

washing outside, and wearing her big boots (to the knee) the Doctor came over the hill, in an excited state, exclaiming "For God's sake get into bed, quick, quick, do not let the Commissioner see you" It appears the Doctor had reported her as dying and unable to attend, and the Commissioner had come to take her dying depositions. She got into bed, boots and all, just in time before the Commissioner arrived. Then the Doctor, who said she had not long to live, gave her a "reviver", after which she spoke stronger, and her evidence was taken. Strange as it may seem, this ruse saved her life, for in the floods at that time, the Keilor bridge was swept away, and the coach by which she would have travelled, together with the mails and all on board was swept away and lost.

Mrs. Drew still preserves the saucepan which on one occasion saved her life. Whilst she was making soup, her assailant levelled a pistol at her, she struck at it with the saucepan, just as it went off, and the bullet passed between her legs, setting her dress on fire.

On another occasion she was "stuck up" in her hut at Bungaree when her husband was away. She kept three men at bay on this occasion until daylight, when they left. Her "dirk" was her weapon of defence at this scene.

The prisoners broke out of the Ballarat lockup in 1854. There was a big log near her place in Doveton St. One prisoner got into it, another got into a big lime cask at her place, and when Mr. Foster, the inspector, called, she of course had seen no prisoners. That night as she was kicking off her boots to get into bed, she found a prisoner