

ROSS John, born Sutherland, Scotland; ex-gardener for Duke of Sutherland, & Duke of Buccleugh; arrived Ballarat 1863; and served as gardener for 1. Walter Craig; curator Ballarat Hospital since 1870; member Horticultural Society for 50 yrs; frequent prize taker at shows; judge of amateur displays; raised several seedlings, including Ross Golden City privet, for Horticultural Society; P.G.M. (Past Grand Master) St Andrew's Order.

ROSS John, son of above; b Ballarat 1869; educated Urquhart Street SS; was serving in ranks of 3rd battalion when South African Boer was declared; enlisted and served with 1st Vic contingent 1899-1901; Queen's medal with clasps (Diamond Hill, Johannesburg, Orange Free State, South Africa and Cape Colony) participated Pink Hill battle and Magersfontein affair; foundation member and committee member since inception of Ballarat Branch South African Soldiers' Association.