

first husband) was born at Canterbury, England, in 1828. She arrived in Adelaide on the 26th. August 1849. Here she had a rather startling experience. A young man who had been jilted by his "best girl", and Mrs Powell, (who always made "light" of things) jokingly told him there were other girls as good. This enraged the man, and drawing a dagger he plunged it into her side. Luckily, she was wearing a new pair of thick stays, which "stayed" the force of the steel, and she escaped without serious injury, although she still carries the mark of the wound in her side. She refused to prosecute her assailant, but kept the dagger, which she has kept at the side of her bed ever since, and which she placed in the hands of the writer, saying as she did so, "although I nearly lost my life by it one time, it has been the means of saving my life and property on more than one occasion since."

Mrs. Powell and her husband, who was a carpenter, contractor etc., arrived in Ballarat on the 29th. Sept. 1851. She stoutly denies the stand taken by another woman in Ballarat at the present time, and who is asserting she was here before Mrs. Powell, and the evidence placed in the writer's hands seems sufficient to justify her in her denial. One woman alone entered on the Ballarat fields about an hour before Mrs. Powell. The two women and their husbands were on the road together, but whilst Mrs. Powell and her partner paused for a rest at Buninyong, the others pushed on, and the first woman (Mrs. McAllam, who was well up in years at the time) to enter Ballarat, arrived with a cord about her shoulders, the ends being attached to a barrow, at which she pulled, whilst her husband pushed behind.

Her husband, George Charles Powell, built the first house ever erected in Ballarat. The plans of which, although very much worn are still preserved and treasured by her, and she has promised to loan