sparke to stay with Sparke family in McMahon's Creek. After Clara death, Annie is with Sparke family in Thornton and then she died in 1930 in Bentlyigh.

In the 1950s the Australian Hotel applied for and was granted the name "Marysville Hotel"<sup>6</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Butler's Directory 1866

<sup>2</sup> George Edwards' Notes 22 Nov 1864.

<sup>3</sup> George Edwards rough notes Numbered D12

<sup>4</sup> Woods Point Leader, Jun 20, 1866 from Edwards, George rough note D2

<sup>5</sup> Tuberculosis

<sup>6</sup> Edwards, George rough note