

John Jarrold

At the corner of Main Road and Dalton Street, diagonally opposite Eltham Primary School, is an old house called "White Cloud". It was built in about 1863, probably replacing a lesser house dating from around 1850. (Incidentally, the small shed at the very corner (by the pedestrian crossing) was a boot repair shop built in about 1930.)

John Jarrold, a carpenter and builder by trade, lived there for most of his life. He was on the Eltham Primary School Board of Advice and helped out at various functions including a picnic in Wingrove Park. In 1900 he organised a school excursion to the seaside (Hampton) which was repeated every three years. He was also active in the Rifle Club and was a cricketer. (One match was Smokers v. Non-Smokers; result unknown.) On two occasions he recovered a drowned body from the Diamond Creek, one a boy, the other a woman who suffered an epileptic fit while fishing. John died in 1909, possibly from a work-related injury, at the age of 44 and is buried in Eltham Cemetery with his wife Thekla.

His brother Charles sang at local functions and was also a cricketer playing for Eltham. He worked for Eltham Shire Council, at first on road construction, later as foreman of a gang constructing footpaths in Eltham streets. John and Charles once used a wheelbarrow to convey a drunken obstreperous woman (who was armed with a hat-pin) to the police lock-up.

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Extracts from Butler and Brooke's
National Directory of Victoria 1866-7

From
Bourke, Evelyn
and
Mornington
Districts
section
Commercial
Directory

Eltham

Alfred Armstrong, mining surveyor
David G. Clark, schoolmaster
T. B. Drummond, clerk of police court
W. B. Andrew, secretary Cricket Club
Henry Dendy, Flour mill
George Ewings
John Gardner, storekeeper.
Haniford and Macrudden, butchers.
Daniel Harding, wheelwright.
Rev. Josiah Hullis, parish church, Eltham.
Thomas Hunniford, postmaster.
William Jarrold, gardener.
Isaac Kerr, baker and general store.
J. A. Pantou, Police Magistrate.
John Pearson
Police Station Senior Const. Lawlor in charge.
mounted Const. Mills.
George Stebbings
Henry Stooke, "Rosehill."
Marian Trew, hotel keeper.
Charles Wingrove, road surveyor.
B. G. Wallis, Eltham Hotel.
Walker Wipple, storekeeper.

(ie St. Andrews)

Queenstown

- Cameron, butcher	Police Station, ^{Const. Jas. Lindsay} in charge
Robert Alice, Common School ^{School} master	James Smith ^{Smyth's Gully} storekeeper
Thomas Evans, miner	Richard J. Smith, brewer
Peter Flynn, miner	James Suman
W. Foster, miner	T. H. Subelly, storekeeper
Henry Hart, miner.	Thos. Young, baker.
John C. Knell, ^{postmaster} and storekeeper	

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Eltham district in the early years.

26 May 1858

Constable Quirke was stationed at Eltham in May 1858. It was then that the Police Inspector of the Bourke District recommended that Constable Quirke of Eltham be promoted to the rank and pay of a senior constable.

Extracts from
Police Dep^t
Correspondence
(at
Public Record
Office)

The records late in 1858 show that the Police Department was to continue renting indefinitely at ten shillings per week the Eltham cottage of William Jarrold.

At the same time tenders were invited for supplying of food to Prisoners in Lock-ups. The Prisoners of Hard Labour were entitled to a daily ration of 24 ounces of bread, 16 ounces of meat, a quarter of an ounce of salt, and a quarter ounce of soap. Other Prisoners in Lock-ups were entitled only to 24 ounces of bread and a quarter ounce of soap.

17 May 1859

In 1859 Senior Constable George Bird, stationed at Kangaroo Ground, was directed to move the police buildings at Caledonia to Kangaroo Ground, 'it being a much more central position'. The portable building at Caledonia was transferred, but the stable was deemed useless, it having a bark roof which was not rain-proof and the slab walls set in the ground had rotted.

11 June 1859

In the following month the Police Chief Commissioner urged early erection of a Lock-up at Eltham but he would not accept the design of a Lock-up building with two external doors. Later he approved of a Lock-up with three cells, 12½ feet by 8 feet, 6½ feet by 8 feet and 4½ feet by 8 feet.

17 October 1859

10 Aug 1859

Sen^r. Constable Bird at Kangaroo Ground forwarded the account of William Kommer for erection of stables and forage shed at the Kangaroo Ground Police Station.