

RICHARD REYNOLDS

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Richard -Reynolds was the son of Alban and Eleanor Reynolds nee Softlaw born Aug/Dec.1826 at Islington London.

He was baptised 1831 Pentonville --ref.IGI CO 40941 s.s.2037

His occupation was a-Die Sinker supervising tradesmen in a Foundry.

Richard .commenced work at approximately twelve years of age .

He worked until about thirty-two years of age in London

With a "Letter of Introduction" from his firm he migrated to Melbourne on the ship "George Marshall" leaving London 25th Aug. 1856 -arr. Victoria 12th Dec. 1856."

The ship the "George . Marshall" was later wrecked off Flinders Island Bass Strait in 1862. The ship was wrecked very close to shore and many objects and some trunks were salvaged . Objects from this wreck have been displayed in a museum on Flinders Island. All on board were rescued.

Richard married Eleanor Hinde at Sandhurst (Bendigo) 23rd Dec. 1858 M/F 4497 - Wesley Methodist Forest Street.. Both give residence at Sailors Gully Goldfields.

Eleanor was the daughter of William Hinde and Mary Ann Windram of Lancashire/ William Hinde was a stonemason. Eleanor's two brothers were in Victoria.

Richard and Robert Hinde. It is not known where and when they arrived.

There are descendants from Richard Hinde. Robert Hinde married but had no children.

Richard Reynolds was promised a position in Melbourne Mint. not then in operation. He commenced work in a gold mine to support his wife and family while waiting for the Mint to be built. It took fourteen years for the Mint to be built and ready for operation. Working for that number of years in the mine resulted in his death with lung disease. miner's complaint .Some months after his death his widow Eleanor received a letter requesting Richard to present himself for work at the Mint.

Richard Reynolds died on the 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1872 - He was 46 years of age..

During his years in Australia he corresponded with his workmate in London.

Thomas Hayward. Thomas. mentions Richard's brother in a letter, a brother of whom we have no knowledge...

Richard was survived by his wife Eleanor (nee Hinde) and their seven children, Richard, Charles, Mary, William, Louisa, Harry and Amelia.. Richard died at Sailors Gully and buried at Eaglehawk Cemetary. Bendigo Vic.

Four years later Eleanor remarried Arculus Opie, of Redruth Cornwall. <sup>1876</sup> -1976. Two sons were born from this marriage, William Robert and Arculus James..

There are also descendants from both these sons.

.Arculus Opie , a miner, went gold seeking in Western Australia in 1900 and was killed by a train, Arculus is buried in Boulder Western Australia.

Eleanor died 1902 and is buried Bendigo Cemetary..  
 Eleanor owned property on the corner of Gladstone and Stanley Streets, Bendigo..  
 Eleanor used to take out a Miners Right annually to protect her property from mining.  
 This land later became a SEC Sub Station.

#### Notes on children

Richard Croom -Batchelor - Shearer	89 years
Charles Albon - Mine Engine Driver - Farmer - -married 5 children	86 years
Mary Eleanor - Single - Tailoress	95 years
William John - Builder -married 5 children	79 years
Louisa - Buyer for Buckleys - married (Thos, Preston) 1 child	c. 76 years
Harry Thomas - Barber -married 5 children	c. 83 years
Amelia - married (Thos. Jorgensen) 5 children..	70 years