

HINDE Eleanor  
 Great-grandmother of Ruth  
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Eleanor Hinde was the daughter of William Hinde and Mary Ann Windram. She was born in Lancashire England circa 1840. Her father was a Stonemason. Eleanor had two brothers, Richard David Hinde and Robert Kingsley Hinde. It is unknown if there were other children. These three children migrated to Australia. It is unknown if they travelled here together, possibly brother Richard travelled with Eleanor.

Eleanor married Richard Reynolds at Sandhurst (Bendigo) 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 1858 MF 4497 at Forest Street Wesley Methodist. Both give address at the time as Sailors Gully Goldfields. Richard Reynolds was a skilled tradesman and had been promised a job in the Melbourne Mint which had still to be built. In 1859 Eleanor and Richard had their first son and named him also Richard. Following Richard were Charles, Mary, William, Louisa, Harry and Amelia. Amelia was born in 1872 the same year that the Melbourne Mint was finally built. Richard Reynolds had been working in the meantime as a miner in the goldmine. He died in 1872 with a lung illness. He was forty-six years of age. Eleanor later received a letter requesting Richard present himself at the Mint for work.

When Eleanor was widowed she had seven children including a young infant. To provide for her family she kept and sold poultry and eggs, made butter and preserves. Richard the eldest left home at thirteen years and became a shearer. Charles, ten years, helped look after the family and baby. Eleanor paid 6d a week to send a child to school. Her schoolage sons each took a turn to attend school. Four years later Eleanor married Arculus Opie, a widower. He had then no children. They were married in the Church of England Bendigo in 1876.. Arculus was born in Redruth Cornwall and was a miner.. They had two sons, William Robert and Arculus James. As adults William became a Milliner and Hat Designer. James became a Doctor and lived in Lismore NSW. Arculus often took his step-son Charles with him on mining trips but it was on a trip to Western Australia, in 1900 when Arculus was killed by a train at Boulder W.A. and he is buried in the Kalgoorlie Cemetary. Eleanor owned a property on the corner of Gladstone and Stanley Streets Bendigo, where she used to take out a Miners Right each year to protect the property from being mined.. This land later became a S.E.C. Sub-station. At some time Eleanor was a beneficiary in her brother Robert's Will. Robert had no children but her other brother Richard had a family. Richard David Hinde born c. 1837 Lancashire arrived Victoria c. 1858. He married Sarah Cole of Somerset England in 1865. Their children were Mary, William, George and Isabella. Richard Hinde died an accidental death in Bendigo in 1878 age 41 years.

Eleanor died in 1902 and is buried in the Bendigo Cemetary.

On both the marriage certificates of Eleanor she names Warton Lancashire as birth place. However her birth is not yet located.

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 Gr. Grand-daughter.