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Incidents in the life of Mrs. Charlotte Francis Drew, who claims to have been the first woman to arrive on the Bendigo Goldfields, and to be the second to arrive on the Ballarat fields, *and who has been once stabbed, once shipwrecked, once shot at, many times "stuck up" twice left destitute, who witnessed many murders, robberies & deeds of daring on the Goldfields*  
Interviewed by W. Coulthard, Recording Secretary. *From 1851*

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On my journey out into the bush on the Buninyong Road to interview Mrs. Drew, I naturally pictured in my mind, some aged feeble old lady, whom I felt to submit to cross examination would be unjust, but far from this being the case, I was met at her gate by a robust, stalwart woman, who looks very many years younger than she really is, and who with rake in hand, was busy in her rather extensive garden, where she spends most of her time. I was soon being proudly escorted through the grounds, where with evident selfsatisfaction, she pointed out the well pruned trees, the neat walks, and trimmed borders, -- a great work, considering her advanced years. One could hardly believe he was viewing the daily work of one of the very earliest women to arrive in Ballarat, nor could he help admiring her as she proudly exclaimed:- "This is the work of a woman whose dying depositions were taken 44 years ago (as explained later in the interview.)"

Mrs. Charlotte Francis Powell (Powell being the name of her