

CHARLES FRANCIS SUMMERS.

- Born at Richmond in Australia in 1858.
- Travelled to Rome with his father, a successful and accomplished sculptor, in 1869 and learnt the "trade" at his father's studio. And then his at 5a Via Margetta in Rome until returning to Australia in 1904 after returning to exhibit his marble reproductions of works of famous sculptors.
- Friendly with two Popes and given permission to take plaster casts of figures and carvings in the Vatican.
- Said to have accompanied Stoddart when he went to Rome and travelled to Carrarra.
- Used Carrara marble and has works in Ballarat and Rotorua.
- Sculpted the larger "Flight from Pompeii" commenced by Benzoni in Rome when he died. Benzoni had previously completed a smaller work now at the Chicago Museum.
- Other works in Ballarat are Rebekka, Susannah, Ruth and Modesty.
- He is described in several records as a "minor sculptor" – surely not!
- He died in 1945.