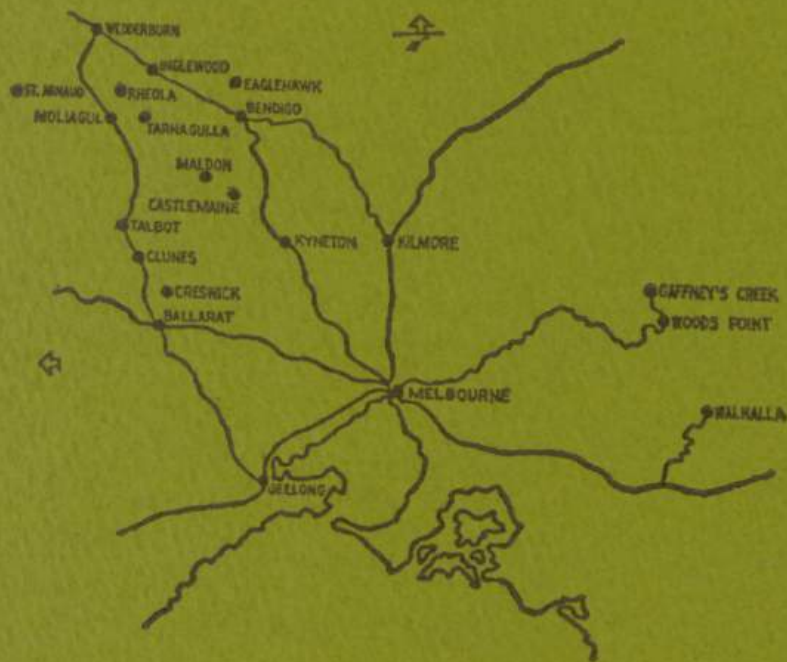


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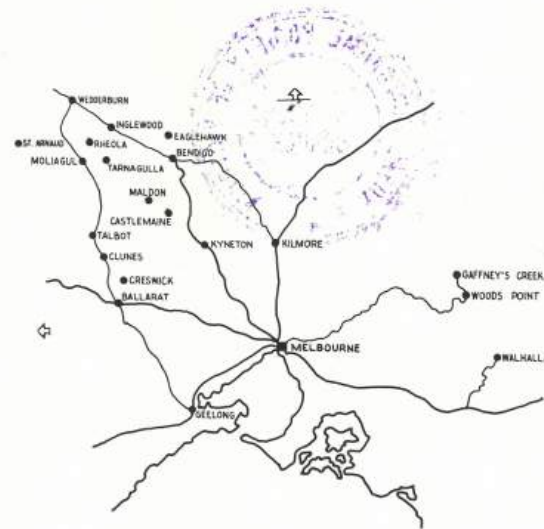
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Introduction:

Because there is not an early record of ships passing through Adelaide and Melbourne in the early years it is difficult to obtain any information as to arrivals and departures of any shipping pertaining to free settlers — or those paying their own fares.

Records only were kept of lists of prisoners landing here. These lists were then sent on to N. S. Wales where they were recorded; this being the only place in Australia where they could be kept at that time. Most records here in Victoria did not begin until 1851 when the gold rush started in Castlemaine and such places, bringing an influx of people and the necessity for records.

When Charles and Hannah arrived in Melbourne it was almost non-existent, and was just being surveyed. The natural countryside and a few buildings was the Melbourne of 1849-50 as he writes of it in his diaries.

The following account is an attempt to piece together the story of Charles and Hannah Collins and their descendents here in Australia following down through the family of George Cowley Reid, our first real Australian.

Acknowledgments:

This book I dedicate to my Ancestors who did so much for this beautiful country of ours in the districts in which they lived. Of particular note is their very high standard of moral code and way of life and their desire to always be of help to anyone in need.

Sincere thanks are firstly expressed to my father, George William Collins, now 89 years, and living in Castlemaine. Without his amazingly clear memory as to detail, and especially of the Castlemaine and Jordan districts, I could never have written this book. His encouragement and help are what was needed to make this a reality.

Secondly, mention must be made of valuable assistance from some of my cousins who gave me details of their families and in particular Betty Hicks, of St. Arnaud, who entrusted me with valuable photos, diaries and documents handed down to her by her mother. These were a great help and our thanks go to her for her consideration and interest. Others are Mary Collins — Swan Hill, Laurice and Verna Sly—Lockhart, N.S.W., Alma Green-Harvey — Western Australia, Ivy Grieves, also of W.A., and Thelma Green — Castlemaine.



Charles John Collins in his robes.



Hannah Charlotte Collins with two of her children.

BEFORE WE BEGIN our story, however, it is necessary to account for a few facts about Charles and Hannah prior to their leaving England.

T. C. W. J. COLLINS (called Charles) was born 31st July, 1818, and came from Cotswold in the Cotswold Hills, England. He was a tailor by trade, but entered the Church of England Ministry in his teen years and became an ordained Minister of the Church.

He married Hannah Charlotte Whitaker-Clarke, a trained nurse by profession.

They left England for Australia on the windjammer "Cowley" with three of their eight children. The fourth, a son, was born at sea in the middle of a raging storm on the Indian Ocean. He was named after the captain, "George," the windjammer "Cowley," and nurse who assisted — "Reid." The first port of call was Adelaide, so son George Cowley Reid was Australian by birth — our first generation Australian.

He was one of a family of eight — John, Elizabeth, Charles, George, Charlotte, Esther, Alfred and Emily.

Some members of the family believe they disembarked in Adelaide and came overland to Melbourne by bullock dray. Others are convinced they disembarked in Melbourne. In any case he was in the Diocese of Melbourne and was sent to Moonlight Flat Castlemaine, to minister. Moonlight was where the gold rush started before Castlemaine was named. It is where the Castlemaine High School stands, and beyond, into the bush country.

He was many years a minister at Castlemaine and surrounding districts. Church pay was very small and to keep his large family had to augment with other work. He took services at Dunolly, Donkey Hill, Spring Gully, attended the courts weekly and did all he could to help the poor. He was always very concerned with the crime on the goldfields. Often after a day in the courts he would write in his diary, "Much tried, O God, give me grace," "Much cast down Lord. Help me, O disappoint me not, I beseech Thee, Thou Holy Jesus."

Then on 20th August, 1856:—O God, keep me from the power of the devil this day. One of my workmen or mates committed murder in intention." Thank the Lord the man he shot is not dead.

11th December, 1856:—This day I was again, after much opposition, elected again to my public duties. O Lord, help me to do justly. Amen. The following week he writes, The Lord was with me in my public and private duty.

In January, '57, he writes:—"I felt it to be a good thing to see the Chinese worship God, and listen to His word this afternoon," and in another part, "My spirit much comforted at the primitive Chapel, Castlemaine. On the subject of God's people going forward O Lord, how beautiful are Thy wells of salvation."

This was the first Castlemaine Church and was on the site of the present Church of England.

On Saturday, 31st January, 1857, we read — "Much oppressed by weather this day and last night we had one of the most fearful storms ever seen of lightning, rain, wind and thunder. The wicked of this sinful town quaked, etc.

On the 23rd January, 1858, again he writes, "A terrific storm passed over this place — tearing down hundreds of tents.

At the beginning of 1858, Collins is very depressed at the luke warm attitude of his parishioners and has a desire to move his family to Pennyweight Hill, Loddon, in his impatience, for we read, "O Lord, Thy Church is luke warm. Thy ministers exceedingly worldly minded. They are active in raising funds for ministers' salaries; getting lands from the Government to build large and beautiful chapels but, O Lord, Thou hatest deceit, dissimulation, cant and hypocrisy.

On 6th June, 1858:—"Glory, Glory to God after many struggles and prayers we have been permitted to dedicate a humble house to God's worship on Pennyweight. The Lord filled the house with His Holy Presence."

He was for a time transferred to New Inglewood and used to walk 50 miles home to visit his family. Even had he been able to afford the fare there was no means of transport of any kind. So he had no choice.

He attended Church Conferences in Melbourne and writes in his diary in January, 1957, that when Mr. J. T. Smith was Mayor and J. Little and a Mr. Stevens Primate, he thought the members at the Conference all too engrossed with the talk of gold. He suffered severely with epileptic turns. What I think is now called migraine.

He was later transferred to Kingower, then Jericho, and from there to Ballarat, where he spent his remaining days. The Kingower stone church was not there in his time as a minister but was built later as was the new manse.



Photograph which I believe to be the original Manse for the Kingower Church, with one of the daughters of Hanna and Charles Collins.

A two-roomed weatherboard cottage with shingle roof. A very typical example of the first homes built in Victoria.

Photo of what I believe to be my great aunt — one of the older girls of Hannah and Charles at the old manse at Kingower. It was pulled down to build a new one in 1899.

Bishop S. Thornton, of Ballarat, dedicated the new Parsonage on 15th December, 1899. It was reported that the old Parsonage was "curiously small" and the new one "a comfortable building of four rooms," and compared with the old building, "it is a palace." This building today serves as the home of Mr. McNeile, in Heales Street, Inglewood. There were only two rooms in the original parsonage.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND — RHEOLA.

In 1862, a wooden building with an iron roof, was built at "Glenalbyn Grange" for church and school purposes, and from here the Rev. William ("Parson") Hall, M.A., itinerated north, south, east and west. The centres known as Tylers, Berlin and Johnstown now form the area known as Rheola. In 1875, the Parish became part of the Diocese of Ballarat, and remained in the charge of the Rev. Hall until 1883. The Rev. Hall died on 26th May, 1887.

In 1891, a district was formed — Rheola, Kingower and Fenton's Creek — with its own Stipendiary Lay Reader, Mr. A. E. Gladstone. This district was supervised by the Rectors (Hayward and Mercer), of Inglewood, until 1911. During this time there were seven Stipendiary Lay Readers.

Rheola was placed in the Parish of Tarnagulla under the care of the Rev. J. A. MacQueen, in 1912, and remained as such until 1922, when the Parish was incorporated into the Parish of Dunolly, with the Rev. C. C. Crowley in charge.

This arrangement ceased in 1926, and Rheola then became part of the Parochial District of Bealiba. This arrangement continued until December, 1966, when the Parochial District of Bealiba ceased to exist.

From July, 1926, to December, 1966, services at Rheola were taken by 23 Clergy, mostly Stipendiary Lay Readers, some Deacons, and four of them Priests.

The last Minister, the Rev. David B. Clayden, was in charge of the district from February, 1961, to December, 1966, and during that time, was Deacon Priest-Assistant to the Cathedral, and Vicar, 1965-66.

Since December, 1966, Rheola has been in the Parish of Inglewood, under the Rev. C. E. K. Beatty, and since July, 1969, the present Rector of Inglewood, the Rev. L. P. G. Smith, Th.L.

The original wooden Church of St. John, was demolished in 1925, and a fine brick church erected on the same site. The Right Reverend M. H. Maxwell-Gumbleton, D.D., Bishop of Ballarat, performed the dedication on Sunday, 5th July, 1925, at 11 a.m., and he was assisted by the Vicar of Dunolly, the Rev. C. C. Crowley.

Part of the old church was used to construct a woolshed on the late Mr. Stan Catto's property.

My paternal great grandfather was instrumental in bringing about the beginnings of these churches by his constant endeavour under the really deprived circumstances. While the churches were built soon after his work had finished in this district we can be very proud of the foundations he must have laid to produce such outstanding results, along with his fellow parishioners.

His family mostly married and settled in this district and my own grandparents were the first to be married in the Kingower Church.

It has now been taken over by the National Trust, and to me at least it is great-grandfather's "Ebernezer" here in Australia. (Ebernezer is a Jewish word which means a stone of remembrance. The Jewish people used to mark such places on roadsides or wherever something of importance happened to them and they wished to show their thanks by perpetuating its memory). Our particular line of the family springs from this marriage.



Kingower Church, with G. W. Collins, 87, standing by the side

On 31st January, 1860, great grandfather wrote in his diary — "To Him be all praise. We are determined to build a humble house to God's Glory and Worship. O may He bless the humble work of our hands and enable us to walk worthy of our high calling for Jesus' sake — Amen!

On 15th February, 1860 — "God has given us favor in the sight of the people even in their distress they have given a little to the Chapel. We have good prayer meetings and class meetings and a good attentive congregation to our door preceding.

On 7th April of the same year he writes, "We had a glorious time at the opening of our new Chapel at New Inglewood — Glory be to the God of Jacob.

HANNAH CHARLOTTE COLLINS

HANNAH CHARLOTTE WHITAKER-CLARKE married CHARLES JOHN COLLINS and lived in Cotswold, in the Cotswold Hills, England, prior to coming to Australia. Three of their eight children were born in England. She was a trained nurse by profession and used her talents to help her husband in whatever district they were sent. We know little of them to this stage, but they must have both had very good schooling and came out here as free settlers along with some other relatives, who were teachers or professional people so assume they must have come from middle class families. As they were both deeply religious from their early teen years they would in all probability have come from Christian homes.

On arriving at the Castlemaine goldfields with a large family and a very limited stipend, something had to be done to boost the budget. Hannah bravely took up her profession and nursed at Moonlight Flat with Dr. Preshaw when the hospital was comprised of tents. Later she was transferred to Hunter Street, Castlemaine, and was made the first matron of the new red brick (hand-made bricks) hospital built in Gingell Street, almost opposite the railway station. This hospital was demolished in the early 1940's. With the transfer of her husband to Kingower she nursed there also, and transferred from there to Jericho (now changed to Wehla) and from there to Ballarat where they lived out their days in retirement. Both are buried in the old cemetery at Ballarat.

"Wehla" is the native name for "large, grey possum." It was the name given to a township and parish. The area was originally known as Jericho, and this name seems to have been used from the time of the first gold discovery in 1858 until about 1870, when Wehla came into general use.

THE FAMILY:—

The boys of Charles and Hannah turned to gold mining as a means of making a living. I can tell you very little of their exploits, but know that they were brought up within the church and showed signs of strong character. A cutting from a paper "Argus" dated 3rd May, 1887, entitled "A Brave Miner," reads:—

"The Minister of Mines has decided to award the Departmental Certificate for Bravery to a miner named Charles Collins, who on the 23rd March last, at the Reward Company's Mine, Alexandra, descended an old shaft at considerable personal risk, and recovered the body of a man named William

Empy, who had accidentally fallen down and received fatal injuries. Collins, with a rope around his waist, descended the ladderway. After the first 70 feet he found the rungs were rotten, and he had to use the stages and slide down the sides of the ladder. He succeeded however, in bringing up the body to the surface. Collins, who is the son of a Church of England clergyman, has performed several acts of daring. In 1875, when manager of the Railway Reef Tribute Company, two of his men named Norman and Hynes, were jammed while descending a mullock pass between two levels, which were considerably over 300 feet apart. With the assistance of a man named Vickery, Collins got up an adjoining pass to the level of these men, where he worked for nine hours driving through the old stones, at the imminent risk of his own life and that of Vickery, who removed the dirt behind him. He reached the men in time to save both, though Norman was at his last gasp when rescued. Several years before, when little more than a boy, in the Luck's All Mine, Enoch's Point, he saved the life of his mate, W. Holland, in a most courageous manner. Holland had foolishly gone up a mullock pass to poke down the dirt which had become jammed there. Owing to an unskilful survey the winze and rise had not met from the two levels to be connected, and an oblique connection had to be made, in which the mullock, rocky dirt, was occasionally jammed. Holland was pinned to the wall, and covered up by a sudden slip of dirt. Collins went up the pass secured a straddle in the walls in the neck of the pass and picked down the mullock, thereby rescuing Holland. This act was one of considerable bravery, because tons of mullock had to brush past Collins through the neck of the pass, at most imminent risk to life and limb, and but for the fact that about 10 ft. or 12 ft. of mullock remained hanging in the head of the pass, both men must have perished."

We know from great-grandfather's writings that his girls, too, became members of the Church of England while still in their early teens and gave their parents much gratification.

Any further records of these families were destroyed in later years by over-zealous spring cleaners who were unaware of their true value or were just not interested, which is a great pity indeed.

GEORGE COWLEY REID COLLINS — spent his boyhood on the Castlemaine and other goldfields with his parents, so it is no great surprise that he, too, became a miner and later turned to farming. He used to tell and re-tell stories of the gold mining days in the Castlemaine district, especially at Moonlight Flat and on what is now the Camp Reserve. Here were many thousands of miners when the rush was on. Lots of Chinese, English, Germans and every nationality. When he was 12 he nearly lost his life for teasing some Chinese miners. They caught him and locked him down a mine, and he was very lucky indeed to make his escape.

When the first gold was found at the creek near the reserve, prospectors rushed the area. It had already been set aside as a reserve and the police were locking the men up in hundreds. It was due to the intervention of great-grandfather, Charles John Collins, that these men were released. He realised that the jails could not hold everyone and to try to stop them would only cause a riot and bloodshed so intervened on their behalf.

George married Jemima Martin in Kingower Church, 29th April, 1873. The first couple to marry in this church.

This is a copy from the original marriage certificate.
In the Colony of Victoria. (Original Certificate)

Schedule D — 28 Vict. No. 268.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

District Kingower. No. in Register 49.

On April 29th, 1873, at St. Mary's Church, Kingower.

Marriage by license was solemnized between us according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, and with the written consent of James Martin, father, of Jemima Martin.

Signature G. C. R. Collins.

Residence (Present) Jordans
(Usual) Jordans.

Age 23.
Rank of Profession Miner.
Condition Bachelor.

If Widower (Former Wife) Deceased in
(Children living dead)

Description

Birth Place On the Indian Ocean.
Parent's Names and
Rank or Profession
Father Charles John Collins, Minister Free Church of England.
Mother Hannah Charlotte
(Maiden Surname) Whitaker-Clarke.

Signature Jemima Martin.

Residence (Present) Kingower.
(Usual) Kingower.

Age 18.
Rank or Profession
Condition Spinster.

Description If Widow

Former Husband (Children living)	Deceased in Dead)
Birth Place	Mid Parish Greenock (Scotland).
Parent's Names and Rank or Profession	
Father	James Martin, Mechanical Engineer.
Mother	Mary Roger. (Maiden Surname)

I, William Hall, M.A., being Minister of Kingower, do hereby certify that I have this day, at St. Mary's Church, Kingower, duly celebrated marriage between George Cowley Reid Collins, of Jordans, Bachelor, and Jemima and Martin, of Kingower, Spinster, after notice and declaration duly made and published as by law required.

Dated this twenty ninth day of April, 1873.

Signature of Minister, Registrar-General, or other Officer. Wm. Hall.

Witnesses Joseph Bishop.

E. M. Wilton.

.....(Can't understand third one).

There were 11 children to this union namely, Hannah Mary, James Charles, Margaret, Charlotte, Alice Lillian (died at age of 7 years, and was buried in Rheola Cemetery when it was known as Berlin), George William, John Alexander, Laurence Alfred, Elizabeth Agnes (Lil), Mary and Stella.

A LIST OF NAMES AND DATES

taken from an old gem album lists some dates of births and deaths in the family and are as follows:—

	Born	Year
Hannah Mary Collins	21st August	1874
James Charles Collins	16th April	1876
Margaret Collins	5th October	1879
Charlotte Collins	15th August	1880
Alice Lillian Collins	15th April	1882
George William Collins	5th January	1884
John Alexander Collins	27th April	
Elizabeth Agnes Collins	25th October	1889
Laurence Alfred Collins	Died 7th April	1926
	13th March	
Mary Emily Collins	Died 23rd December	1970
Stella Collins	8th November	1890
	30th November	1893
	Died 30th June	1960
George Cowley Reid Collins	Died 2nd November	1932
	Age 84 years	
Jemima Collins	Died 10th August	1933
	Age 80 years	
E. Green (husband of Mary)	Died 6th March	1945
Albert Curnow (husband of Lil)	Died 27th April	1945

Further listings:—

Margaret left for West Australia on the 4th March, 1901.

Hugh Robinson left for West Australia on the 6th May, 1901. (*Hugh was husband of Hannah*).

James and Charlie left for West Australia on 6th June, 1901.

Bill Robinson (husband of Margaret) died July 26, 1950, age 78 years.

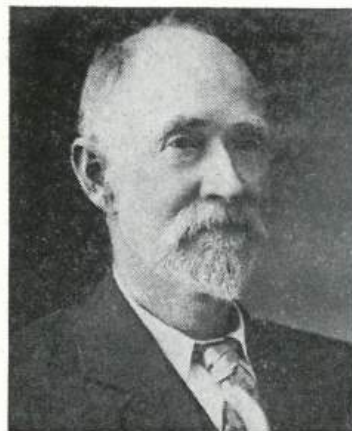
Stella Blay died 30th June, 1960, age 66 years.

William Blay (husband of Stella) died 6th January, 1972, age 78 years.

Jemima Charlotte Martin arrived in Adelaide at the age of four years. Came from Greenock, Scotland. Her parents were James Martin, who married Mary Rogers. Their family were: William, Jack, Agnes, Mary and Jemima, the youngest. I do not know the names of the others. James Martin was a civil engineer and built mainly bridges, later turned miner during the gold rush period.

They settled down at Jordans, where he was a miner. He and Charles Welton (a relative, brother-in-law) found the Spondulix nugget, weighing 113 ozs. south-east of the Wehla Company. It was close to the surface and grandfather found it and uncovered it. Charles Welton dug it out. Together they took it to be sold. This is now known as the old Spondulix reef. Gold, in pieces, to the value of £4,000 was taken out.

Later in life they shifted to Fenton's Creek and selected 300 acres of land and took up farming. Shortly after they were completely burnt out, and all that remained were two horses and two drays. They were forced by circumstances to go back to Jordan's, doing whatever work came their way, particularly in battery feeding and mining. Some time later they returned to Fenton's Creek to continue farming.



George C. R. Collins and Jemima.

In retirement they shifted into St. Arnaud, where the youngest daughter, Stella, made her home with them along with her husband, Bill Blay, and their two children, Betty and Maurice. When the parents died, Stella and family built a home of their own in King's Avenue and the old home was sold.

The family:—

HANNAH MARY:—Born 21st August, 1874. Married Hugh Robinson. No family.

JAMES CHARLES COLLINS, farmer, married May Morris McDonnell, at Bealiba in St. David's Church of England, Reg. No. 164, on 23rd May, 1906. At this time, James was residing at Berrimal. He was born at Wehla, after marriage farmed at Fentons Creek for a few years before buying land at Avon Plains. He was at Avon Plains for 10 years when, with his two younger brothers, Jack and Laurence, they bought land at Bulg in the Mallee. This was later sold and a larger property of four blocks of 640 acres each bought at Gowan. Avon Plains property sold and family moved to the Mallee. Jim and George went to West Australia in their youth sleeper cutting to earn the money to buy their first land. They spent five years there before coming home to marry. James Charles Collins, born April 1876, married Mary Morris McDonnell, born August 1879. Children of the marriage were — Ivy Morris, Mima Martha, Linda Georgina, Mary Elizabeth, Amy Francis, George Lawrence and Jean.

IVY MORRIS married Victor Knahnert.

Children: Beverley May, Graham James, Morris Victor and Alan Richard. Beverley married Ian Findley — farmer (Lynette, Judith and Robert). Graham married Jenice Davies — children, Tracey Lee and Joanne. Morris and Alan, unmarried.

MIMA MARTHA married John Sellick — farmer.

Children: Barry John, Gregory James, Peter William (died infant). Barry has four children: Stephen, Sheryn, Cameron and Bret.



Photo of whole family of George and Jemima taken in front of home (mud-brick) built on site of old place at Jordans. Native sarsaparilla climbing on verandah post.

Mary, Laurence, James, Lil, Jack, Charlotte, Stella,
Grandfather, Grandmother, Hannah,
George and Margaret

LINDA GEORGINA married George Lay.
Children: Wendy Margaret, Harvey Morris, Bruce Charles, Douglas
George and John Laurence.
Wendy married Peceli Ratawa.
Wendy's children: George, Robyn and Andrew.
Harvey — Bachelor.
Bruce Charles — Bachelor.
Douglas married Margaret Rae Rabbage.
John married Margaret Thomas — a daughter Bromwyn.

MARY — Not married.

AMY FRANCIS married Frederick Theodore Luckman — no children.

GEORGE LAWRENCE married Joyce Evelyn Pryor.
Children: Gary, Lindsay.
Lindsay married Marilyn Johnson.
Gary engaged Jeanette.

JEAN married George Gasson — live Hobart. One daughter — Lynette Paige.

MARGARET born 5th October, 1879, and married Hugh Robinson.
Family: Bill and Stella.

CHARLOTTE born 15th August, 1880, at Jordan's, in the Rheola district, Victoria. She married Jack Grieves in the Harvey Hall on 24th June, 1903. The Anglican Church was built in 1905.

Jack Grieves was also of McIntyre's, Rheola district, Victoria, and arrived in Western Australia in the late 1890's, spent the early months in Perth as a labourer on a building site. Then joined the Police Force and was stationed in Kalgoorlie on the Gold Stealing Squad, resigned and went to Harvey.

Jack bought a property of 40 acres and also worked for the local butcher, later buying the business, and built a shop and dwelling in town. Later he bought another 160 acres and built a larger home, which he named "Rheola."

At his death in 1918, aged 39, Charlotte kept the business with the help of many managers, until the sons were old enough to take over and run the business.

In the early days of Harvey, Charlotte was a prominent worker in most public organisations, and enjoyed the acquaintance of a wide circle of friends. She was an ardent supporter of the Harvey Football Club in its infancy. She was also a foundation member of the Harvey Croquet Club and Horticultural Society, and an active member of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary. In its early days, she was also a member of the Harvey Agricultural Society.

Charlotte died on 25th February, 1954, aged 73 years, having lived in Harvey 51 years.

There were seven children, Leslie George, Donald John, Lawrence Robert, Doris Evelyn, Colin Edward (died at the age of two years), Ivy Janet and Mervyn Dugald.

Leslie George married Irene Moore in the North Fremantle Methodist Church, on 2nd January, 1932. Farmed at "Rheola" for a number of years. Had a butchering business in York and Victoria Park. Now retired and lives at Rivervale.
There are five children of this marriage — Mavis Jean, Donald Ross, Alison Valerie, Lindsay Owen and Suzanne Julie.

Mavis Jean married Stewart Elston in the Victoria Park Methodist Church on 17th December, 1960. Stewart is with the airways and now stationed in Perth. They live at Rossmoyne. They have three children — Rory Owen, Kylie Mavis and Scott Gordon (born in Tasmania).

Donald Ross married Margery Seaton, in the Ka'amunda Methodist Church, on 30th November, 1957. Don is with the Education Department at Bentley. Four children — Kerry Lynette, Sandra Gaye, Trevor Noel and Andrew Austin.

Alison Valerie married Kenneth Wylie 18th December, 1965. Two children — Peter and Michael. Ken has his own electrical business in Victoria Park.

Lindsay Owen married Sandra Kennedy at St. Mary's Cathedral, on 18th September, 1971. Lindsay is with the P.M.G.

Suzanne Julie married Murray Sumpton at the Methodist Church, Victoria Park, on 4th July, 1970.

Donald John married Emil Sundercombe, of Waroona. Don had a butchering business at Waroona. (Don died 18th March, 1953). Three children — Allan, Linda and Stephen.

Allan married Julia Tuffley at Victoria Park on 19th July, 1969. Two children — Peter Allan and Jamie Paul. Allan with Alcoa at Pinjarra. Linda working in Perth. Stephen with S.E.C. at Waroona.

EMIL married Tom Archibald, a farmer, of Hamel.

LAWRENCE ROBERT married Dene L. Tully on 21st November, 1931, at the Hardy Memorial Church, Cottesloe. Laurie had the original butcher's shop in Harvey and the property. He eventually sold the shop and many years later disposed of the property. Laurie died on 20th January, 1964. There were two sons of this union.

John Tully married Petty Prowse at Waroona on 23rd June, 1956. John was drowned at Hamelin Bay on 14th September, 1966, aged 33 years. Four children — Marianne, Judith Louise, Ian John and Karen Jane.

Rodney James — a bachelor.

DORIS EVELYN married Alexander G. Haigh at the Harvey Anglican Church on 13th April, 1932. Alex worked with the Bank N.S.W., finally became manager of Bourke Street Branch, Melbourne. He is now retired. Doris and Alex live in Melbourne. Two children.

Colin Alexander married Judith Ruffan on 2nd December, 1964, and they live in Melbourne. Colin is also with the Bank N.S.W. Two sons — Timothy Alexander and Jonathon David.

Norma Elizabeth married Leslie Holbrook on 10th December, 1969, and they also live in Melbourne.

IVY JANET married John Archibald at the Harvey Anglican Church on 7th April, 1951. John was District Irrigation Officer with the P.W.D. They now live in retirement in Grieves Street, Harvey, W.A. Two step-children —

Ian Charles Stewart married Lorraine Newbey in the Anglican Church on 25th August, 1962. Ian is with the R. & I. Bank. Two children — Christopher Michael and Wendy Elizabeth.

Elaine Mary married Donald Entwistle at Nedlands on 20th March, 1965. Two sons — Brendon Stewart and Andrew Donald.

MERVYN DUGALD married Caroline May Martin on 28th March, 1946. He had a butcher shop in Waroona; also worked in Harvey, before taking up farming at Margaret River, where he died on 22nd April, 1961; aged 44 years. Daughter and son.

Janet Lorraine — On a working holiday in New Zealand.

Barry Martin — works with Neon Signs.

Alice Lillian — Died at the age of seven years and was buried in the Rheola Cemetery.

GEORGE WILLIAM married Muriel Frances Curnow at Logan on 21st October, 1914, and settled on the Avoca River between Emu and Logan, where they farmed. Children of the marriage were — Hilda Muriel, Iris Evelyn, James Aubrey and Thelma. The first three children were born at St. Arnaud and Thelma was born at Ultima, where George bought 1,280 acres of farming land, cropping mainly wheat and oats and grazing sheep. In February, 1929, they retired to Berkeley Street, Castlemaine.

In later years George bought land at Lyons, on the Mt. Gambier Road from Heywood. After selling out he bought land at Mickleham, on the O'd Sydney Road, and later at Melton. At one time he owned property near Laverton, too, which he leased out for hay growing. Other interests were a brick kiln and various properties in the Castlemaine district. Brothers George and Jim, and a brother-in-law, went to Western Australia to cut sleepers at Buoyup camp near Bunbury. They cut sleepers in this area and along where

the Harvey township is now. Two of their sisters, Mary and Charlotte, married and stayed in Harvey. Here they were able to earn big money and returned to buy land in Victoria with the proceeds and settle down. George now lives in retirement in Hunter Street, Castlemaine.

HILDA MURIEL married Alexander George Walker, in the Castlemaine Methodist Church on the 14th June, 1941. Alex was a farmer at Duverney, so they settled there for a few years, later shifting to Cobden, where they bought land — the original old "Bullaharre" property. As time went on three more pieces of land were bought to settle their growing family. There are five children of this union — Pamela Anne, Donald James, Peter Curnow, Sue Helen and Maxwell Fraser.

Pamela married Ian McConnell at Cobden Methodist Church on 21st June, 1964, and they settled on farming land at Noorat, Victoria. They have three children — Jacinta Ann, Andrew James and Nigel John.

Donald married Glenda Unthank. They went farming for a time and then settled in Colac, where he is a maintenance mechanic. They have three children — Donna, Deborah and Bevan.

Peter married Gloria Anson, and they settled in the old "Bullaharre" homestead at Cobden, and are dairy farmers. They have two children — Vicki Marie and Dean Anthony.

Sue is now working in Melbourne.

Max is now farming on the home property with his parents.

IRIS EVELYN married Harry Hocking, in the Castlemaine Methodist Church on 6th December, 1941. He was a draftsman with Thompsons' (Castlemaine). They lived at Castlemaine for 2½ years, then shifted to Melbourne, and finally settled in Sunshine. Harry is with the S.E.C. (Head Office). They have one child — Ian James.

Ian James married Sandra Joy Coghlan at Sunshine Church of Christ on the 18th December, 1965. They have two little daughters — Kirsten Ingrid and Katherine Elise. Ian graduated as Bachelor of Architecture in 1964. He was with the Commonwealth Dept. of Works for 10 years, during which he spent 3½ years in London where he did his Town Planning Diploma at the London University College. He has now settled in Shenton Park, Perth, Western Australia.

JAMES AUBREY (deceased). Killed in action in New Guinea on the 20th August, 1943, at Salamua with a land mine, and is buried in the Lae War Cemetery. Jim was named after his uncle, Jim Curnow, and his mate, Aubrey Baker, who were away together in World War I when Jim was born. Jim was in the Accountancy Branch of the S.E.C. (Flinders Street, Melbourne).

THELMA married Francis Raymond Green, in the Castlemaine Methodist Church on the 30th October, 1943, and they settled in Castlemaine, where Frank works for Thompsons (Castlemaine) Ltd. There are two children of this union — Marilyn Frances and Alan James.

Marilyn married Donald Bennetts in Castlemaine Methodist Church, and they have now settled in Canberra, in the suburb of Cook. Don is a technician with the P.M.G. They have a baby son — Ian Jeffrey.

Alan is also in Canberra, where he is a librarian at the National Library. Alan is not married as yet.

JOHN ALEXANDER married Ethel Peters at St. Arnaud. Children of the marriage were — Joyce, Gwen, Charles, Valerie, Harold, Jack and Joan.

JOYCE EVELYN married John Charles Phillips at St. Arnaud Church of England. Two children — June and Pam.

June married to Noel Slee, Marnoo. One child — Tania.

Pam engaged to Bruce Turnbull. To be married 20th January, 1973.

GWEN married Doug. Milgate, a painter. Three children — Helen, Brenda and Pamela.

Helen married Peter Menern. Two children — Sharon and ??

Brenda married Tom Sellers.

Pamela married Michael Fletcher. They have four children.

CHARLES ALFRED COLLINS married Ruth Mavis Watts, Methodist Church, St. Arnaud. He is a farmer and they live at Durham

Three children — Fay, Barry and Karen.

Fay married Morris May, Methodist Church, St. Arnaud. They farm at Banyena.

Barry and *Karen* both live at home.

VALERIE MAY married Wally Robinson in the Church of England, St. Arnaud, and they live at Pretty Pines — Gowar, where he is a farmer.

Two children — Lois and Graeme.

Lois married — Charalambous.

Graeme married a French girl — Sylvie Barbeau.

They both live in Melbourne.

HAROLD MERVYN married Winifred Ann Martin, Church of England, St. Arnaud. Four children — Bruce, Geoffrey, Craig and Lyle. All live in Fenton's Creek.

JACK GRAEME married Mary Tobin, Church of England, St. Arnaud. Two children — Marilyn and Brian.

Marilyn at Emily McPherson College.

Brian at Stawell Tech.

The farm at Beazley's Bridge.

JOAN MARGARET married Steve Nobbs at Seventh Day Adventist Church in Maryborough. They now live at Norfolk Island. Two children — Lynette and John Steven.

LAURENCE ALFRED COLLINS married Ellen Maud Male on 11th April, 1925, in the Methodist Church, St. Arnaud, Victoria. They had two daughters, Laurice Elva, born 20th January, 1926, at St. Arnaud, and Verna Lillian, born Wagga, N.S.W., on 27th January, 1930. In 1926 they moved to a property in New South Wales, "Lyndoch," 26 miles from Wagga. Here he started a successful Corriedale Sheep Stud, winning many prizes in district shows. He also did quite a lot of judging. In 1949 he sold "Lyndoch" and moved to a property close to Wagga on the shores of Lake Albert. "Latton" was the name of the property. In 1951 they moved into a home in Wagga at 48 Blamey Street, still working the property at Lake Albert. This property was sold in 1952, and a move was made from Blamey Street to 24 Athol Street, Wagga, in February, 1953, where they remained until he passed away in December, 1970. His wife still lives there.

LAURICE ELVA — Went to school at Be'frayden Public School and Presbyterian Ladies' College, Goulburn. When school finished she returned to "Lyndoch" to help her father with the Stud Sheep and general farm work, also book work and card system attached to Corriedale Stud Breeding. On 13th March, 1948 (60th birthday of her father, Laurence Alfred) Laurice married Desmond Leslie Sly at Wesley Methodist Church, Wagga. (This church has since been pulled down and bank on the site). They live on a property at "St. Johns," French Park, N.S. Wales — (The first land the Sly's settled on when they came from Victoria). They leased St. John's for five years, and two years after they married bought their own farm a couple of miles away, "Tollendool," Lockhart. They also worked St. Johns until the lease ran out as the two properties more or less join — still farming at "Tollendool." There are two children of the marriage — Cheryl Francis and Linden Daryl.

Cheryl Francis Sly, born 2nd January, 1950. Went to school at Milbrulong Public School, Presbyterian Ladies' College, Goulburn. Did School Certificate and won Government Bursary. Returned to Goulburn for 5th year and attended Wagga High School for 6th year of Higher School Certificate — Matriculated and won Technical College Scholarship and is now doing final year at Wagga Technical College as a full time fashion student.

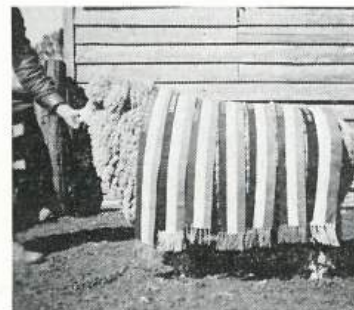
Cheryl has many varied interests and has entered Royal Show Girl competitions as representative of Lockhart A. & P. Society, collects matchbox labels (has 12,000) and stamps. She is also an outdoor girl and spends much of her time swimming and playing basketball.

Lynden Daryl Sly — Born Wagga on 16th May, 1955. He went to Milbrulong Public School and Albury Grammar School, where he did School Certificate. He was a piper in the School Pipe Band and travelled to Melbourne several times to compete against other school pipe bands. At present a full time student at Albury Technical College, studying farm technology and will work with his father on "Tollendool" at the end of his course.

Laurice writes of her father's business from the records she has kept when working with him. — Breed Corriedale Sheep, established a stud in October, 1935 — Registered No. 410. He was very successful in many shows, winning many cups and trophies outright. He also judged at many shows, including Melbourne and Sydney in the Corriedale Sheep Section.



Dad with Stud Ewe at Lyndoch.



"The Champ"

Was only beaten in Show Ring once — by his own Son No. 410.

In October, 1946, obtained top price for all breeds with a Corriedale Ram at the Wagga Sheep Show and Sales. This ram was bought by a Stud in New Zealand.

August, 1938. — One hundred and fifty ewes were sold to Japanese Government, Nowasa & Co., for £25.0 (\$5) per head. Lawrence was a Foundation Committeeman at The Rock Show Society.

Laurice and daughter, Cheryl, very active in C.W.A. and show work, particularly in hand knitting and needlework, winning awards in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Hobart, and at many local shows in Victoria and New South Wales. Laurice and Cheryl have been very active in establishing a Cottage Industry Shop in Lockhart, which is now open as an attraction to tourists. It is from craftswomen such as they that articles will be sought. Their C.W.A. do all the work for the Lockhart Show in the Women's Section, finding judges, acting as stewards, and run an Inter-Branch Competition for C.W.A. Laurice entered the Branch's display in Lockhart, Albury, The Rock and Wagga, and won first place in all four shows, and deems it well worth the time and trouble involved. She also judges the Knitting and Needlework Sections in the Boree Creek, Grong Grong, Walbundra and Narrandera Shows. Cheryl and Laurice also send entries of knitting to Mildura, Myrtleford and Echuca Shows, and find it is a very interesting hobby.

Counted among their family treasures is an account from H. Dew, "Dodge Car Agent," Chariton, 27.12.1923, for two Dodge cars with spare tyre and tube each and fully equipped, £390 each — £780.0.0. — both cars registered £4.4.6 each — £8.9.0. One car was for L. A. Collins, the other for J. Collins. Items such as this make interesting comparison with today's inflated prices.

VERNA married Wallace Sly on 23rd February, 1952, in the Methodist Church, Wagga, and they went to live on a property, "Holm Lea," at French Park, 32 miles from Wagga, in the Lockhart district, where they carry on farming and grazing. They have four sons.

Laurence John Sly, born 14th August, 1953, Wagga; attended French Park Primary School, then Yanco Agricultural High School for four years. Now at home on the family property.

Malcolm Lindsay Sly, born 16th February, 1956, Wagga; attended French Park Primary School, then Yanco Agricultural High School, where he is now doing 5th year.

Stuart Andrew Sly, born 30th November, 1958, Wagga; attended French Park Primary School, then Yanco Agricultural High School, where he is now doing 2nd year.

Gaeme Leslie Sly, born 9th April, 1964, Wagga; now attending French Park Primary School.

ELIZABETH AGNES (LIL) married Albert Curnow, on the 24th March, 1914, and lived at Woodstock-on-Loddon, in Victoria, where they farmed. They had three sons — Laurence, Arthur and Jack. Lillian died on the 7th April, 1926. Albert married again in later years and there were three more children — Betty, Neil and Marion.

LAURIE married Irene Fullerton on 1st July, 1944. There are three children of this union — Donald, Joyce and Barbara. Laurie and Irene settled on farming property at Eastville, Victoria, where Irene still lives. Laurie passed away suddenly on the 6th June, 1973.

Donald married Kathleen Lakey on the 20th February, 1971. A son — Andrew Donald, born 6th January, 1972.

Joyce married Graeme Lowe on the 21st March, 1970.

Barbara married Peter Garde on the 1st August, 1970. They have a daughter, He'en Louise, born 5th February, 1972.

ARTHUR married Betty Elizabeth Dobbie on the 22nd December, 1956. Two children — David and Janet.

JACK married Winifred Freeman, of Adelaide. The family now live there. They had three children — Dawn, Joan and Ronald.

Dawn married Joseph Saleeba, 8th December, 1967.

Joan married Keith Sampson.

Ronald married Janice Dare, 28th August, 1971.

MARY EMILY married Ernest George Green at Harvey, on the 30th September, 1913, and settled in Harvey, where they farmed and started a retail butchering business. Children of the marriage were Malcolm Ernest, Alma Charlotte, Alan William and Colin George.

MALCOLM married Edith O'Donnell, at the Church of England, Harvey on 4th August, 1944, and settled in Harvey. Mal is now Managing Director of the family wholesale and retail butchering business. There are three children to this union — Kay Beverley, Peter Alan and Jennifer Mary.

Kay is engaged to Bruce Webster, of Queensland, and expects to marry sometime during 1973.

Peter married Lynn Adams, of Albany. They live in Harvey and Peter is in the family business. They have one son — Peter.

Jennifer has completed her Psychiatric Nursing and is now doing two years general nursing to complete her certificate. Later she hopes to work in America.

ALMA CHARLOTTE married Harold Patrick Pilkington at the Church of England, Harvey, on 20th August, 1949. Pat was South West Supervisor with the Irrigation Dept. until he passed away on 7th May, 1971. Alma is still actively engaged in the family business as Director and Secretary. There is one child of this marriage —

Vicki Anne, who has completed her Leaving Certificate at Presbyterian Ladies' College. She is now at the Perth University doing a business course.

ALAN WILLIAM (deceased). Killed in an aircraft accident in the Dandenong Ranges, Victoria, in April, 1943. Alan was a Pilot Officer and was engaged in the family business before joining the Air Force. He is buried in the W.A. War Graves Cemetery at Perth. Alan was one of Australia's Second World War Ace Pilots and the accident occurred when he was on his way back to a Victorian Air Force base to train other pilots. His lost plane and remains were not found until 15 years later when bushmen accidentally came upon them. His remains were taken back to W.A. to a State burial service there.

COLIN GEORGE married Elaine Richards at Yarloop Methodist Church on 31st January, 1953, and settled in Harvey. Colin is General Manager of the family business. They have four sons — Alan Phipp, Graeme Ernest, Ritchie Stephen and Michael Brett.

Alan completed his education at Scotch College and is now in the family business.

Graeme has just completed his leaving at Scotch College and is ready to join the firm.

Ritchie is enrolled for Scotch this year, and Michael in 1975.



Mal Green inspecting meat packs. Son of Mary and E. G. Green, of Harvey, W.A.

Decentralisation of industry has led to the establishment at Harvey of one of the biggest and most modern country abattoirs in the southern agricultural division of Western Australia, and wholly-owned by the Green family. The family began farming in Harvey in 1920 when Ernest George Green arrived there. Later a small retail shop was started in the town, and in 1944 the Greens entered the wholesale trade, supplying Bunbury, Collie, Brunswick and Yarloop. In 1959 large abattoirs were completed and by April, 1972, further large extensions and then large freezing and packing facilities for export industry. With the completion of the modern abattoirs in 1959 the Greens entered the Perth metropolitan trade and also the export trade, marketing to United Kingdom, France, Sweden, Malta, Arabian Gulf, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Japan.

The company is entirely owned by the Greens — Chairman and Managing Director is Mal Green. His younger brother, Colin, is General Manager, and their sister, Alma, now Mrs. Pilkington, is a Director and Secretary. The company of E. G. Green & Sons continues to grow and flourish with the growth of the family, the younger ones joining the firm as they complete their education.

Approximately \$500,000 was paid out in wages in 1971-72, the staff numbering 140, now risen to 152. At present extensions costing \$330,000 are being built to lift the through-put from about 750 steers in a five-day week to a maximum 1,500. Expansion would mean an appreciable increase in employment at the abattoir. The most pressing need is for the freezing works, and a new stainless steel boning room, 126,000 cubic feet of cool storage and deep freeze units.

Extensions had been planned because of developing local and overseas markets for high-quality beef, and because of the growing cattle population in the South West. E. G. Green & Sons is the largest business of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

STELLA COLLINS married William Henry Blay at St. John's Church of England, Ballarat, on the 12th April, 1926. They had two children — Betty and Maurice.

BETTY LOIS married Stan Hicks at Christ Church Cathedral on the 17th October, 1953. Stan is a Millwright Fitter. They have four children,

Denise Illona (doing matric.) Born 5th June, 1955.

Stephen John (at High School). Born 25th May, 1959.

Raymond Stanley (at High School). Born 15th June, 1961.

Andrea Elizabeth (our dancer). Born 27th July, 1963.

MAURICE GEORGE married Irene Elizabeth Erwin at Holy Trinity Church of England, Stawell, 23rd April, 1960. Two children of this marriage.

Ian William, February, 1961. Christine, May, 1964.

They now live in Bendigo where Maurice is a Manager for Williams the Shoeman.

As this booklet goes to Press I regret to have to tell you that George William Collins died on 21st July 1973, at the Williamstown Hospital, at the age of 89 years. He was the beloved husband of Muriel, dear father of Hilda (Mrs. Walker), Iris (Mrs. Hocking), Jim (dec.), and Thelma (Mrs. Green). He was buried on 24th July at St. Arnaud cemetery.

Among his personal effects was the following notice of his father:

Old Colonist Passes.

Mr. Geo. C. R. Collins

The death of a district pioneer, in the person of Mr. George Cowley Reid Collins, occurred at his residence, Napier Street South on Wednesday morning after a long illness. The deceased gentleman, who was in his 85th year, underwent an operation in January, and for the past three months he was very ill, but he bore his suffering with patience and resignation, and he passed away peacefully. The late Mr. Collins was born at sea when his parents were on the voyage from England to Australia in a "windjammer," and the name of the ship, its captain and the nurse were included in his Christian names. His parents settled at Adelaide, but went to Forest Creek, when he was a child. After working on several mining ventures in this State he went to Gympie (Q.), but returned after a short stay and went to Gippsland. His marriage to Miss Jemima Martin was the first celebrated at Kingower Church of England. The late Mr. Collins purchased land at Weh'ia and remained there for 25 years. He was one of a party who found the Spondulix nugget, weighing 113oz., at Jordan's near Weh'ia. Later he removed to Fenton's Creek, and remained there till he retired 13 years ago, and came to St. Arnaud to reside. He was a very highly respected gentleman, and one for whom everybody held in the highest regard. Excepting in the work of the church, and as collector for many years for Dunolly and Ingleswood hospitals he took no active part in public affairs. He is survived by his wife, and the following family:— Messrs James (Swan Hill), George (Castlemaine), John (Fenton's Creek), Laurence (Wagga), Mesdames H. Robinson (St. Arnaud), W. Robinson (Lake Boga), John Grieves (Harvey, W.A.), E. Green (Harvey, W.A.), W. H. Blay (St. Arnaud). The late Rev. Charles Collins, of Ballarat, was the deceased gentleman's father.

The funeral took place on Thursday, when the remains were interred in the St. Arnaud cemetery. The oak casket with silver trimmings was carried by Messrs John Martin, Jas. Martin, H. Bilton, and W. Blay, and the pallbearers were Messrs W. McDonald, W. Stephenson, S. E. Goldsbury, T. Stephenson, L. Scollary and A. Curnow. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Macmichael, and Mr. W. L. Kell carried out the funeral arrangements.

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