

Elizabeth Andrewartha was born in Phillack, Cornwall, England in 1852. She came to Victoria from Plymouth at the age of 2 years with her parents, John Andrewartha (b July 1832 Phillack, d 17.9.1901 Stawell, Vic) & Mary Boney. (b 1831, Tipperary, Ireland, d 16.12.1915 Stawell, Vic).

Both parents are buried at Stawell Cemetery

They arrived in Port Fairy, Vic (formerly called Belfast) on the 24th October, 1854 and went to Mt Ararat for 5 years before moving to Stawell.

Elizabeth married George Edward Eddy on 2nd Dec, 1876 in Apsley, Vic (near Edenhope)

George was born in July, 1849 in St Just, Cornwall, England and died in Eaglehawk, Vic in 1891.

He came to Australia alone in February, 1870 at the age of 20 years on the ship "Lady Jocelyn". He headed for the Bendigo Goldfields with prior experience in steam engineering and hard rock mining. He died in a mine in Bendigo.

Elizabeth & George Eddy had 13 children, but tragically only 3 survived to adulthood. One was killed at Gallipoli and the other two died before they were 37 years old. Elizabeth & her sons lived in Brown St, Eaglehawk until her death on 13th November, 1906, aged 55 years.

Children:

Mary Ellen	born 1877, Pleasant Creek, Vic (near Stawell), died 1878 (buried with her Uncle Thomas Andrewartha & wife Nellie (Ellenor) at Stawell)	aged 3 months
Elizabeth	born 19.5.1878, died 21.5.1878 Eaglehawk, Vic	aged 2 days
Jane	born 21.3.1879, died 21.3.1879 Eaglehawk, Vic	aged 1 day
Annie	born 1880, died 7.4.1880 California Gully, Vic	aged 6 weeks
Edward John	born 1881, Eaglehawk, died 6.8.1917 560 High St, Bendigo	aged 36 years
Rebecca May	born 1882, died 29.1.1883 Eaglehawk	aged 8 months
Ethel Helen	born 1884, died 24.1.1885 Eaglehawk	aged 3 months
George Arthur	born 20.11.1885, died 26.12.1886 Eaglehawk	aged 13 months
James Henry	born 16.12.1887, Eaglehawk, died 16.12.1915 Gallipoli, Turkey (see story below)	aged 28 years
Robert William	born 1888, died 1.12.1888 Eaglehawk	aged 7 months
George Arthur	born 1891, Eaglehawk, died Aug, 1927 Bendigo (married 1915) (see story below)	aged 36 years
Ethel Ellen	born 1889, died 12.6.1894 Eaglehawk	aged 4 years
Lillian May	born 1892, died 26.4.1892 Eaglehawk (born after father's death)	aged 8 weeks

JAMES HENRY EDDY:

James went to Bell School, California Gully and lived in Brown Street, Eaglehawk. He was a Methodist, a storekeeper and miner in the United Devonshire and New Hopeful Mines at Eaglehawk where he was well-known and highly respected by a large circle of friends. He was also well-known in cricketing circles and played with the Eaglehawk West Cricket Club. In 1908, he went to New Zealand and in 1911, whilst a resident of Kelburne, near Wellington, NZ, he contested a seat for the House of Representatives but was beaten by only two votes. He subsequently returned to Eaglehawk before moving to New South Wales for about twelve months, taking up residence in Cadia near Orange. Whilst there, he was elected vice-president of the Miners Association.

In February, 1915 James went to Stawell, Victoria and enlisted in the AIF. where he was described at 5' 10" tall and weighed 160 lbs (72.5 kg). He had a fair complexion, blue eyes and brown hair. He was a private in the 24th Battalion, 6th Infantry Brigade. His Regimental No was 1024. James embarked from Melbourne for Egypt aboard "HMAT Euripides" on the 12th May, 1915.

He was wounded in action at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli on 13th December, 1915 and died of unspecified wounds aboard the "HS Dunluce Castle" on his 28th birthday, 16th December, 1915. He was buried at sea from the ship between ANZAC Cove and Mudroa. James received the Star, Victory and British War Medals as well as a memorial plaque.

He is listed in the Lone Pine Memorial Panel 66. The Memorial stands over the centre of the Turkish trenches and tunnels which were the scene of heavy fighting during the August offensive. Most cemeteries on Gallipoli contain relatively few marked graves and the majority of Australians killed on Gallipoli are commemorated there.

GEORGE ARTHUR EDDY:

George was born in Eaglehawk in 1891, the second youngest child of the family of 13 children. He was named after his father and his older deceased brother. He only knew two of his siblings and was devastated when brother, James Henry died at Gallipoli and then his other brother, Edward John died 2 years later, leaving him with no relatives except his wife and young family. George married Bridget Mary Muldeary in 1915. Mary was the daughter of John Muldeary and Margaret Berkeney. Bridget was born on 4th November, 1882 in Nerring, Victoria and died in 1963 in Camberwell, Victoria.

George and his family lived in Brown Street, California Gully but in 1924 he was living in Preston where he was a bricklayer's labourer.

In August, 1927, he died from injuries received by the collapse of a wall which he had been assisting to demolish at the rear of the Bendigo Knitting Mills. The deputy coroner, Mr Wright recorded a finding that death was due to a fractured skull, caused by the accidental falling of the wall.

George & Bridget Eddy had 5 children:

Ellen Jean	born 1915, Eaglehawk, married 1936, died 26.1.1987
Eileen Margaret Elizabeth	born 1917, Eaglehawk, married 1939, died 27.12.1986
James Henry	born 1919, Bendigo, married abt 1949, died 17.9.2003
Edward George	born 14.9.1922, Eaglehawk, died 1965, Heidelberg, Vic
Lillian May	born abt 1924, Eaglehawk, died 11.5.1983, MacLeod, Vic