

The Ruschmeyer family:

John Christopher Ruschmeyer arrived in Melbourne aged 26 aboard the 'Essex' from Hanover, Germany via London in 1864.

Shortly after his arrival in Australia he travelled to the Bendigo diggings.

He became one of many thousands of German diggers on the Central Victorian Goldfields.

He married Elizabeth Little Shepherd (Morrison) in 1874, a widow who had travelled down from Brisbane after the death of her first husband (John Shepherd).

He became a naturalized citizen in 1893.

Shortly after his marriage and having mined Golden Gully for some years he turned to hotel keeping and was the licensee of the Town and Country Hotel in Woodward Road, Golden Gully up until his death in 1911.

The family of 4 daughters and 3 sons survived him.

The family of Ernest, Maude, Christopher, Ethel and Edith (twins), Charles and Dolly Ruschmeyer all lived in the Bendigo area.

His sons continued working in the mining tradition.

He is buried with his wife in the Bendigo Cemetery.

After his death Elizabeth moved to Thistle St until her death in 1922.

John Christopher Ruschmeyer b. 1837 Germany d. 30 July 1911 Bendigo.

Married 24 June 1874

Elizabeth Little Shepherd (Morrison) b. 1843 (Widow) d. 19 Sept. 1922 Bendigo.

Children:

Ernest Walter b. 1874 d. 1927

Maude Carolin Elizabeth b. 1875 d. 1950

Christopher John b. 1877 d. 1927

Ethel Jane b. 1879 d. 1948

Edith Mary b. 1879 (twins)

Charles Hex b. 1882 d. 1937

Dolly Elizabeth Dinah b. 1885

Christopher Ruschmeyer and his family lived in a small house (now part of a poultry farm) in Woodwood road opposite the TOWN AND COUNTRY HOTEL. A brother Ernest Walter Ruschmeyer lived in a house next to the hotel. Ernest built the house. After Ernest's death in 1927 another brother Charles Hex Ruschmeyer married Ernest's wife Gertrude.

The hotel was first licensed in 1898 and closed in 1916.

John Ruschmeyer was the licensee until his death in 1911.

Elizabeth took over the license until 1912 when it was sold to a Catherine E Hoffner.

Christopher John Ruschmeyer was my Grandfather on my Mother's side.

John Christopher Ruschmeyer was my Great Grandfather.



Ruschmeyer Photos:

Town and Country Hotel

Woodward Road

Golden Gully

Ethel, Dolly, Maude, Edith, Elizabeth

Group photo taken same day

Ethel, Maude, Edith, unknown, Elizabeth, Dolly.

Ruschmeyer Family Group Photo.(approx 1890)

Back: Ethel Jane, Edith Mary, Ernest Walter, Maude Carolin, Christopher John.

*Front: Charles Hex, **ELIZABETH LITTLE**, Dolly Elizabeth, **JOHN CHRISTOPHER**.*

Mining Groups: (Christopher John)

C. Ruschmeyer Mining group 01 (Front: right)

C. Ruschmeyer Mining group (Back: second from right)

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Digital image: group of 15 miners standing outside corrugated iron shed (mine site ?) Men are dressed in coats, hats, one wearing blacksmith apron. One man in second row, second from left, holding a cat. C. Ruschmeyer (Christopher John) front right.

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Digital image: large group of miners standing in front of mullock heap, poppet head legs (?) C. Ruschmeyer, back row, second from right.

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RUSHMEYER COLLECTION: RUSCHMEYER FAMILY GROUP

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Digital image : group photo of Ruschmeyer family. Image shows, back row, Ethel Jane, Edith Mary, Ernest Walter, Maude Varolin, Christopher John.
Front row : Charles Hex, Elizabeth Little, Dolly Elizabeth, John Christopher

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Digital image: image shows Town and Country Hotel, Diamond Hill. Ruschmeyer's were the publicans. Standing outside hotel, were from left, Ethel, Dolly, Maude, Edith, Elizabeth.

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