

ELIZABETH TURNBULL CUNNING

Was born in FALKIRK, STIRLING, SCOTLAND on 31 DEC 1830 and died at MOUNT PROSPECT on 22 AUG 1925, aged 94 years. She was buried in MOUNT PROSPECT Cemetery on 24 AUG 1925, Rev. A. F. LAWSON taking the service.

ELIZABETH came to AUSTRALIA on the "ANN MILNE" on 19 MAY 1849 and the Disposal List of Immigrants shows her employer as WILLIAM RYRIE of YERING, a six month's engagement at 16 Pounds i.e. \$32 per annum, with rations.

On 8 AUG 1851 ELIZABETH married ALEXANDER RYRIE in the Melbourne Presbyterian Church, Rev. A .M. RAMSAY officiated, with ROBERT JAMIESON and JOHN CUNNING as witnesses. ALEXANDER was best man when ROBERT married ELIZABETH'S step-sister JEAN earlier in the year and was also ROBERT'S partner in land and farming. BAILLIERE'S Victorian Directory shows ALEXANDER RYRIE of KINGSTON FARMER. There was also a "RYRIE FREEHOLD GOLD MINING CO. NO LIABILITY, " but no details are available as to its output. Children to the marriage were :

MARION	Born 25 JAN 1852	Died 29 NOV 1929
MARGARET	Born 2 MAR 1854	Died 14 AUG 1940
ELIZABETH	Born 5 AUG 1856	Died 17 JUL 1859
ROBERT	Born 14 JUN 1858	Died 22 AUG 1942
ELIZABETH	Born 17 OCT 1860	Died 8 DEC 1888
JAMES	Born 6 AUG 1862	Died 29 JAN 1917
JOHN	Born 17 DEC 1864	Died 25 MAR 1939
JANE	Born 16 JUN 1866	Died 19 OCT 1949
JANET	Born 6 APR 1870	Died 10 SEP 1954
ALEXANDER	Born 29 APR 1874	Died 25 JAN 1961

When JEAN (JANE) died it is said that ELIZABETH, known to the family as AUNT RYRIE looked after them and was very strict.

ELIZABETH and ALEXANDER were pioneers in the district and were held in very high esteem by the community, ELIZABETH was a founding member of the local RED CROSS and although nearly blind she knitted no less than 725 pairs of socks for soldiers in the front line in the First World War (1914-1918).

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alexander ryrie

Was born in BOWER, CAITHNESS, SCOTLAND on 9 FEB 1820, the son of ROBERT and MARGARET (Nee BAIN). ALEXANDER migrated to AUSTRALIA on the "WILLIAM NICHOLL", which sailed from LEITH on 4 SEP 1841 and arrived in PORT PHILLIP on 9 FEB 1842. The ship's papers describe ALEXANDER as an unmarried farm servant, a protestant and able to read and write.

ALEXANDER died at Mt. PROSPECT on 17 JUL 1909 and is buried there with ELIZABETH.

LINE OF RYRIE

JOHN RYRIE (RIRIE) married JEAN BRUCE in WICK, CAITHNESS, SCOTLAND on 10 JUN 1721. Children to the marriage were:

JOHN	Born	5 AUG 1726
WILLIAM	Born	5 OCT 1730
ELIZABETH	Born	3 DEC 1732
JANET	Born	22 JUN 1735
JOHN	Born	26 MAR 1738
ALEXANDER	Born	11 MAY 1740
CATHERINE	Born	1742
JAMES	Born	1746

ALEXANDER RYRIE was born on 11 MAY 1740 and married MARGARET STEWART (STUART). Children to the marriage were:

WILLIAM	Chris.	27 JUL 1763
ANN	Chris	19 MAY 1765
JOHN	Chris.	12 OCT 1766
NEIL	Chris	12 OCT 1766
ROBERT	Chris	23 FEB 1773
STEWART	Chris	29 NOV 1778
SUTHERLAND	Born	26 APR 1781