



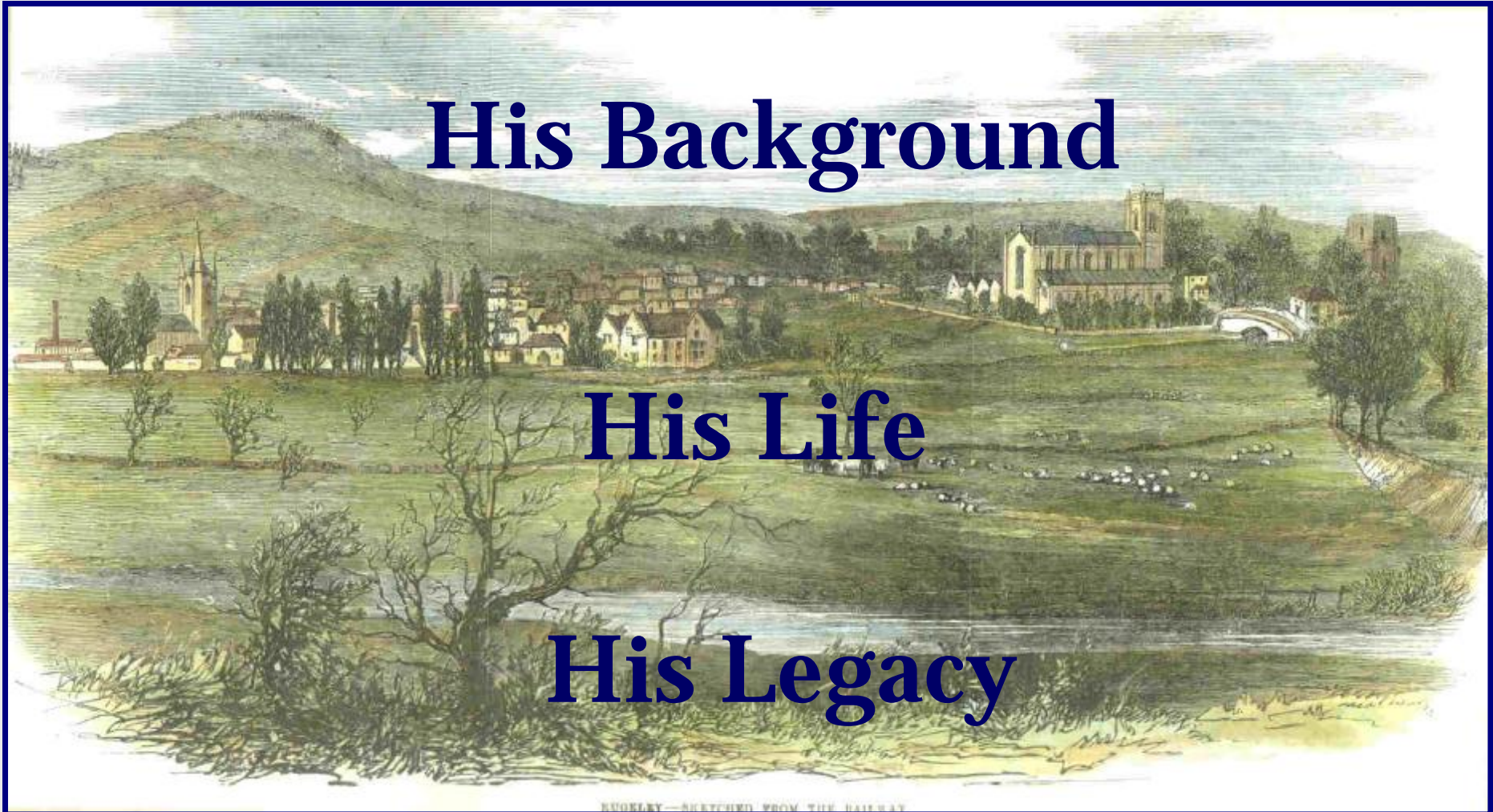
# FREDERIC BONNEY 1842-1921

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**1842-1921**

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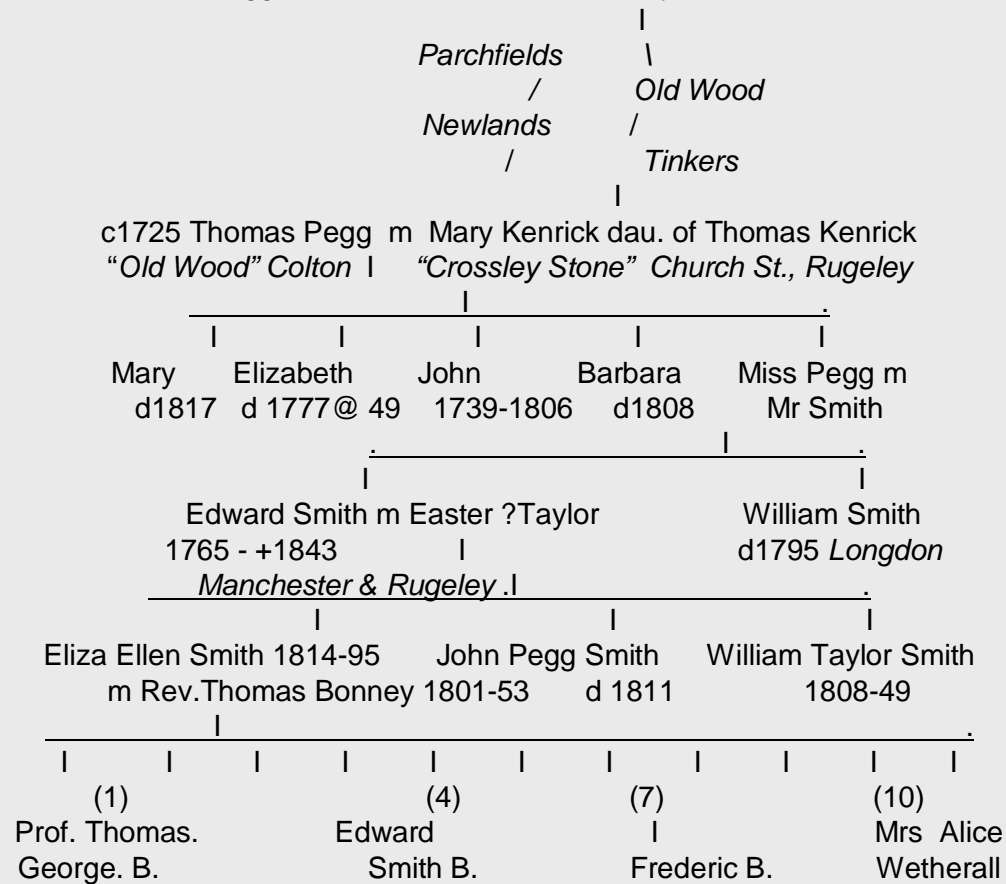
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Maternal Lines of Frederic Bonney

Robert Pegg of Colton named in Subsidiary Roll 1543 & 1563



**Frederic Bonney born Rugeley 5-9-1842**

**(probably at Rugeley Grammar School House**

**his father being the head master.)**

**Died 17-1-1921 Rugeley resident at "The Hollies", Church Street.**



# Saint Lawrence Church Reading



## IGI Individual Record

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[Search Results](#) | [Download](#) | [Pedigree](#)**THOMAS BONNIE**

Male

[Family](#)**Event(s):**

Birth:

Christening:

Death:

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**Marriages:**Spouse: [JEANE HINGE](#)[Family](#)

Marriage: 27 NOV 1670 St Lawrence, Reading, Berkshire, England

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## THOMAS BONNEY

Male

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### Event(s):

Birth:

Christening: 15 OCT 1711 St Lawrence, Reading, Berkshire, England

Death:

Burial:

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### Parents:

Father: [CHARLES BONNEY](#)

Mother: [ELIZABETH](#)

**Reference:** D/P 97/28/11

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**Creation dates:** 1626-1870

**Extent and Form:** 1 bdl

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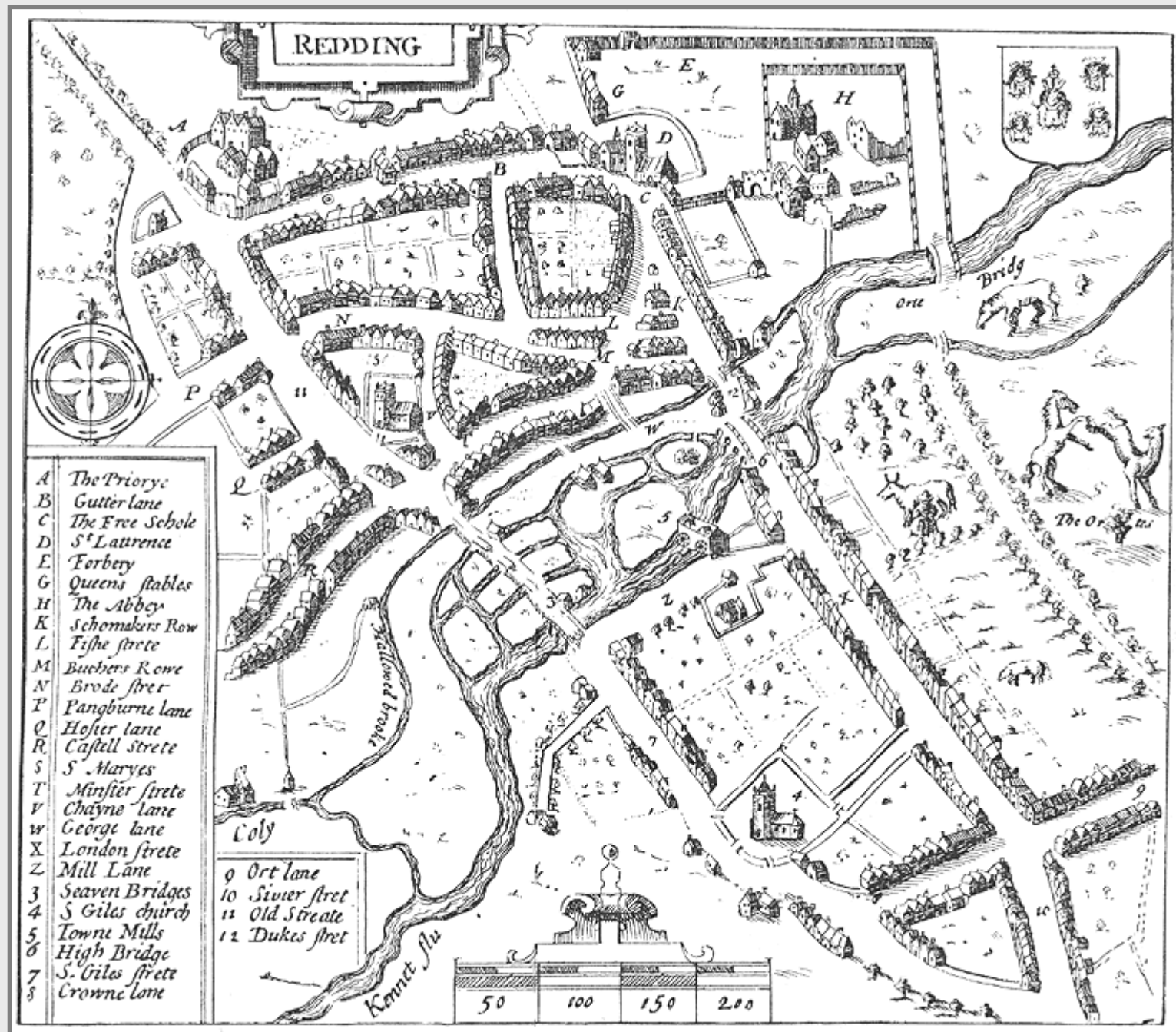
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**Rev Thomas Bonney,  
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Westminster 1764**

**Will of Charles Bonney  
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# Street Map of Reading









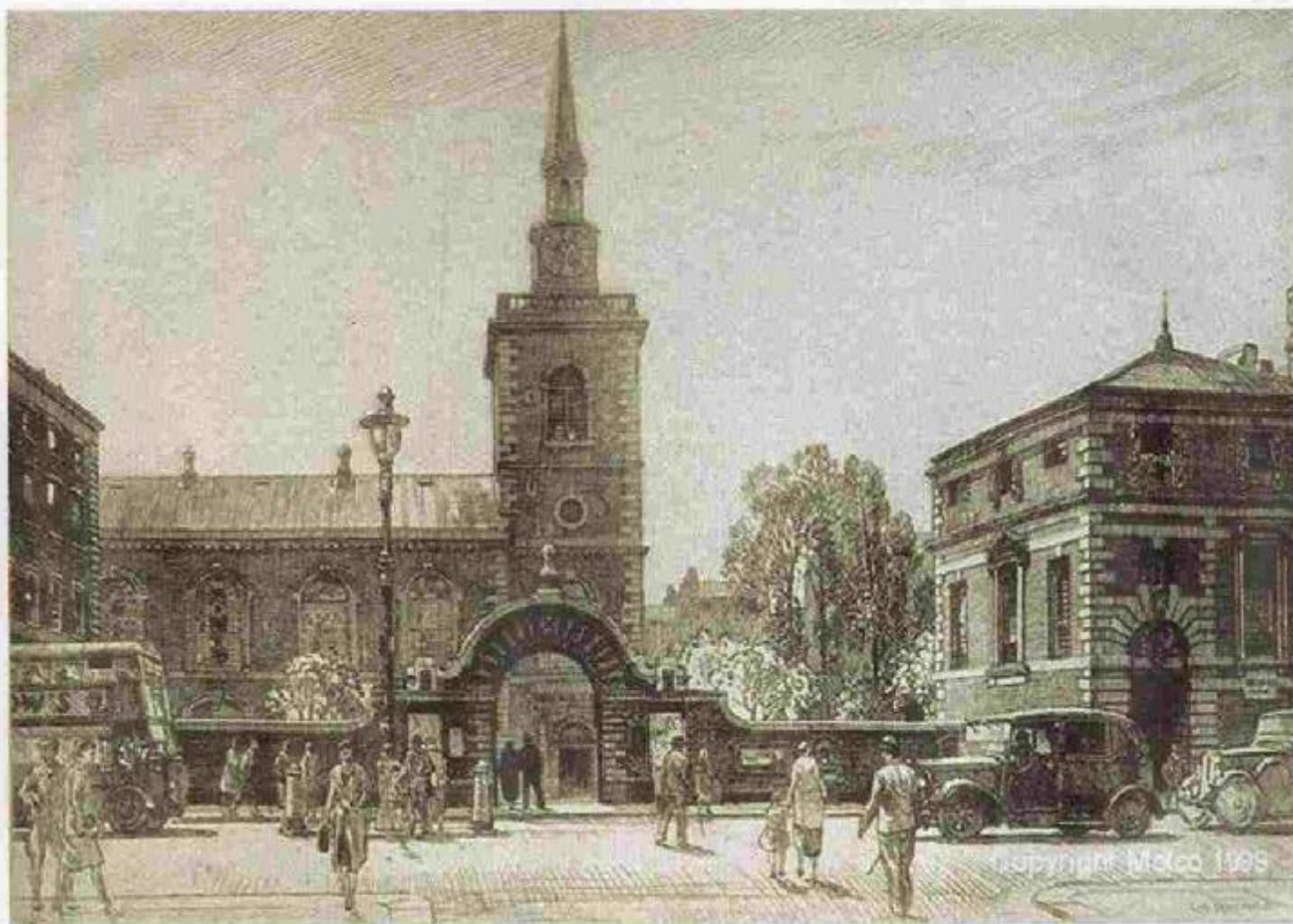



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Nassington, Northants, eldest son of 1, Thomas Key Bonney, St James Westminster, surgeon, 2nd son of 1.


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 [from Scope and Content] 1. Henry Bonney, King's Cliffe, Northants, Clerk


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**FILE** - Declaration of trust - ref. **E/NEV/023** - date: 1792

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## Estate Papers of The Bonney Family When They Were Resident In London





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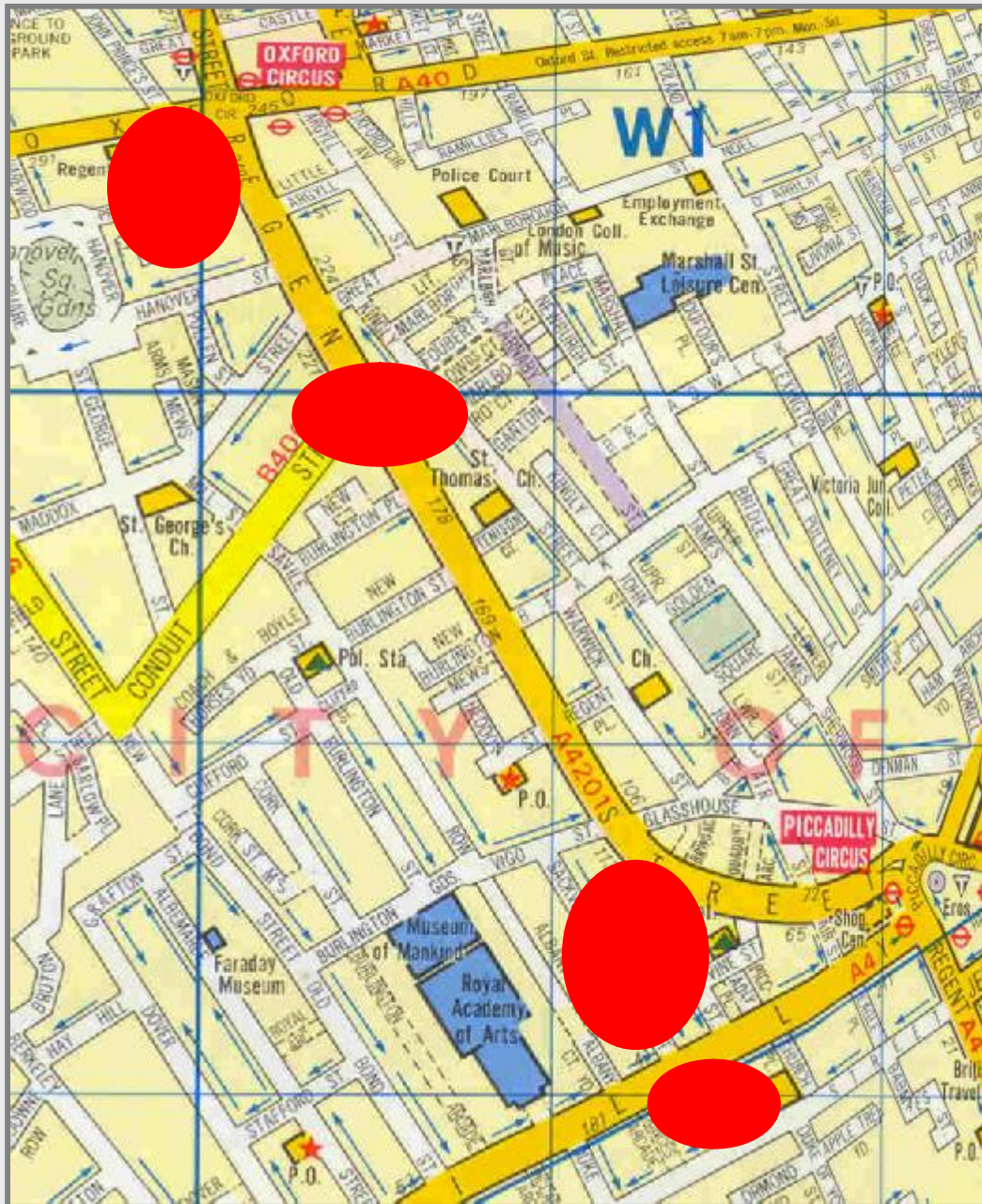
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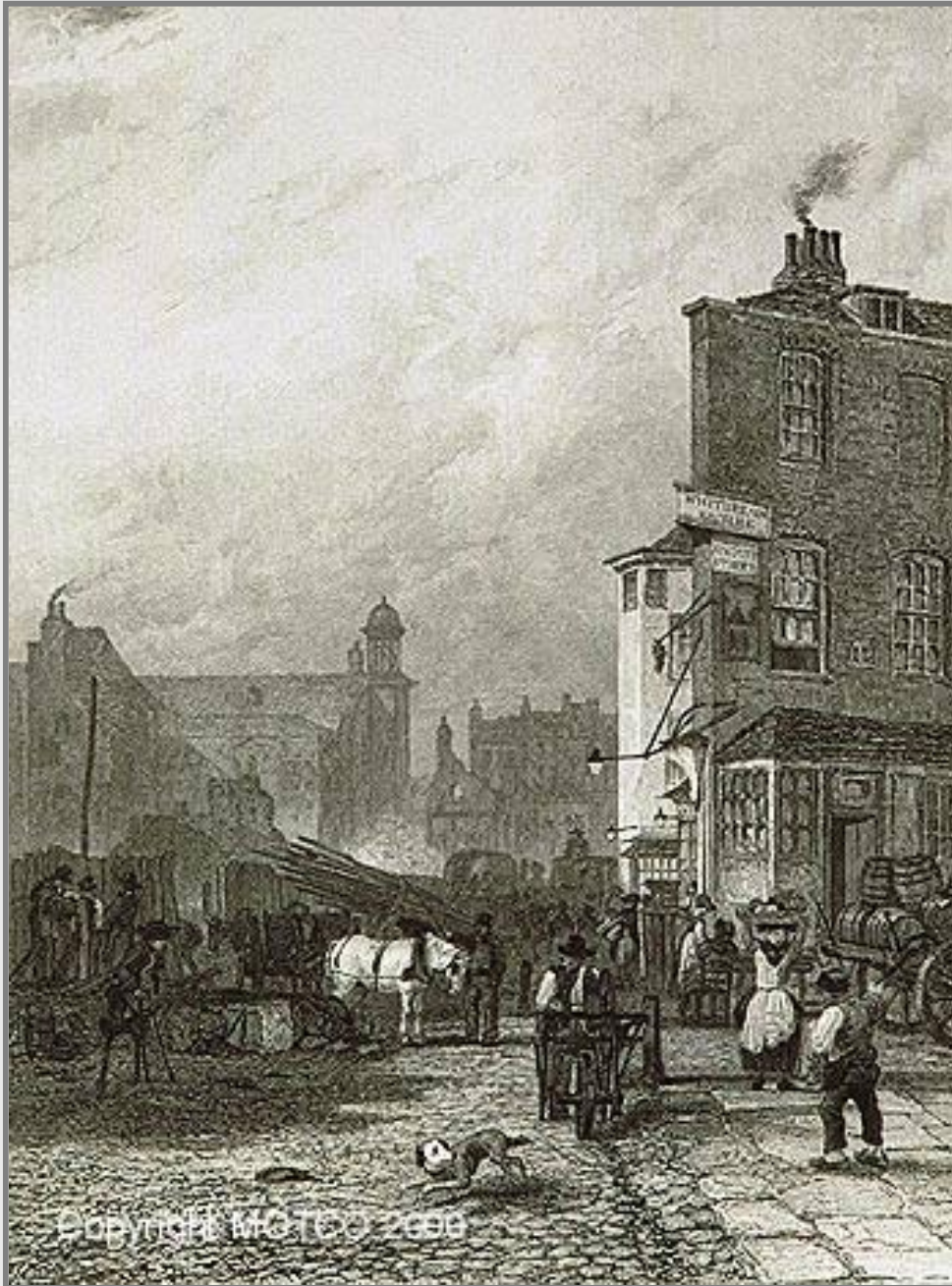


# St James Church And The Bonney Family Home In London

St James Church

Swallow Street

Family Home  
In King Street



## **Demolition Of Swallow Street In 1821**

**Prior To The  
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As Regent Street**

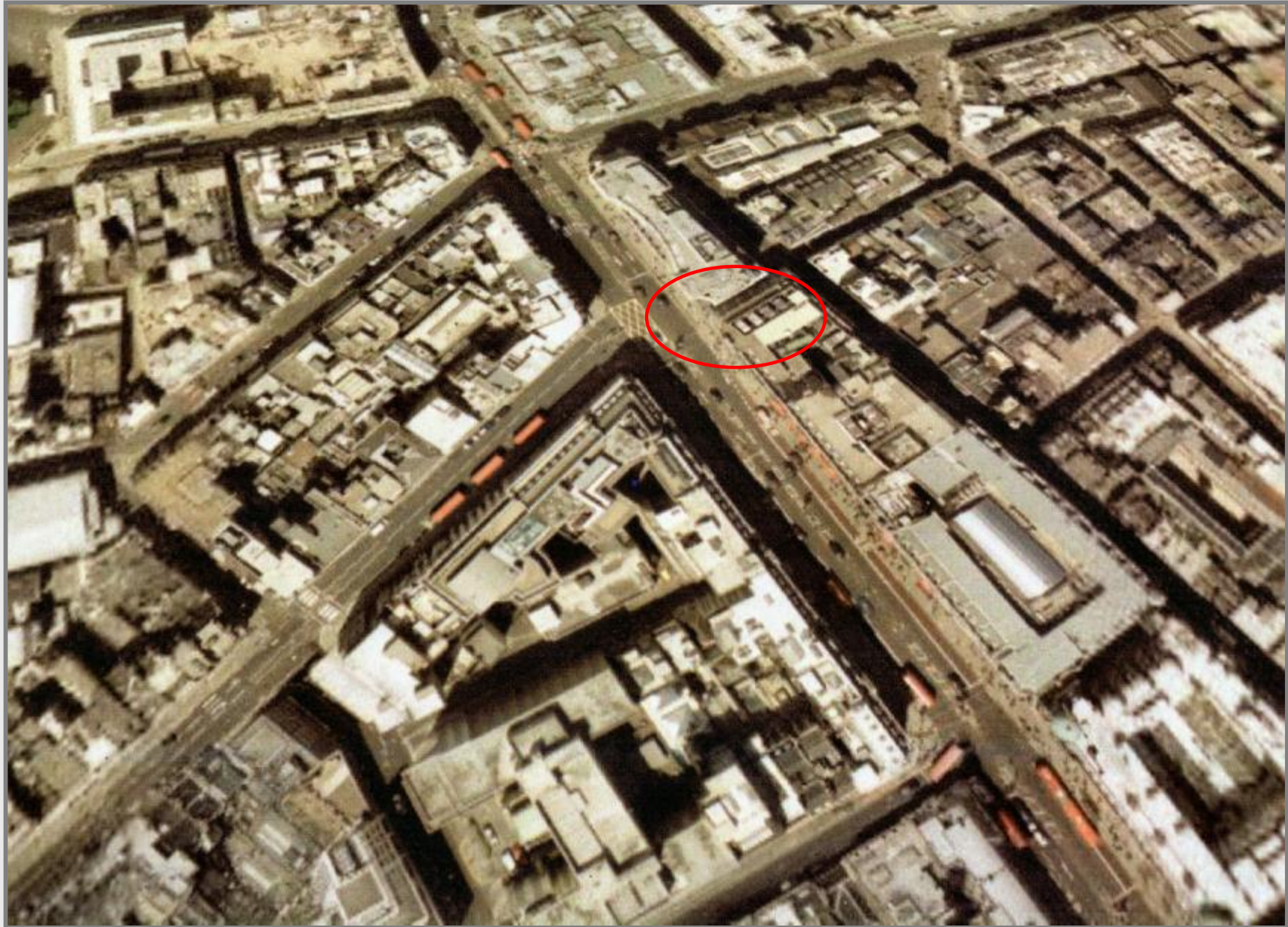


# The New Regent Street



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**4 Percy Street**

**Home Of  
John Augustus  
Bonney**



John Augustus Bonney, from a portrait by Henry Richter. Bonney's diary records that he sat for his portrait on 5 November 1794, in Newgate Prison.

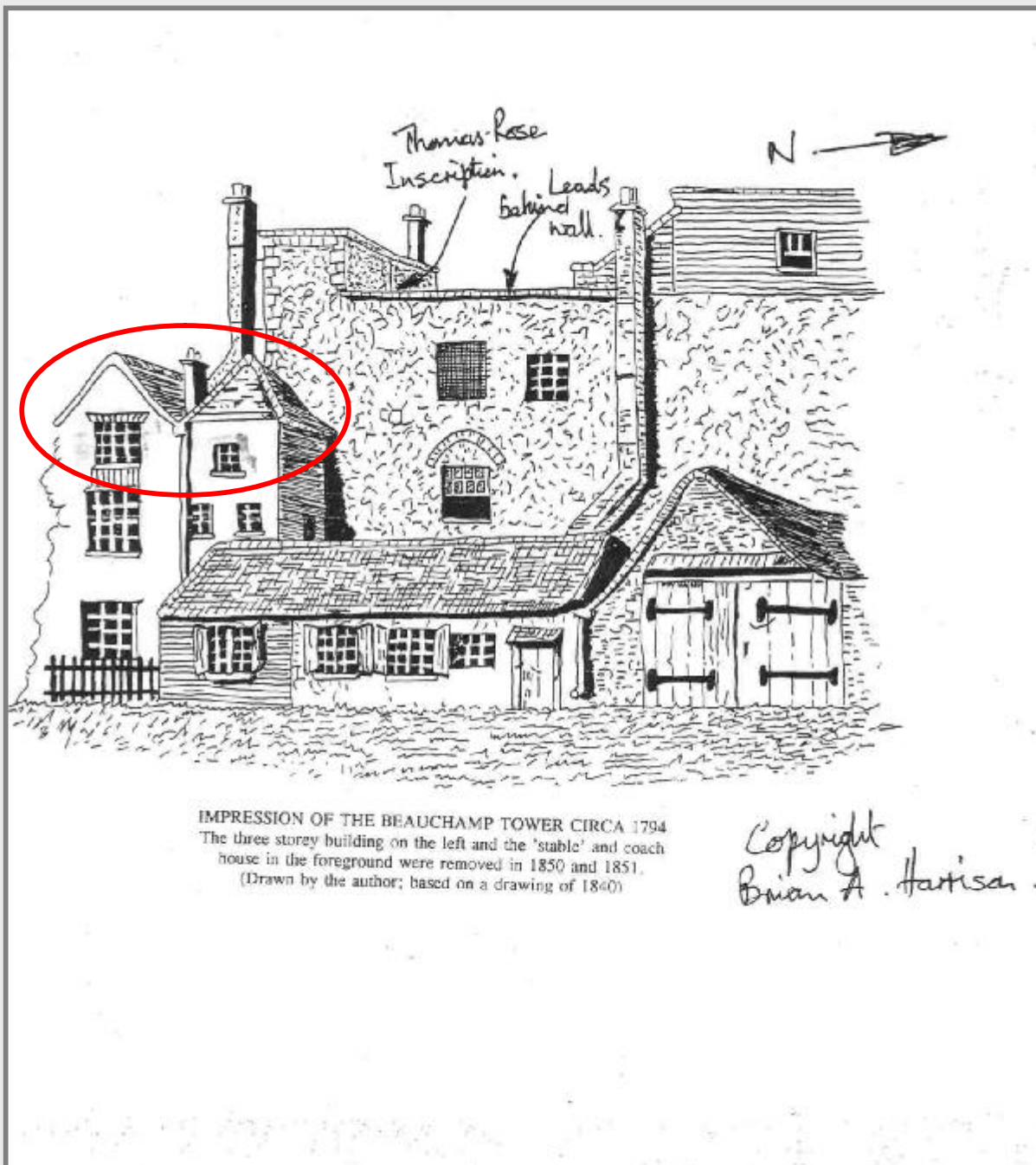
# Tower Of London



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**BONNEY, Victor**, M.S., M.D., B.Sc. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.), M.R.C.P. (Lond.); F.R.A.C.S. (Hon.); F.R.C.O.G. (Hon.); Consulting Gynaecological Surgeon Middlesex Hospital and late Surgeon to its military branch at Clacton-on-Sea, Eastern Command, 1914-18; Consulting Surgeon to the Chelsea Hospital for Women; Hon. Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology to the Army; late visiting Gynaecologist, British Post-graduate Medical School; late Gynaecological Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Hospital, and to Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital; late Surgeon County of London and Masonic War Hospitals and Member of Central Midwives Board; Hon. Fellow of American Gynaecological Society; s. of late Dr. W. A. Bonney, 100 Elm Park Gardens, S.W.; m. 1905, Annie, d. of late Dr. James Appleyard, J.P., Longford, Tasmania. *Educ.*: private school; St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Middlesex Hospital; Qualified, 1896; Resident Officership at the Middlesex Hospital; Chelsea Hospital for Women and Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, 1897-1901; Obstetric Tutor to Middlesex Hospital, 1903; late Emden Research Scholar and Mercers Prizeman at the Middlesex Hospital Cancer Research Institution; Hunterian Orator, Hunterian Professor and Bradshaw Lecturer, Royal College of Surgeons of England; and Examiner to the Conjoint Board of England, etc.; Member of Council and late Vice-Pres. of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. *Publications*: A Text-book of Gynaecological Surgery; Difficulties and Emergencies of Obstetric Practice; The Technical Minutiae of Extended Myomectomy and Ovarian Cystectomy, etc. *Address*: 149 Harley Street, W.1. *T.*: Welbeck, 4444; Seabournes, Fawley, Hereford. *T.*: Carey 17.

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**George Bonney**

Male

[Family](#)

### Event(s):

**Birth:** 08 FEB 1759 <Westminster, London, England>

**Christening:**

**Death:** 17 DEC 1826

**Burial:**

### Parents:

**Father:** [Thomas Bonney](#)

[Family](#)

**Mother:** [Grace Key](#)

### Marriages:

**Spouse:** [Susanna Knight](#)

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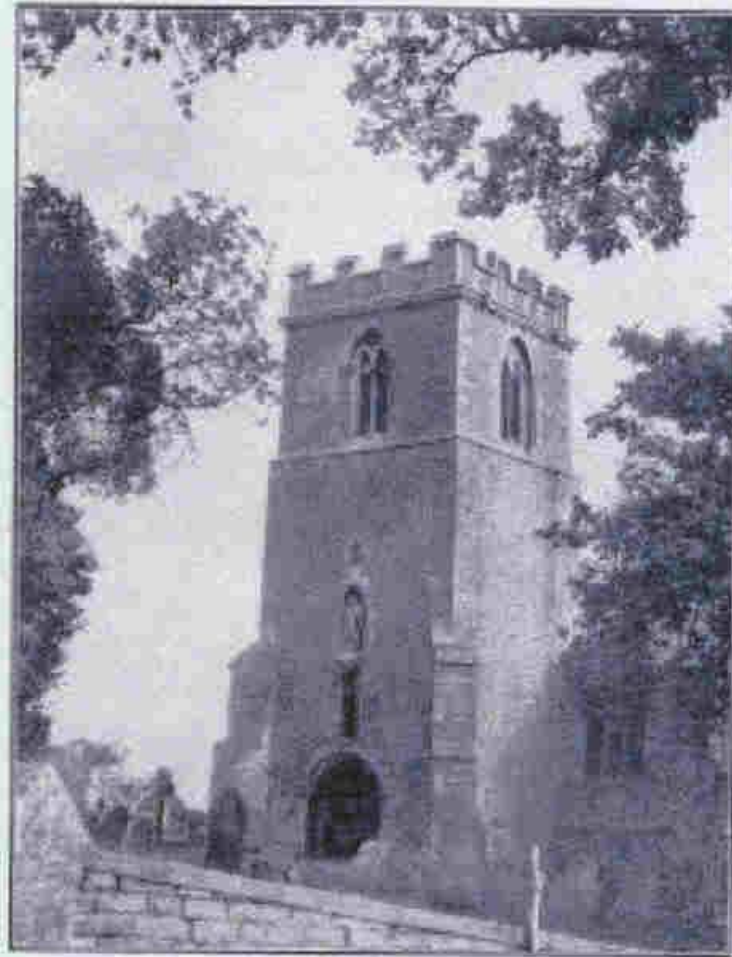
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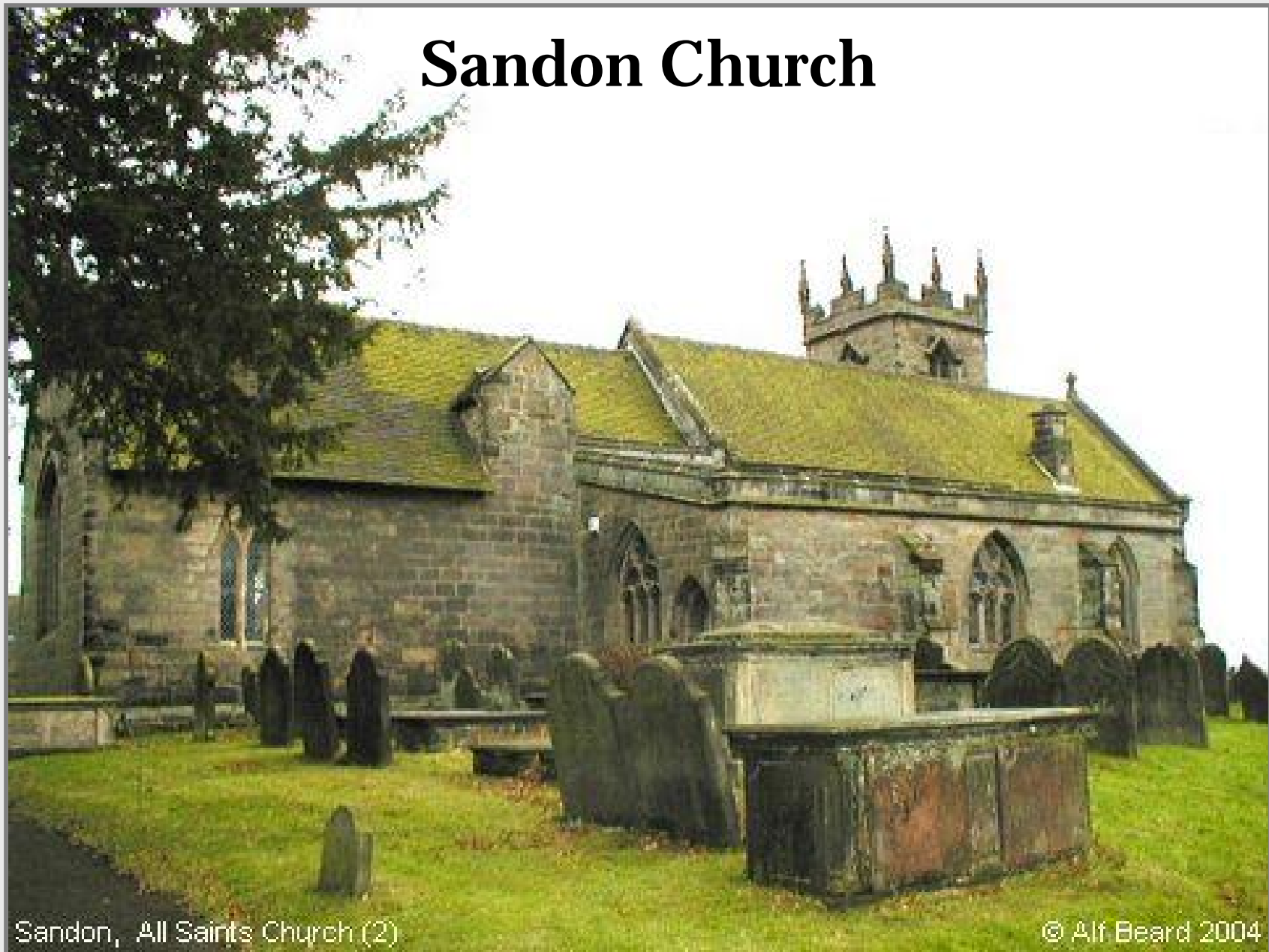


29th. October 1962



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH  
COTTERSTOCK  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

# Sandon Church



Sandon, All Saints Church (2)

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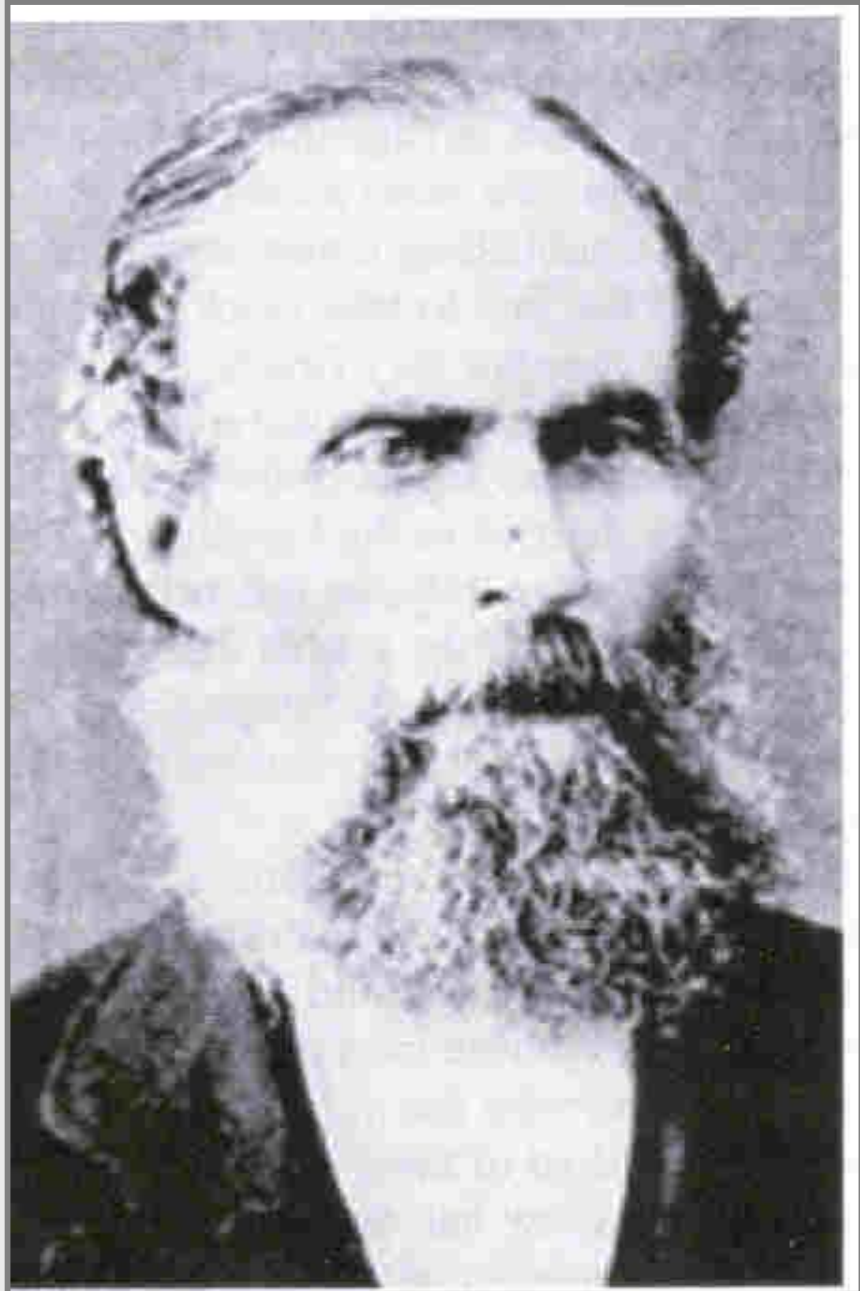


# Sandon Church



Sandon, All Saints Church (SE View)

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**Charles Bonney**

**Frederic's Uncle**

Bonney papers  
Autobiographical notes  
by Charles Bonney  
(Transcribed by M'Pres. Bonney, unknown relation)  
I was born on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 1813  
and lived for the first 12 years of  
my life at SANDON, a little village  
in the valley of the TRENT, of which  
my father, the Rev<sup>d</sup> George Bonney,  
was Vicar. My mother was the  
youngest daughter of the Rev John  
KNIGHT, vicar of the adjoining parish  
of MILLWICH. (SHEPHERD, 1812)

I was the youngest of the family  
and, living in a quiet village,  
four miles from our market town,  
I had no companions of my own  
age, and my childhood was spent  
in comparative solitude. The  
quietude of the village was only  
disturbed by the occasional  
passing of a stage coach or  
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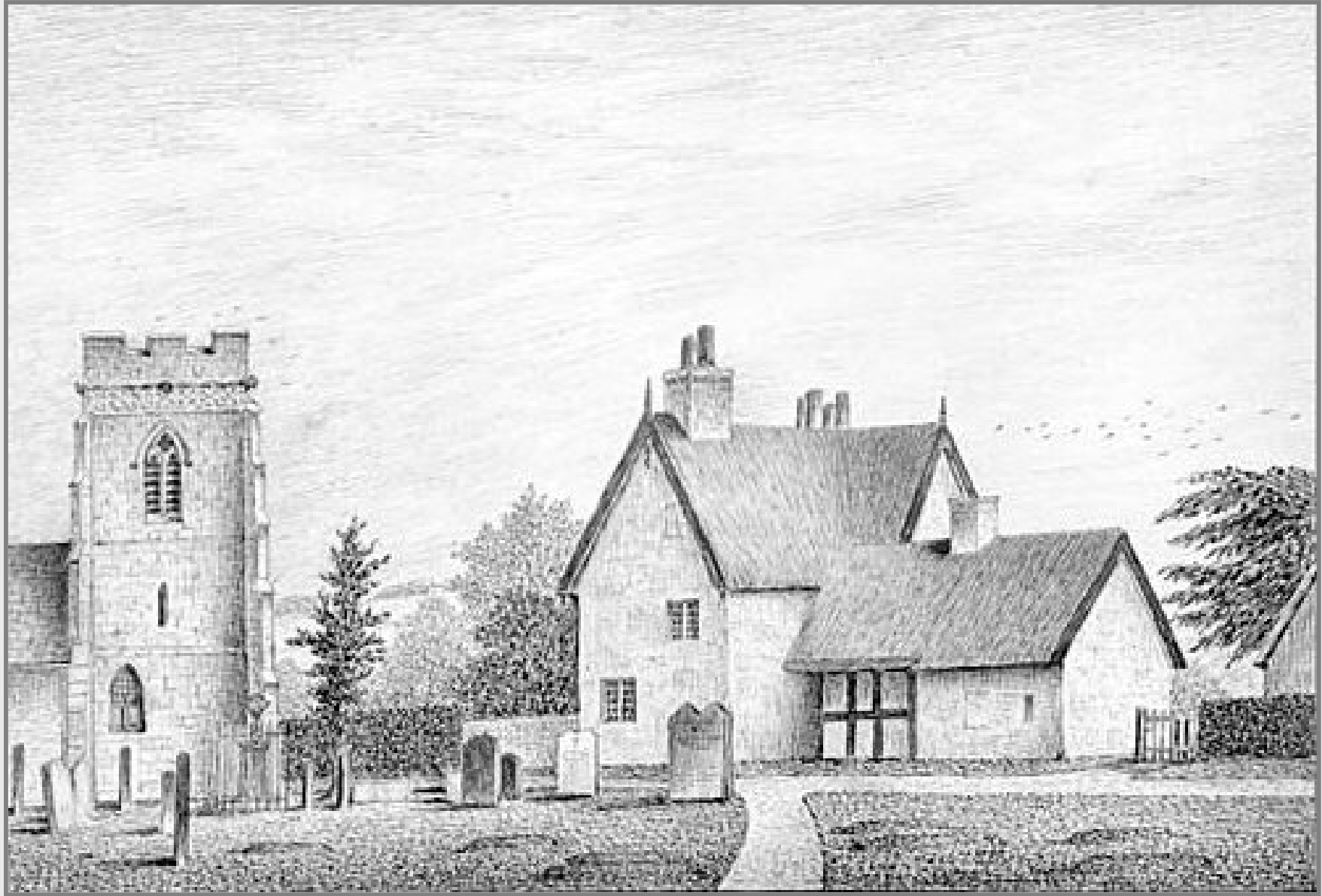
Of my father's family I know but  
little. His father was a clergyman  
in London. I do not know how  
many brothers & sisters he had -  
he was the youngest of the family  
and was the only one alive -

## Charles Bonney's Autobiography



# Sandon Church And Vicarage





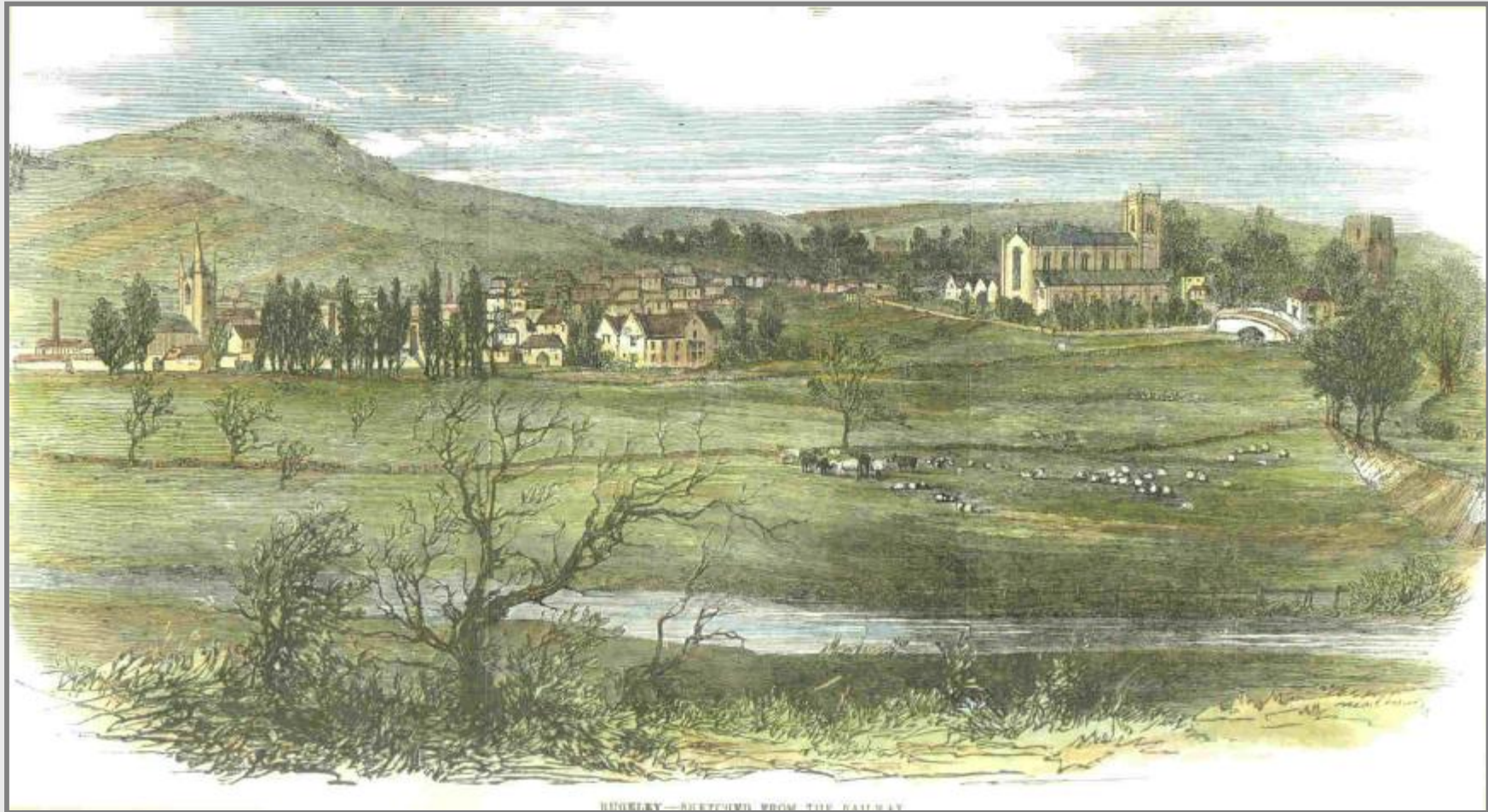
**Early Print Of The Vicarage And Church At Millwich**

Rugeley Grammar School Headmaster's House  
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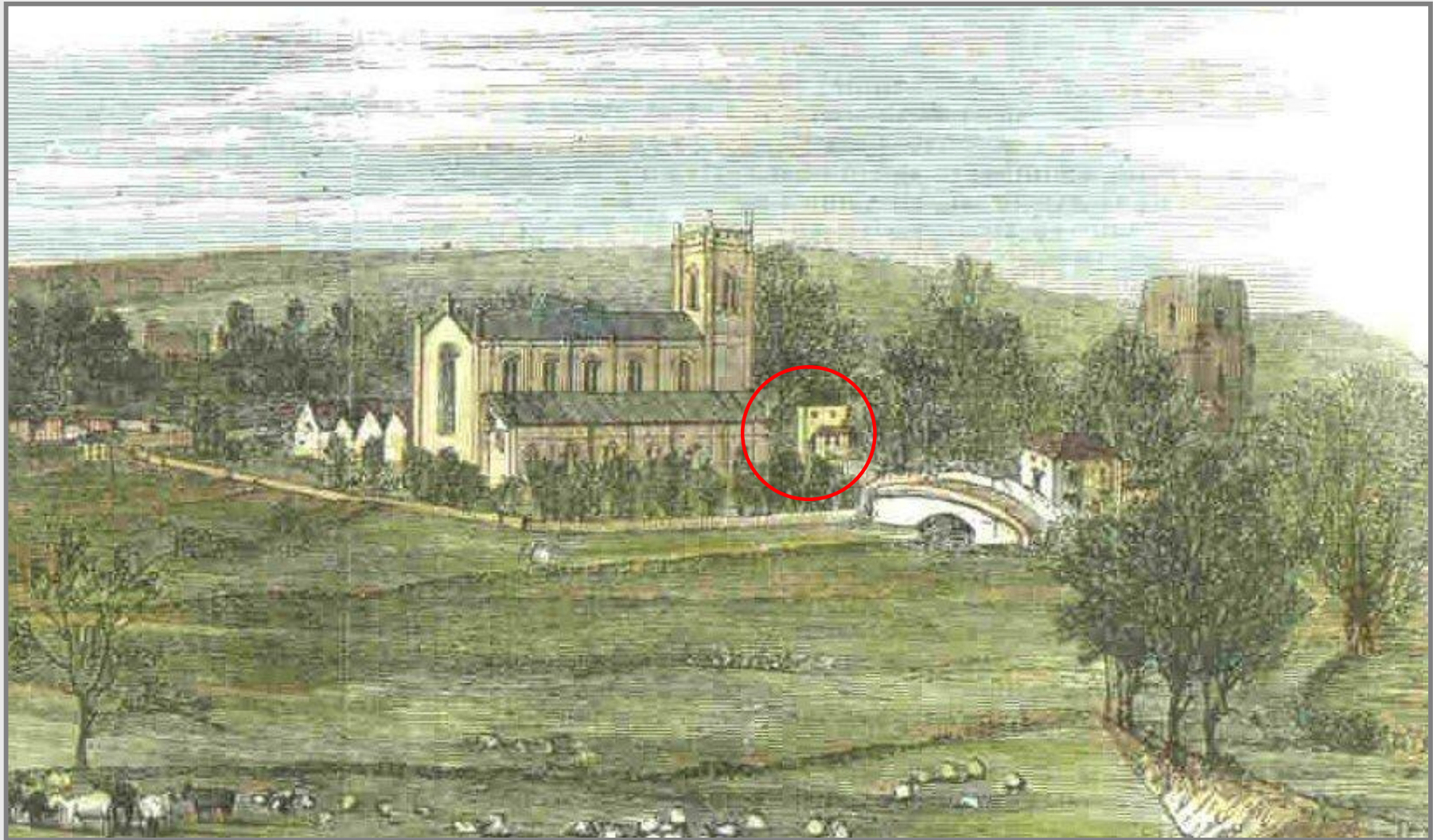
# Rugeley Viewed From Colton



RUGELEY—STAFFORD FROM THE RAILWAY



# St Augustin's Church Rugeley Showing The Bonney Family Home Opposite







## Wentworth - A Brief History

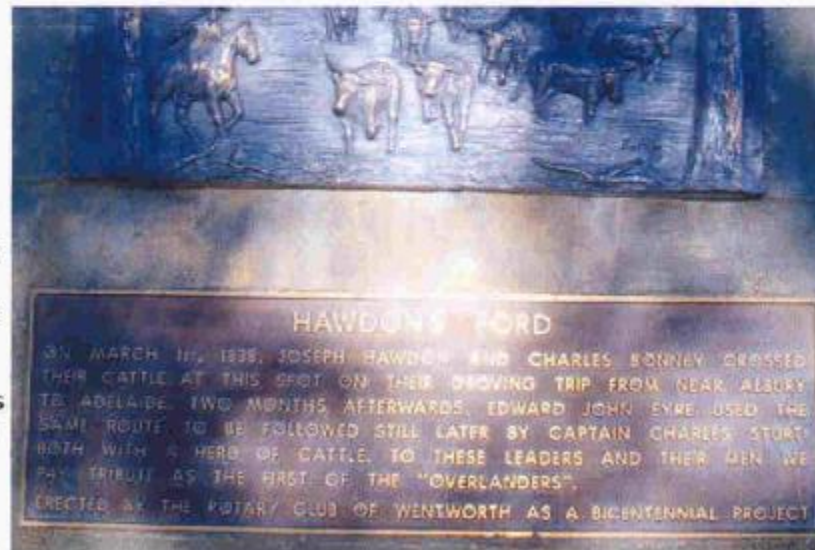


Wentworth in 1880

In 1829 exploration parties headed out west of Sydney towards the then unknown Murray and Darling rivers in an endeavour to discover an inland sea. Although no inland sea was found, Captain Charles Sturt, entered the headwaters of a wide river which he named the Darling. On his return to Sydney a Government conceived expedition then sent Sturt to trace the Murrumbidgee River. It was during this expedition that he entered a mighty river which he named the Murray. In 1830, while navigating the Murray, he came across a river junction which he was convinced was the Darling.

Joseph Hawdon and Charles Bonney drove cattle overland from New South Wales to Adelaide along the Murray and arrived at the Darling/Murray junction in 1838. Other overlanders followed the route, which became known as the Sydney/Adelaide 'highway', and the river junction spot became an established camp site known as Hawdon's Ford. The actual junction at the time was called "The Rinty". The settlement was later referred to as the "Darling Junction".

**Right: Plaque at the Junction marking the spot where Hawdon and Bonney crossed.**



# Charles Bonney's Home In Adelaide Australia





The family, it has always been believed, came  
over to England from France on the Ruination of  
the Edict of Nantes. The name is known in France.  
A Marquis of the name of Bonney is mentioned  
in one of D. D. Poyser's works

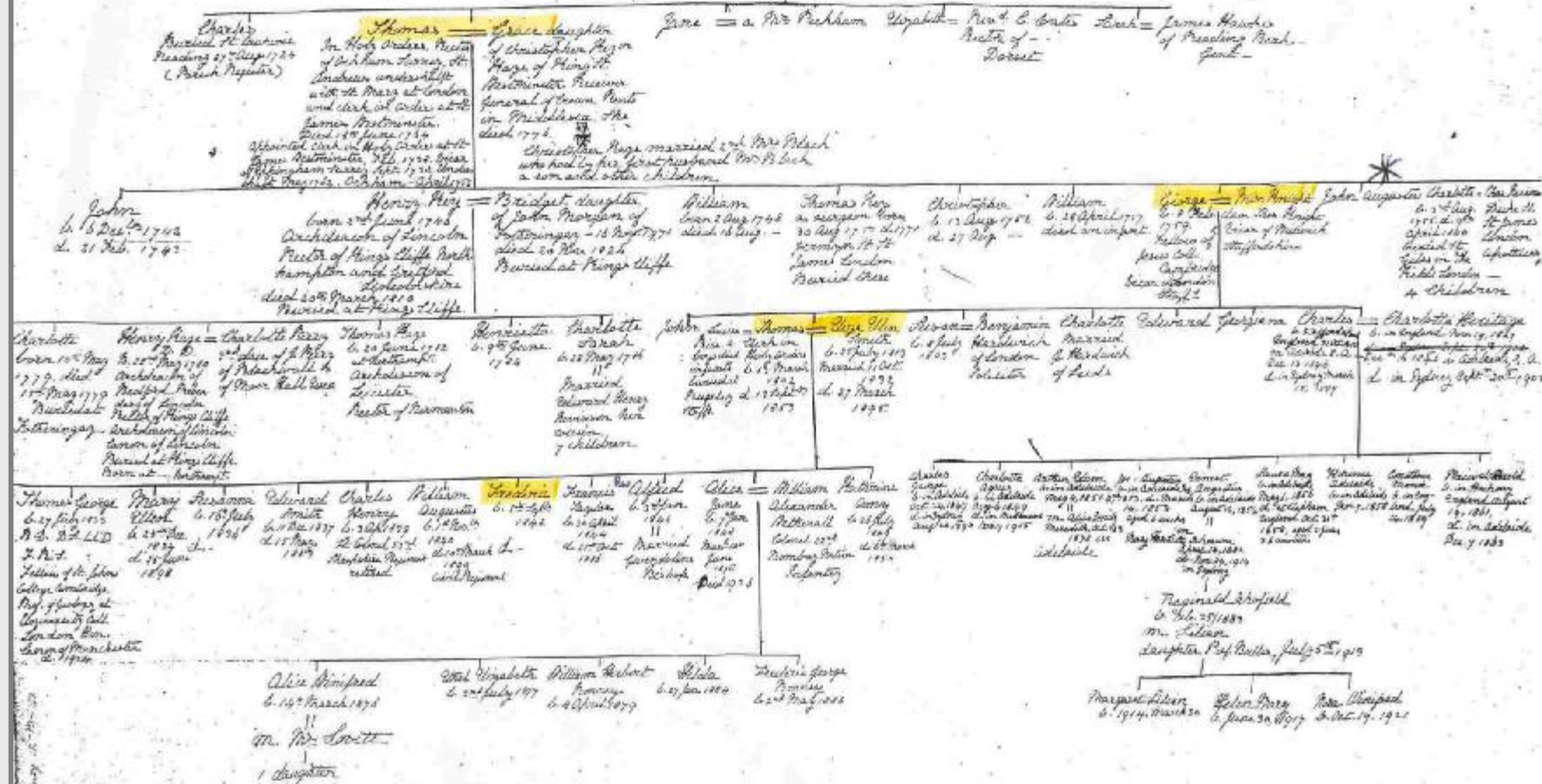
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Charles Bonney - Elizabeth Cunningham

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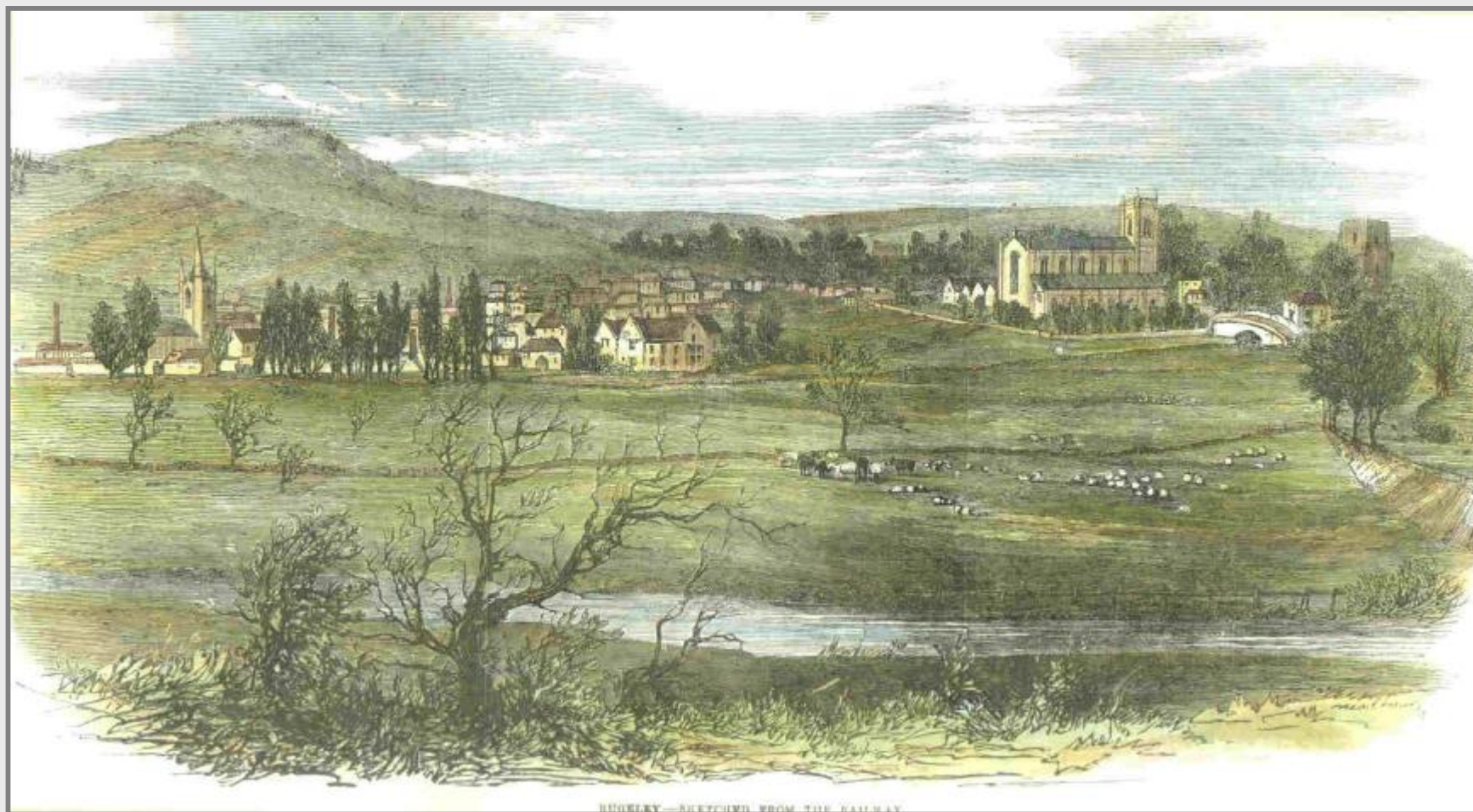






**Frederic Bonney**

**1842 ~ 1921**



HUGLEY—SKETCHED FROM THE RAILWAY



## Marlborough, Wiltshire



At the intersection of the A346 and the A4 lies the town of Marlborough, the gateway to the Avebury Region and beyond. It is an interesting market town with one of the widest High Streets in the country. It is the home of Marlborough College (see photo above), an attractive campus with several unusual features.



## **WILCANNIA**

**Wilcannia was a centre for outback trade. It was also the traditional home of an aboriginal tribe who were particularly resistive to European invasion of their lands - the Bagundji or Barkindji.**

**Paddle-steamers had reached Wilcannia in 1859, when it was still called Mount Murchison - for the name of a squatting station nearby. It was as close to that place as you could get on the Darling River. And it was at the junction of the Darling with that most magically named of all the outback rivers - the Paroo. Mount Murchison sheep station was run by Edward Smith Bonney, who was one of the more enlightened European settlers. The spot where the station's wool was transhipped from bullock wagons to the Darling River paddle-steamers became Wilcannia.**

## 1865 Frederic Bonney Arrives At Mount Murchinson



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Momba, near  
Wilcannia, River  
Darling, ca. 1870s [3]  
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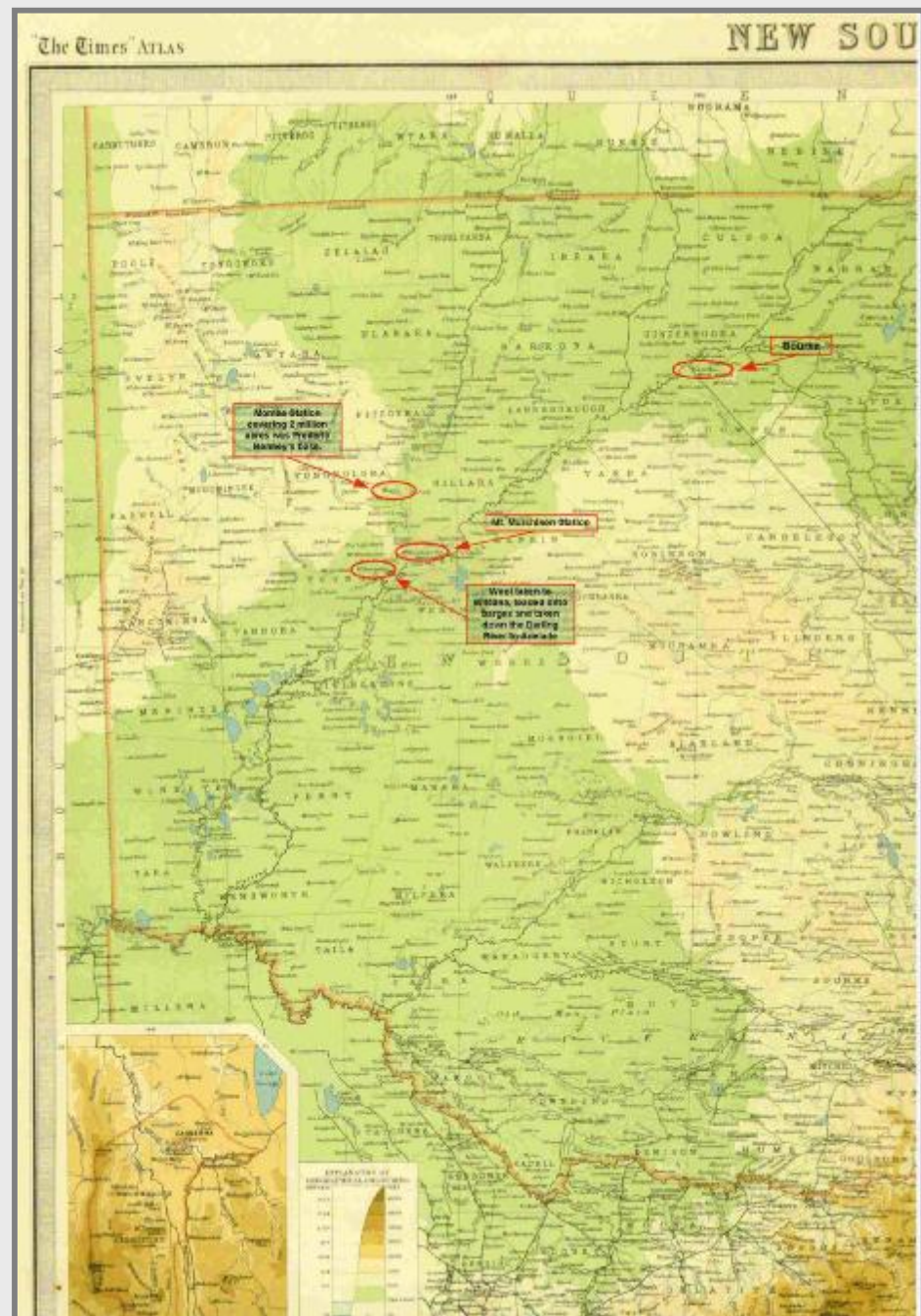
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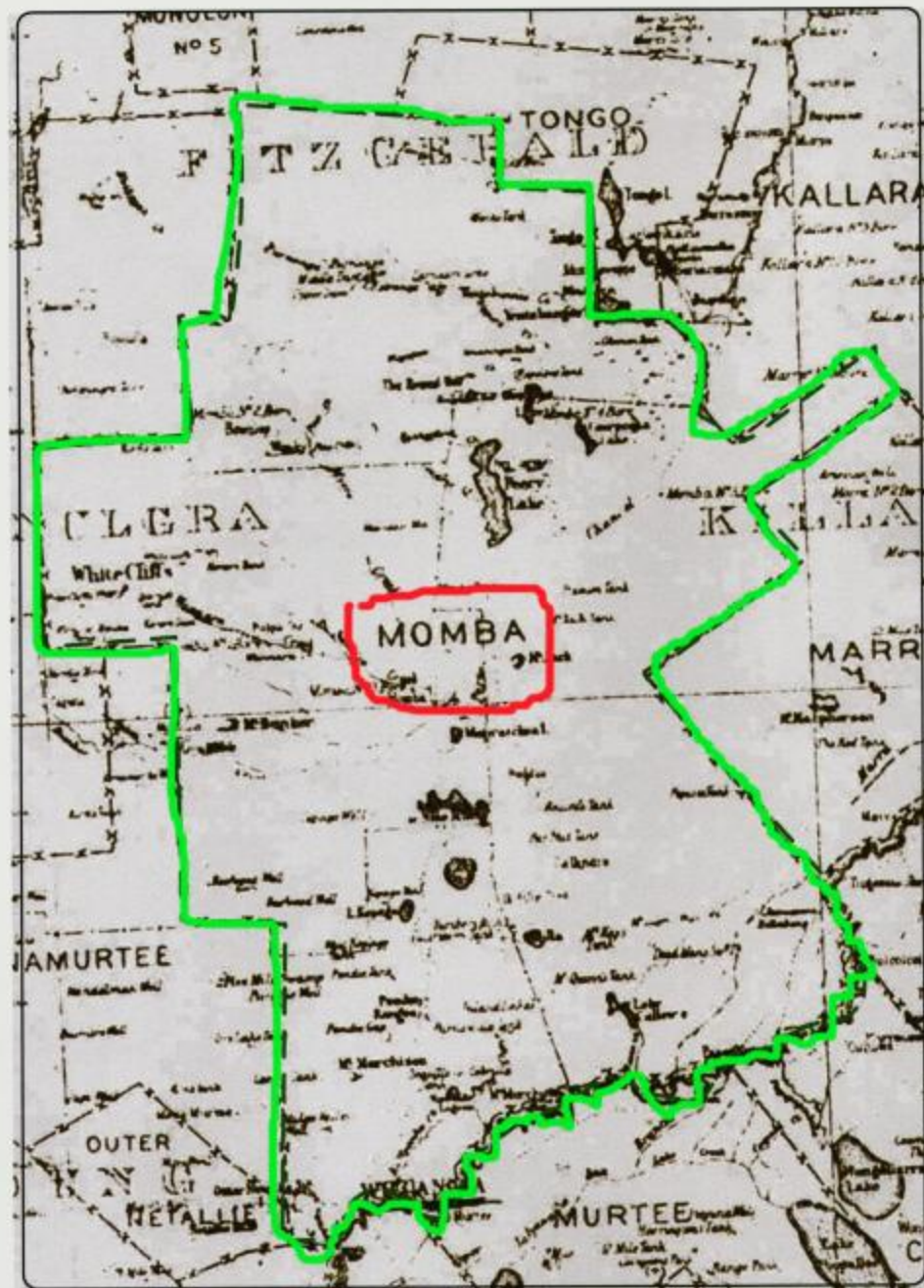
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## Momba Homestead With Frederic and Edward Smith Bonney In The Photograph























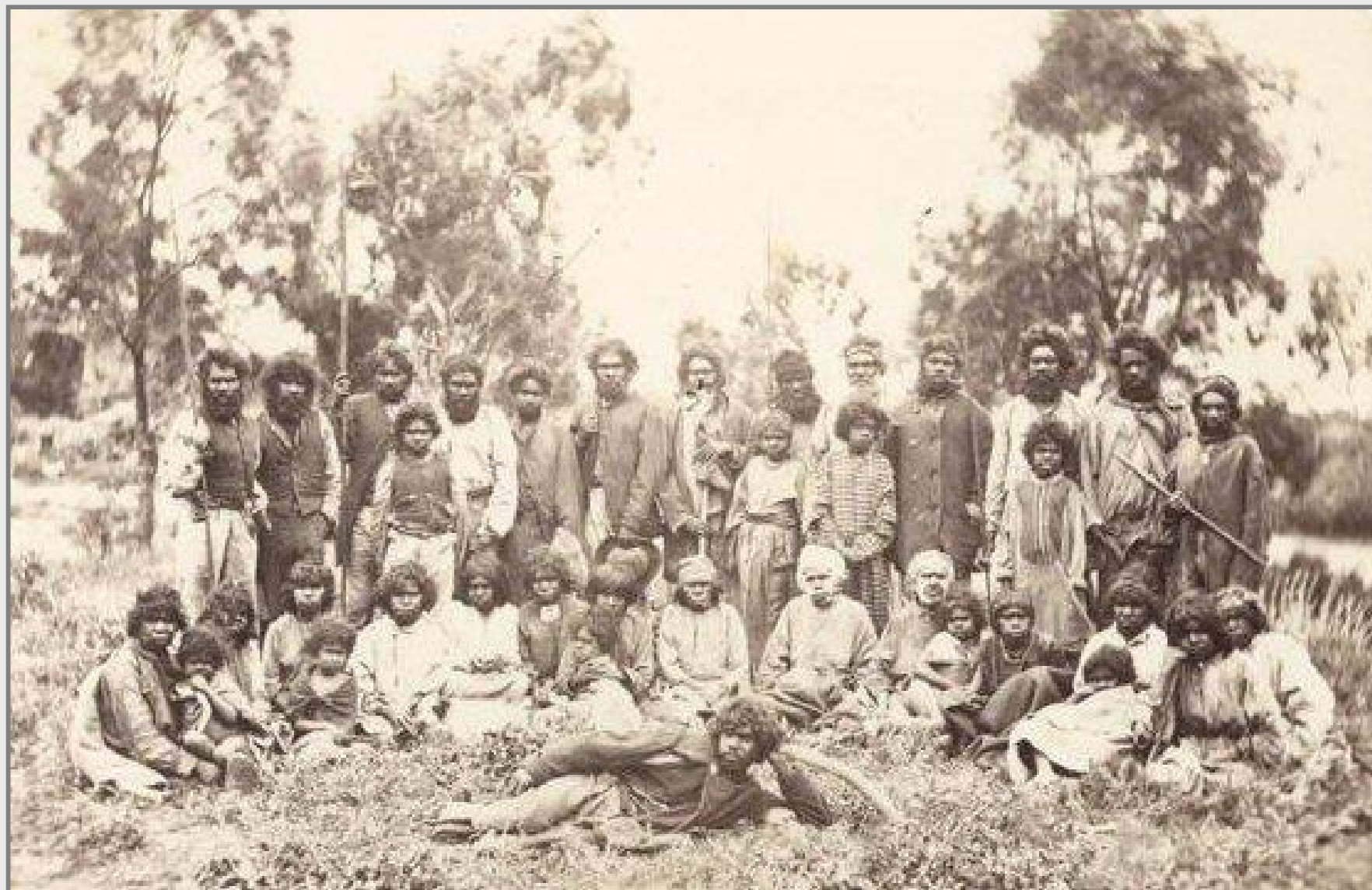




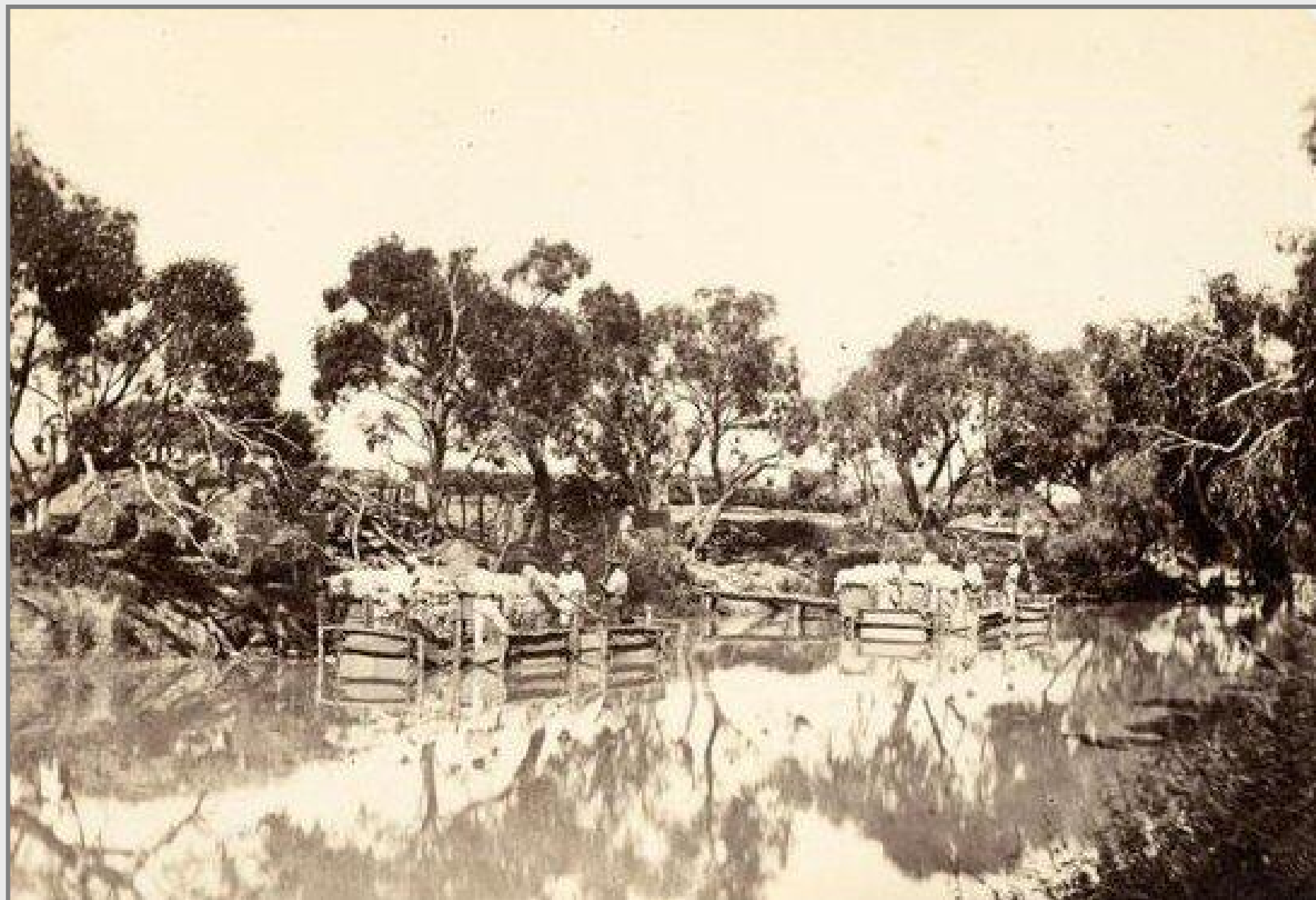


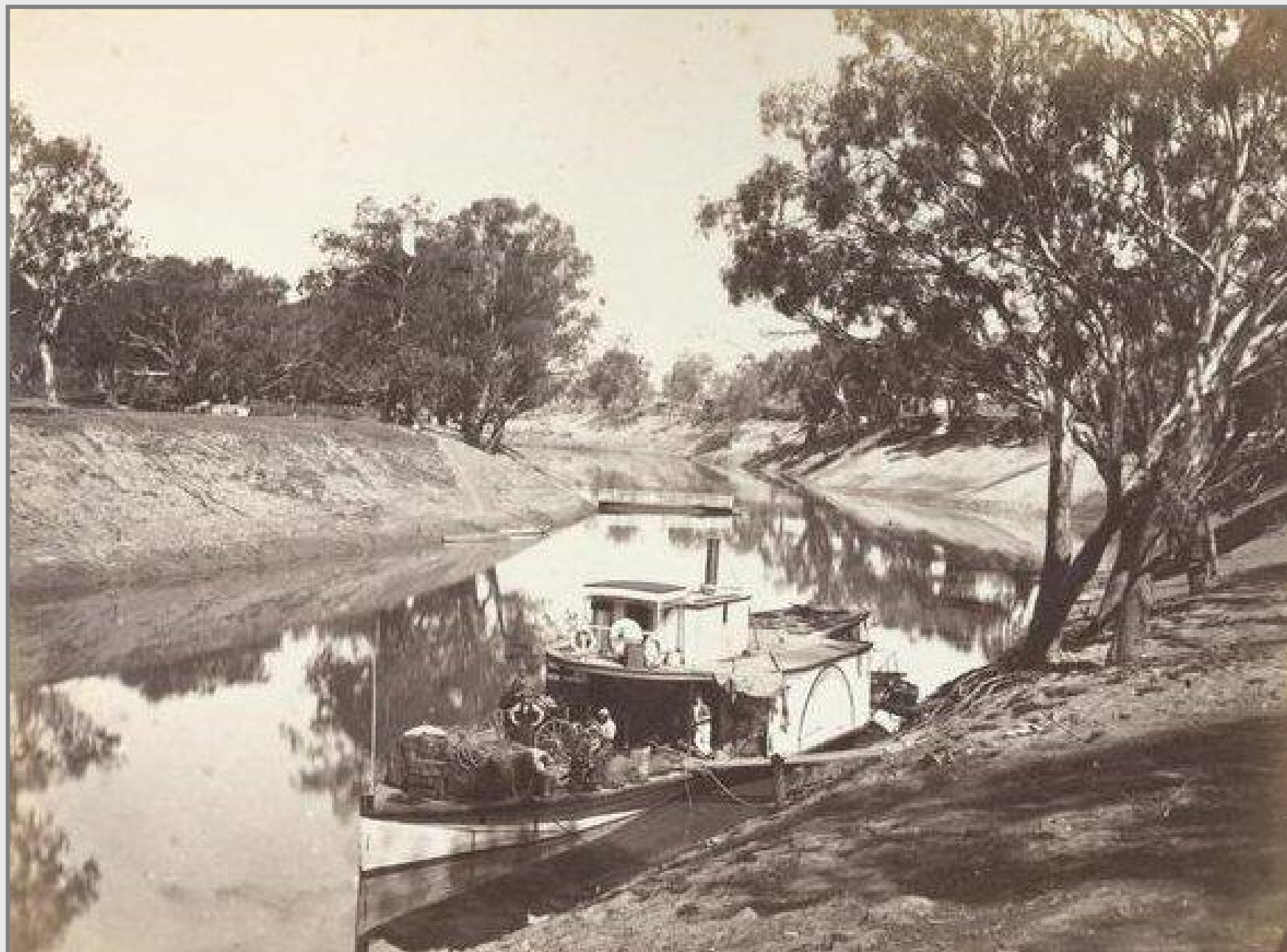


















Some Of Frederic's Australian Collection  
Displayed In The Hall Of Colton House



Colton House









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**FREDERIC BONNEY, ESQ., J.P., F.R.G.S.**



**Colton House, Rugeley.**



# May Day Celebrations















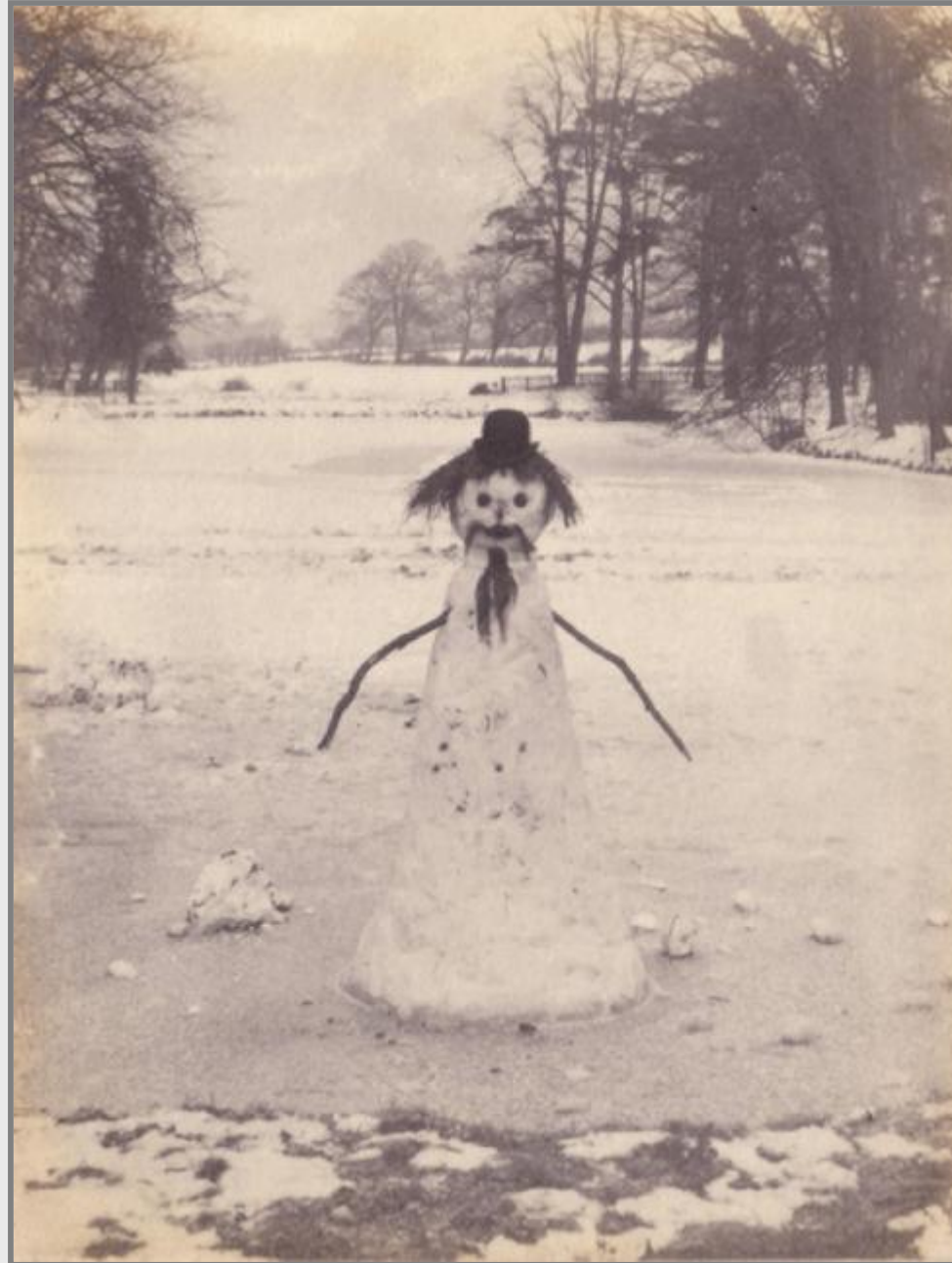












Rugeley People

BONNEY, Frederic  
1842-1921 (in 1915)



THE Flashback picture of Mr. Frederick Bonney of Colton, published a few months ago, prompted another reader, Mrs. Gladys Richards of 1, Bryans Lane, Rugeley, to send in her picture of him.

This was taken in 1915 when Mr. Bonney was living at The Hollies, Church Street. He entertained a few girls from the top class of the

Talbot Street school, who were accompanied by Miss A. K. Clayton, and the picture shows him with eight fan-tail pigeons in his garden.

The card was sent to Mrs. Richards, then Gladys Harvey, by Mr. Bonney as "a memento of the visit of the nature study group of St. Augustine's Girls' School on September 20, 1915."

The Rugeley Times, Saturday, August 16, 1969, p. 7

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Colln. Dwyer  
" Dupesley }





Miss Marshall  
(Teacher)

1. Alice Hyatt	2. Martha Overman	3. Regina Rowley	4. Walter Jarvis
5. Willie Hyatt	6. Reinald Day	7. Mary Deville	8. Albert Deville
9. Thomas Robson	10. Charlie Bule	11. Thomas Hart	12. Jack Worley
13. Gertrude Bayles	14. Alfred Meddings	15. Gaston Webster	16. Edith Mackintosh
17. Florence Rowley	18. Jessie Kaepe	19. Mrs. Drain	20. Phoebe McDowell
21. Rachel Whitehouse	22. Winifred Gale	23. Leonard Willis	24. Nellie Walker
25. Leona Parr	26. Mary Ann Hunt	27. Kate Conway	28. Ettie Tomlinson
29. Willie Kay	30. Edith Talbot	31. Barbara Nelson	32. Alice Cope
	33. Fannie Smith	34. Maria Robson	35. Anna Preston

List of Pupils of Miss Marshall -  
July 1895 - 1898 -









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Mr. W. GALLOWAY exhibited some bone implements and other objects found in a prehistoric shell-mound in the Island of Oransay; also a cranium and bones found in a Viking grave of the Norse pagan period at Kiloran Bay, Colonsay. These specimens were exhibited at the International Fisheries Exhibition.

The following paper was read by the author:—

On some CUSTOMS of the ABORIGINES of the RIVER DARLING, NEW SOUTH WALES. By FREDERIC BONNEY, Esq.

DURING my residence in a large area of country on the northern side of the river Darling, between the years 1865 and 1880, I had, as one of the early European settlers, the opportunity of knowing the aborigines in that district, before they were spoilt by civilisation. Employed by me as shepherds, and in other occupations, on a large sheep and cattle run, they were generally my companions in work during the first few years of my bush life, and over many a camp fire I have learnt much of their character and habits. The tribes that I know best are those called Bungyarlee and Parkungi, the former living about the creeks north of Mount Murchison; the latter by the river Darling above and below Wilcannia. They speak the one language called Weynebulckoo, which is also spoken by the adjoining tribes called—

Baroongee, of the Lower Paroo River.  
 Mullia-arpa, of Yencanyah district.

Wombungee, of Fort Bourke district, on the Upper Darling.

Bo-arlee, of the Barrier Ranges.

Tung-arlee, of the Lower Darling.

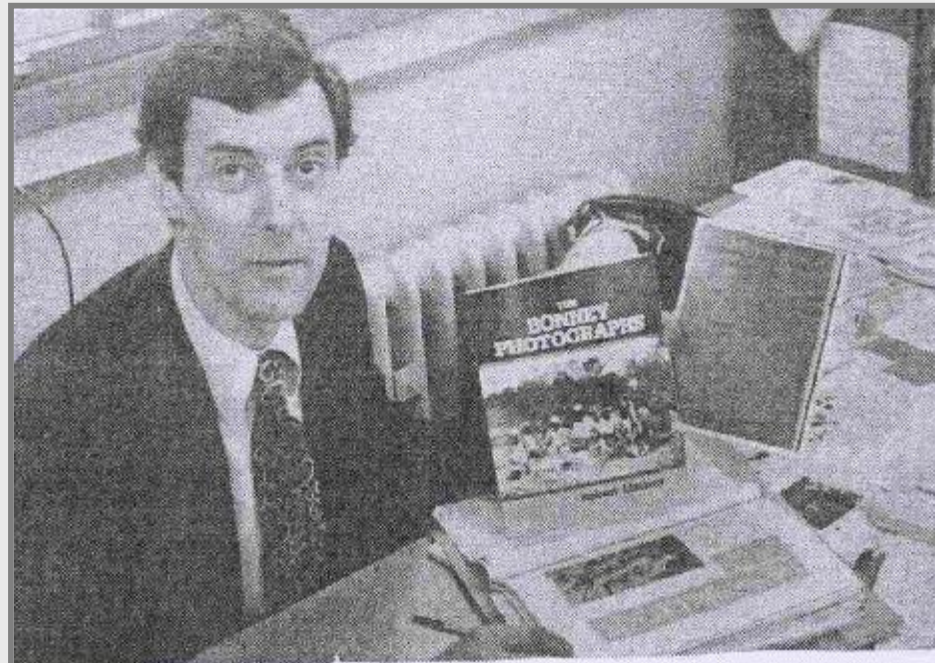
The territory of these tribes lies within lat. 29°–34°, long. 141°–146°.

As a rough estimate of the aboriginal population of this territory when Europeans first settled in it, I may say I do not think it would average more than about 100 on an area of 2,000 square miles in any part of the territory. The country, in its natural state, could not support a large population, being subject to protracted droughts, during which both food and water must have been scarce. During my fifteen years' experience there were three severe droughts, varying in duration from eighteen to twenty-two months. At such times the little rain that fell on the dry and parched ground was insufficient to replenish the water-holes, or soak the ground enough to promote a growth of vegetation. But it appears, from what some of the old natives have told me, that Europeans have not experienced the worst that the country is liable to, for they say that they once saw it in a drier state than it has been since the settlers came, and there has been stock on the country as a drain on the water supply. On that occasion their only water supply was at the few springs in the back country and at the rivers. All surface water-holes were dry; some of which would, I know, stand through a two years' drought with stock drinking at them. They camped at the springs or the rivers, existing on the half-starved animals, which were forced to drink from the same supply, and in consequence of their weak condition were killed without much difficulty. In a drought there is neither grass nor herbage in the neighbourhood of water, and the desert-like appearance of the surrounding brick-red sandhills and grey-coloured clay flats is relieved only by sundry hardy bushes and small trees, which somehow hold up against the extreme dryness and hot winds. These long droughts are generally broken suddenly by a fall of 2 or 3 inches of rain, followed by lighter rains, which rapidly improve the appearance of the country; grass and herbage become abundant, and waterfowl return in large numbers to the creeks, and the aborigines gladly avail themselves of the opportunity of moving on to fresh hunting grounds, which they can only reach when surface water is plentiful.

About the year 1850 an epidemic attacked the Bungyarlee and Parkungi tribes, killing about one-third of them. I have been told by some of those who escaped that it came upon them while the country was in fair condition, and there was ample

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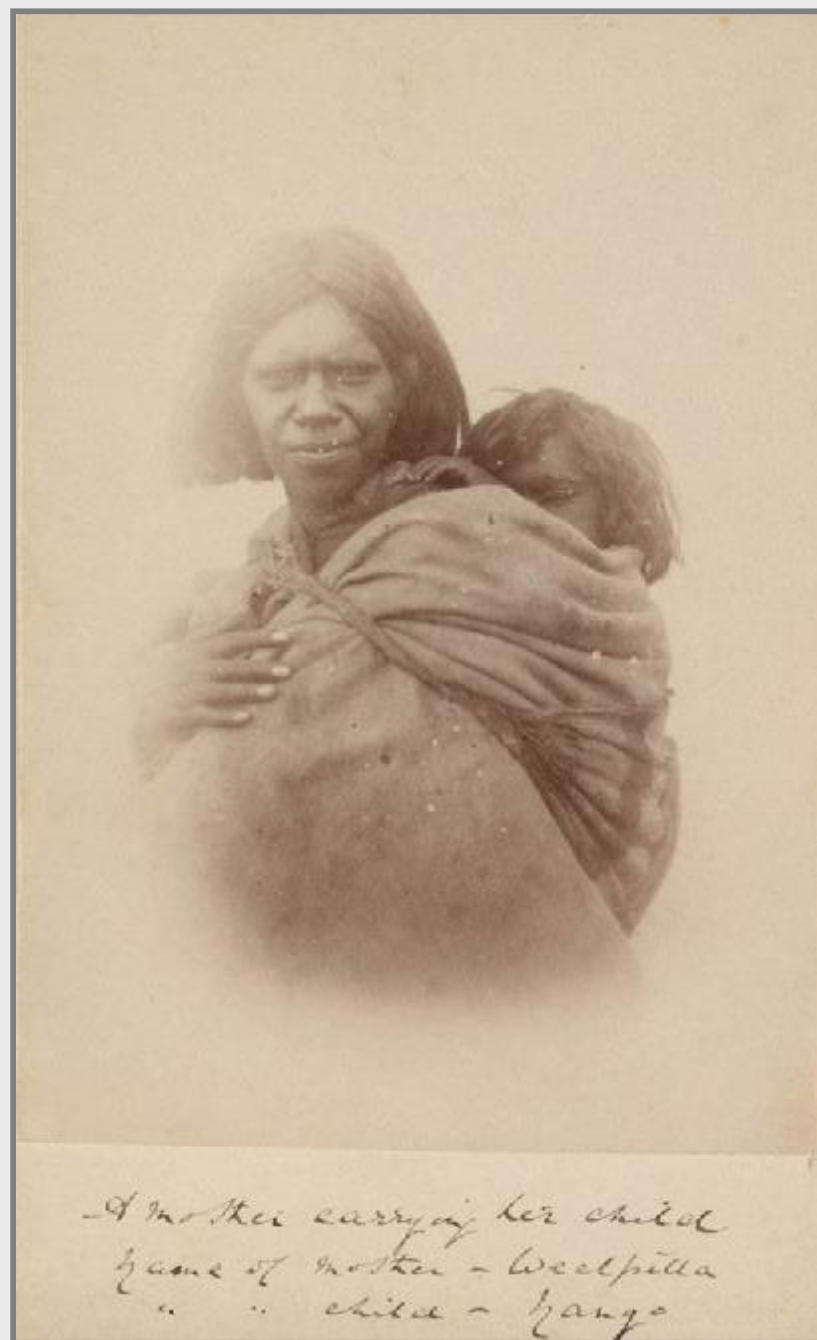
## Natives' help from librarian

A STAFFORDSHIRE librarian has collated information which will enable Aborigines in the Australian bush to learn about their culture and the recording of it.

Rugeley reference librarian Don Brown, pictured above, has helped compile a book about Frederic Bonney, from Rugeley, who studied the Aborigines' way of life in the 19th century.

Bonney, an anthropologist and photographer, was the son of a Rugeley Grammar School headmaster. He went Down Under to work on a sheep ranch and became fascinated by the Aborigines.





A mother carrying her child  
Name of mother - Weelpilla  
" " child - hango





Here are the people who lived at Momba station a hundred years ago. Momba is on the Paroo River, but a hundred years ago it was a huge property stretching to the Darling River. These people are Paakantji people.

The young man who is lying down in front of the group is holding a boomerang. Other men are holding spears and clubs. Some of the people are wearing necklaces.

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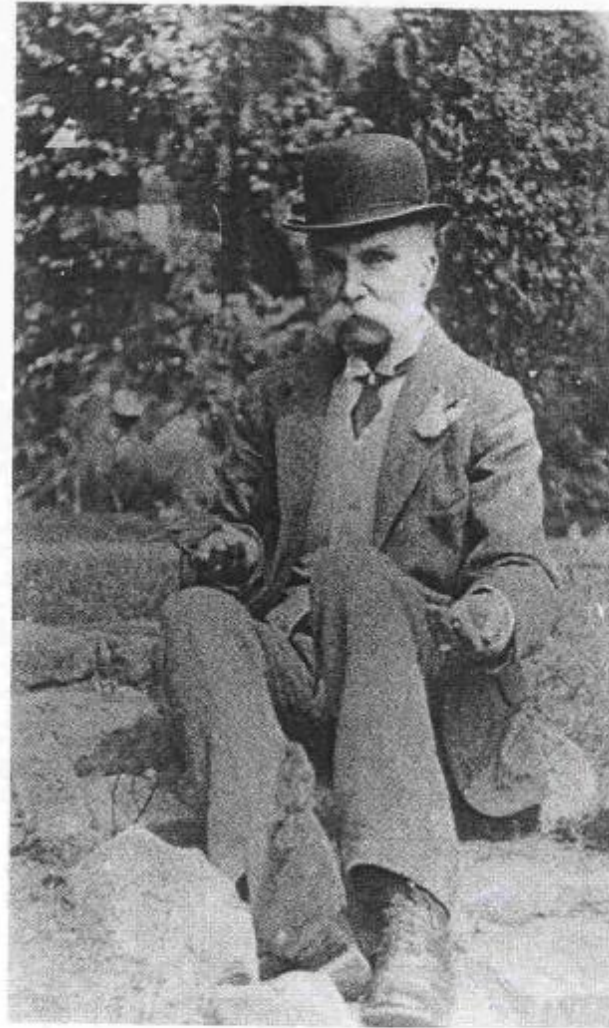


In the 1880's, Frederic Bonney went back to Rugeley, Staffordshire, in England, where he spent the rest of his life. Here we see him in his garden in about 1917, when he was 75, with two wild robins that he had tamed. One is on his right hand, and the other on his right boot. He was able to tame the birds, because he always carried bird-seed around in his pocket. He did not stop photographing: many of his later photos are of scenes of village life in Rugeley.

Bonney beautified his house in Rugeley by making "wild" gardens, where animals and birds could wander free. He became a popular member of the community, a church-warden and justice of the peace.

Moreover, Alfred Williams, writing *Sketches in and around Lichfield and Rugeley* in 1892, says, "Mr Bonney's Australian experience has borne fruit, the enjoyment of which he is always ready to share with his friends and neighbours. His shows of pictures and photographs is unique, so far as they relate to Aboriginal life and adventure, and he is never weary of exhibiting the same and recounting facts and stories connected with each, replete with interest."

Fred Bonney is buried in Rugeley cemetery, near the ruins of the old church of St. Augustine, built before 1189. His gravestone bears the inscription: "Traveller and tourer abroad. A worker for others at home."



(Photo donated to Rugeley Library by Mr S. Burden. Copy by Mr J. Godwin).

# Frederic Bonney

- His legacy
- Set of 100+ Early Australian Photographs 1865-1881 Showing Farm Life in the Outback and the Aboriginal People Who Shared it with Him
- 400Pages of Notes and Letters 1865-1915
- A Research Paper on the Aboriginal Customs
- Inspiration for a School History Book on the Aboriginal People He Employed and Befriended in N.S.Wales
- A Large, Rare and Varied Collection of Colton Photographs Showing the Village and It's Social Life in the Last Two Decades of Queen Victoria's Reign
- A few Photographs of Himself during the Last 20 Years of His Life - Enjoying his Garden Hobbies at "The Hollies", Church Street, Rugeley

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