

Cemetery Walk Trail

Grave 1 (R/C) - Edward Joseph Hackett

26 January 1866 - 3 December 1913

Edward's aunt, Mary Ann Walsh, came to the colony on a "Bride Ship" in 1859. She met and married an expirée named William Doyle who then took up farming at Greenough (both Mary Ann and William are buried here). Mary probably wrote back to Ireland telling of the abundant possibilities here, as Edward's older brother and sister emigrated in 1883. Three years later, Edward, his mother, another sister and younger brother came out. In the late 1880s, Ned, as he was known, built a small stone cottage at Central Greenough. He found work as a bootmaker, carpenter and undertaker, and also delivered the mail between Greenough and Walkaway.

Ned built a wooden structure onto his cottage which he ran as a General Store; in 1897 obtaining a Gallon License. Ned married Harriet Ann Reynolds on 25 April 1900.

The couple were to have seven children. In 1910, Ned purchased land in Walkaway and built another store, managed by his niece, Maude Ahearn. That Gallon License might have been Ned's undoing, as he died aged only 47, from the effects of alcoholism. His wife was pregnant with their last child at the time of his death.

Grave 2 (R/C) - Maria Jones (nee McCormick)

c1837 - 5 July 1905

Concerned about the male/female imbalance due to the importation of only male convicts, and desiring cheap female labour, colonists encouraged the British government to send shiploads of young single Irish women here. Maria McCormick arrived on one of these "Bride Ships." A devout Catholic, she found as a husband, a Protestant expirée named John Jones. The couple married in Geraldton in 1857, and moved to the Back Flats where they established a farm known as "Belay." John and Maria were to have nine children (all brought up Catholic). In the 1880s, several of the sons established a pastoral property "Boogardie" near Mount Magnet, which still remains in the family. John and Maria were well regarded at Greenough, John being described as 'almost go-ahead and successful farmer.' John died on 8 March 1893 and is buried in the Wesleyan section of this cemetery. Maria died at "Belay" on 5 July 1905, and is buried in the Catholic section together with some of her children.

Grave 3 (WES) - Norah Savage

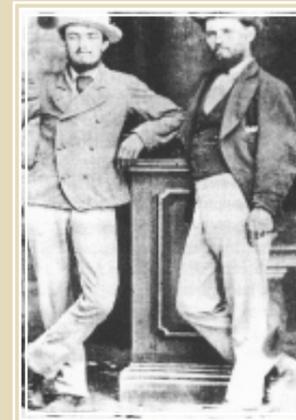
1921 - 30 June 1924

On 30th June 1924, three-year-old Norah, daughter of Wilfred Savage, teacher South Greenough School went missing. When Mr Savage told the students they dispersed in every direction – onto neighbouring farms, down the beach road, across the paddocks, searching for her, but tragically it was too late. Ivy Savage pleaded with her husband to probe the muddy water of a ditch which he had recently arranged to be dug to clear water from the school oval. When he did, the little girl floated to the surface. He jumped in and got her out, and tried artificial respiration. But it was too late. Norah was buried here in a grave lined only with rocks. In 1991, some of the former students arranged for a plaque and more permanent markings to be installed on her grave. Norah's little bonnet is on display at the Greenough Museum & Gardens.

Grave 4 (WES) - William Wilberforce Clarkson, 10 January 1843 - January 1875

Henry James Clarkson, 16 September 1847 - January 1875

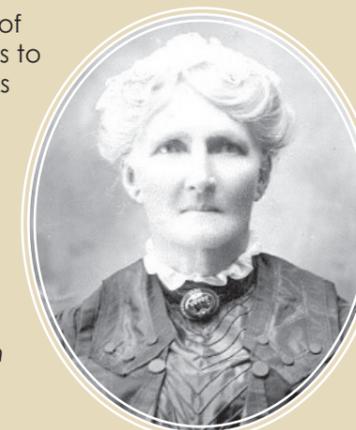
In the autumn and winter of 1874, these two brothers gathered together small mobs of cattle from the South West for what they planned to be the greatest cattle drive north in the colony. By the time they arrived in Irwin, they had over 1,500 cattle and 173 horses. Unfortunately they had left too late in the season, and by the time they reached the Murchison district at Christmas they were in serious trouble. The two brothers, with an Aboriginal guide, left the mob on 28 December, and went searching for water. They were never seen alive again. Their bones were later discovered north of Hooley's Well. At an inquest held at Greenough in March 1875, the jury decided that Henry had been killed by unknown Aboriginal men and that William had died from exhaustion. (Photo Battye Library R1207).



Grave 5 (WES) - Elizabeth Kniest Maley (nee Waldeck)

2 May 1841 - 23 August 1917

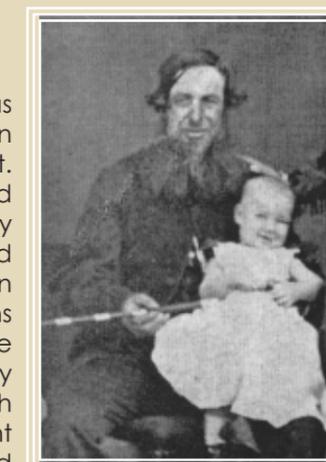
Born in Perth to Fredericke and Frederick Waldeck, Elizabeth holds the distinction of being the first registered birth in the colony. Her parents were also the first migrants to the colony from the country we now know as Germany. About 1860 the Waldecks moved to a farm at Central Greenough known as "Mount Pleasant." Elizabeth married John Stephen Maley on 27 August 1862. The couple then moved into "Home Cottage" (now Greenough Museum and Gardens). Elizabeth and John were to raise a family of nine sons and five daughters there. Remarkably, all 14 children survived infancy. As well as raising her large family, Elizabeth also had to oversee the flourmill, general store and farm whilst John was in Perth or the Eastern States on business. These were often uneasy times for her. She was to write in her diary, "Anxious this day, looking so earnestly for one so dear... my weak heart overcame... I had a good cry." However, whilst her husband was away, Elizabeth could always rely on the support of her brothers and sisters who had also married into local families. When John was at home, the couple had a busy social life. Elizabeth, who had a very fine singing voice, was often called upon to sing at church fundraising concerts. Tragedy struck in 1879, when her eldest son, George, succumbed to tuberculosis. Her later years were also filled with sadness. Her father and a son-in-law died in 1895. Her mother and her eldest daughter, Hannah died in 1905. A grand-daughter died in 1907, a grandson in 1908, John Maley in 1910, a daughter-in-law in 1912 and her son Roy in 1915. Elizabeth died in Geraldton at the home of her daughter Ada Whitfield, but was brought back to Greenough to be buried beside her family.



Grave 6 (ANG) - William Bone

23 April 1826 - 4 February 1888

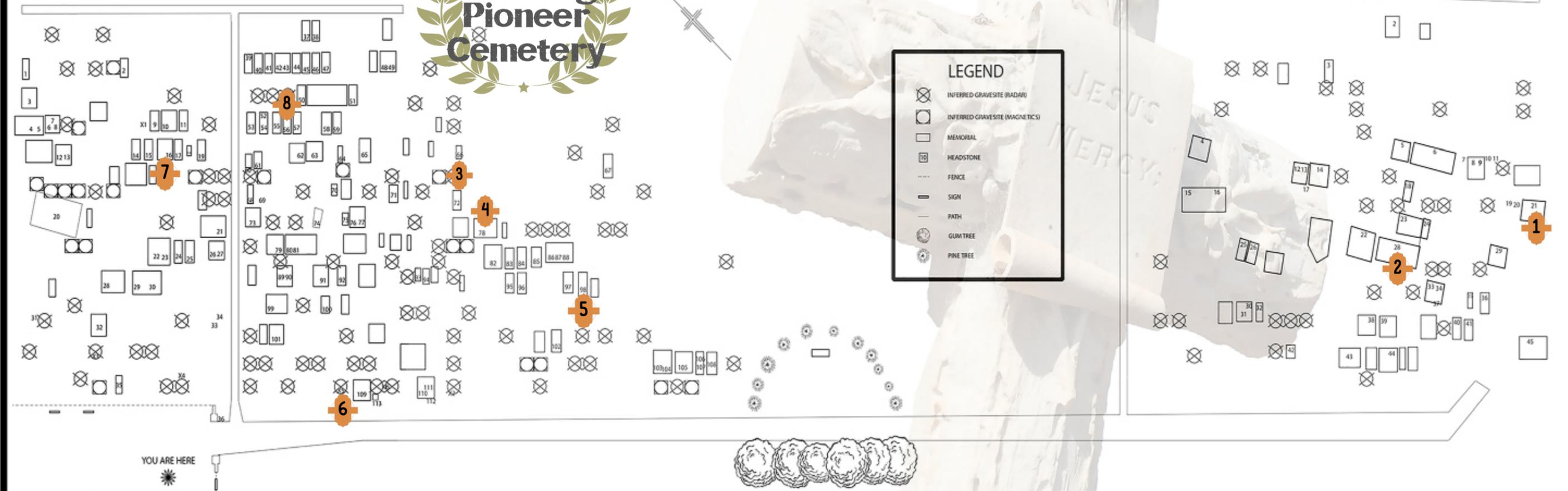
One of the four people to drown in the 1888 flood was William Bone. As he was concerned about two of his sons who had gone searching for missing cattle on the Back Flats, Bone went looking for them whilst the flood was at its highest. Near the bridge across the Greenough River, Bone's horse became entangled in fencing wire and he was swept off by the swiftly flowing waters. His body was found a couple of days later. Bone had been sent to this colony aboard the Clyde, arriving in Fremantle on 29 May 1863. As convict 7023 he had been sentenced to transportation for eight years, having three previous convictions (attempting to steal from a person, stealing two lambs, and possession of house breaking tools). Bone was granted his Conditional Freedom at Champion Bay in 1870. He commenced farming at Greenough and in 1875 married Hannah O'Malley. The couple were to have nine children, the youngest only an infant when her father drowned. Two years later, Hannah married Arthur Blayney and commenced another family.



ANGLICAN / WESLEYAN

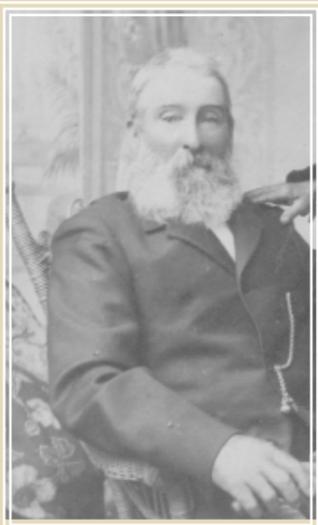
Greenough Pioneer Cemetery

ROMAN CATHOLIC



Key: R/C (Roman Catholic), WES (Wesleyan), ANG (Anglican)

Grave 7 (ANG) - James Connolly 9 May 1847 - 14 December 1906



James was born in the Swan district, one of twin brothers, to John and Mary Connolly. His father died in 1852, and his mother made the bold move of bringing her young family up to Greenough and acquiring land. James and his brother worked on their mother's farm at South Greenough, eventually taking over the property. James married Emily Walton at Greenough on 7 November 1877. The couple were to have nine children, but all predeceased him. In his final years, James suffered from paralysis. He died on 14 December 1906, and his twin brother, Joseph, died four days later.

...The Connollys, Joe and Jim, as they were more familiarly known, will be missed by all who knew them. Their hospitality was never denied, no matter how undeserving the case. They were always to the fore with first aid, assisting charity in all its needs. They were good citizens, devoted to their homes and their Church, living blameless lives. Together they were born; together they played; together they lived; and together they died... ["Obituary," *Geraldton Guardian*, 1 January 1907]

Grave 8 (ANG) - Elizabeth Jane Morrell (nee Duncan) 6 November 1865 - 19 May 1949

The daughter of two pioneering families – Pearson and Duncan, Elizabeth grew up at "Raphoe," Central Greenough. Her wedding to Reuben Morrell in St James Church, South Greenough in February 1888 had to be postponed a week until flood waters subsided. The couple moved to "Ironbarks" at North Greenough. Here they raised a family of eight. Both were staunch Anglicans, and Elizabeth was a member of the Ladies Guild most of her life, and taught Sunday School at North Greenough. According to her daughter Ivy,



...their lives were patterned on the teachings of the bible and the Commandments. Sunday was spent in a very different way to the way it is spent now. No work was done on Sunday except that of caring for the animals, and preparing meals for the family...There were no other attractions to tempt us so we went to Sunday School or Church Services quite willingly, and enjoyed it... ["They Came to Greenough," Ducas, I., 1980, p.46.]

Following Reuben's death, Elizabeth lived for another thirty years at "Ironbarks" with three of her unmarried children.