

**Family of
Edward Bonham
At
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Dedication

Since I have been doing the research I have wondered how different our lives might have been if our ancestors had not chosen the directions that they did. These directions have made us who we are, and landed us in so many different places.

I wonder at the courage of our ancestors - getting on those ships and sailing to far flung foreign lands, with little or no hope of returning to see their families again. How brave they must have been, or perhaps they were just desperate.

We cannot forget those who stayed at home and kept the home fires burning and gave our intrepid travellers a point of reference.

Whether they stayed in places old or travelled to places new, and whatever the reason for their remaining in, or departing from those homelands, we should continue to thank them for being our parents, grandparents and great grandparents and for helping to make us who we are today.

With this in mind, this book is

For my children and grandchildren
and broader family
so they know all where we came from.
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Introduction

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Thank You

I would like to thank all the members of the family who have continued to supply me with information. There are too many to name, but you know who you are. Without that information, this book would not exist.

Special thanks go to my late aunts, Pax Towt (Blackwell) and Eve Johnson (Blackwell) and my mother Nancye Blackwell, without whose collaboration, enthusiasm, encouragement and advice, I may never have continued with this research.

My research is also interlinked with many other researchers whose families are linked to our own. Thank you to those people who have carried out research into these other family branches. Please see the bibliography and sources at the back of this book for this information. (As a paper saving measure I sometimes omit this information, but it can be supplied on request).

Introduction

Many strange and interesting facts are discovered in the process of family tree research. It can be costly and frustrating, but the results are so worthwhile, all the negatives disappear.

Sadly, there are some facts that will never be known, and a certain amount of supposition then comes into play, but a fact is not a fact without written evidence, so where ever possible, that evidence has been included in the sources section of this book. (As a paper saving measure I sometimes omit this information but it can be supplied on request).

I have carried out this research mostly at my own cost, and in my own time, but I believe that the more people this information is shared with, the longer it will last. I am happy to share this information with the family and I hope that you get some benefit out of my 30 plus years of research.

My motto is "always ask the questions". Sometimes you don't get the answers you want and would like, but if you don't ask, you will never know.

Research can be dry and boring to read and can only go so far, conversations round it all out. Over the years the conversation becomes less and the research becomes greater. It is important to try to have some family stories included amongst the research to make the family seem alive.

DNA has opened up a whole new realm of research and DNA has helped me solve, or put to rest, some family mysteries and dead ends. Without DNA, one entire line of my own tree was incomplete and incorrect. We now know more about our past than we could ever have hoped for. I am sure that DNA research will continue to solve some mysteries, and possibly even create some new mysteries.

I only ask one thing, and that is for all the family to continue to contact me with any information that is missing or incorrect, and that you all continue to contact me regarding any births, deaths and marriages. This is a BIG family, and I can't know it unless you tell me.

This book is a work in progress and will never end, as births deaths and marriages continue down the generations in perpetuity. There are bound to be mistakes in this book and I would appreciate being notified of any alterations or corrections that may be found.

Thank you once again for all your help and please enjoy this labour of love that has taken me more than 30 years to produce.

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Descendants of Edward BONHAM

First Generation

1. **Edward BONHAM** [1311] was born about 1786 in Ireland, died on 19 Apr 1859 in West Derby, Lancashire, England,¹ aged about 73, and was buried on 20 Apr 1859 in Saint Oswalds, Lancashire, England.

General Notes: At the 1851 Census, Edwards place of birth is given as Queens County, Ireland.

Perry's Bankrupt Gazette 31 October 1835 Insolvents applying to be discharged Courthouse Liverpool 16th Nov. (ten) Bonham, Edward, Toxteth Park, Joiner

Noted events in his life were:

- In 1826 he resided at Monkstown, Glathule in Ireland.
- In 1841 he resided at Upper Hill Street in Toxteth, Lancashire, England.²
- In 1851 he resided at Brookland in Toxteth, Lancashire, England.³

Edward married **Ann MOHALEM** [1310]. Ann was born about 1790.⁴

General Notes: At the 1851 census, Ann Bonham was listed with her daughter Frances M McDonnell and Frances' husband and children as well as her son John and his family, and daughters Margaret and Hannah, at 27A James Place, Toxteth Park, Liverpool. At the time her husband Edward Bonham was living at Brookland, Toxteth Park.

It is possible that Ann may have remarried ? Wylie. (Death of daughter Frances gives mothers name as Annie Wylie). I have so far failed to find this information or her death as Ann Bonham or Ann Wylie.

Children from this marriage were:

- 2 F i. **Margaret BONHAM** [6135] was born about 1813 in Ireland,⁵ was christened on 27 Jun 1813 in Kingstown, County Dublin, Ireland,⁶ and died in Sep 1892 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England,⁷ aged about 79.
- 3 F ii. **Anna Clara BONHAM** [3448] was born in 1814 in Monkstown, , Ireland, was christened on 5 Apr 1815 in Kingstown, County Dublin, Ireland,⁸ died on 30 Sep 1902 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia,⁹ at age 88, and was buried on 2 Oct 1902 in Booroondara, Vic, Australia. The cause of her death was Cirrhosis of kidneys/Heart failure.
General Notes: [The Argus Melbourne Saturday 4 October 1902 page 9](#)
Deaths
BONHAM - On the 30th September, 1902, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, Anna Clara, second daughter of the late Edward Bonham of Liverpool, England and sister of the late James Bonham, of Richmond, Victoria. Requiescat in pace.
- + 4 F iii. **Frances Maria BONHAM** [3449] was born about 1817 in Ireland, was christened on 19 May 1817 in Blackrock, County Dublin, Ireland,¹⁰ and died in 1879 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia, aged about 62.
Frances married **Morgan Augustine McDONNELL** [3450]¹¹ (b. 1821, d. 23 Sep 1889) on 26 Jun 1842 in Lancashire, England.
- 5 F iv. **Hannah BONHAM** [6182] was born about 1820 in Dublin, , Ireland.¹²
General Notes: No trace after the 1851 census of England.
- + 6 M v. **James John BONHAM** [1276] was born on 20 Nov 1821 in Kingstown, County Dublin, Ireland, died on 12 Aug 1888 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia,¹³ at age 66, and was buried on 14 Aug 1888 in Booroondara, Vic, Australia.¹⁴
James married **Anne McDONNELL** [1312] (b. Abt 1826, d. 25 Apr 1860) on 22 Feb 1846 in Southwark, Surrey, England.¹⁵
James next married **Mary Agnes JONES** [1275] (b. 1 Apr 1834, d. 25 Nov 1899) on 6 Nov 1860 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia.¹⁶
- + 7 M vi. **John BONHAM** [3446] was born in 1822 in Ireland and was christened on 28 Apr 1822 in Kingstown, County Dublin, Ireland.¹⁷
John married **Matilda Scott HAMILTON** [3447] (b. Abt 1829, d. Bef 1911) on 14 Nov 1847 in Toxteth, Lancashire, England.⁴

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Second Generation (Children)

4. Frances Maria BONHAM [3449] (*Edward*¹) was born about 1817 in Ireland, was christened on 19 May 1817 in Blackrock, County Dublin, Ireland,¹⁰ and died in 1879 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia, aged about 62.

General Notes: Morgan Augustine McDonnell, barrister, and his wife Frances Marie, née Bonham and family migrated to Melbourne in 1864 and in 1868 Morgan was elected for Villiers and Heytesbury to the Legislative Assembly, serving as attorney-general under Sladen in 1868 and MacPherson in 1869-70.

Noted events in her life were:

- She has conflicting or alternate birth information of 1817.¹⁰
- She had a residence in Toxteth, Lancashire, England in 1841.¹⁸

Frances married **Morgan Augustine McDONNELL** [3450],¹¹ son of **James McDONNELL** [4363] and **Julia O'CONNOR** [4364], on 26 Jun 1842 in Lancashire, England. Morgan was born in 1821 in London, London, England and died on 23 Sep 1889 in Brunswick, Vic, Australia, at age 68.

General Notes: Morgan McDonnell was Victorian Attorney General for the periods 6.5.1868 10.7.1868; and 20.9.1869 8.4.1870

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as an Attorney-General of Victoria.¹⁹
- He worked as a Barrister.¹⁹



Morgan Augustine McDonnell
from Bonham family photos - photo given to John and
Catherine Bonham

Children from this marriage were:

- 8 F i. **Teresa Frances McDONNELL** [4366]¹¹ was born in 1846 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England, was christened on 12 Jul 1846 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England,²⁰ and died in 1850 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England, at age 4.
- 9 F ii. **Maria Angela McDONNELL** [4365]¹¹ was born in 1849 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England, was christened on 1 Mar 1849 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England,²¹ and died in 1885 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia, at age 36.
- 10 M iii. **Alphonsus Joseph McDONNELL** [4367]¹¹ was born in 1855 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England and died in 1886, at age 31.
- + 11 F iv. **Frances Maria McDONNELL** [4368]¹¹ was born in 1856 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England. Frances married **W A FAY** [11825].²²
- 12 M v. **Austin Bernard Cuthbert McDONNELL** [4369]¹¹ was born in 1857 and died in 1879 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia, at age 22.
- + 13 M vi. **Percy Stanislaus McDONNELL** [4362]¹¹ was born on 13 Nov 1858 in London, London, England and died on 24 Sep 1896 in Brisbane, Qld, Australia, at age 37. Percy married **Grace McDONALD** [6109] on 8 Apr 1891.
- 14 F vii. **Frances Maria McDONNELL** [4370]¹¹ was born in 1859 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England.

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6. James John BONHAM [1276] (Edward¹) was born on 20 Nov 1821 in Kingstown, County Dublin, Ireland, died on 12 Aug 1888 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia,¹³ at age 66, and was buried on 14 Aug 1888 in Booroondara, Vic, Australia.¹⁴ The cause of his death was cystitis, septicemia.

General Notes: James Bonham married Anne McDonnell at the Belgian Chapel (RC), in the district of St George the Martyr, Southwark, Surrey, in 1846. Their address at the time was given as 65 Wickham Street, Southwark. They were both said to be full age. On the marriage certificate, James' father Edward, was said to be a carpenter, and Anne's father Michael, was said to be a gardener. Witnesses to the marriage were Rachel Reif (?) and John O'Connor.

The family arrived in South Australia on the "Ascendant" in 1849 and spent 20 months in South Australia before travelling to Victoria.

After Anne's death, James married Mary Agnes Jones. The witnesses to the marriage were Bridget Conway and John Bonham. It is assumed that John Bonham was James' brother John, I have been unable to find a death in England of John and it is possible that he died in Australia.



Glenferrie, Hawthorn, State Primary School
This building was built by James Bonham in 1877.

The Melbourne Argus. 30 September 1851

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

..... September, 29.-Blundell barque, 570 tons,
Charles Rennard commander, from London, via Adelaide, 24th, inst., in ballast. Passengers G E Adcock, wife and family, Thomas Baggs, and wife, A Ballantyne, wife and family, W Butt, wife and family, E Bance, wife and family, Ruth Bunn, William Bean, J Burvill, George Charlotte, and Lydia Cakebread, James Cockerell, William Coupland, James Clarke, Sarah Coleman, J W and C A and Anna Cockerell, S Franklin, W Fraser, Mary Fisher, E Fritton, W Gordon and wife, H Glenie, wife and child, W George and wife, Constance Goode, Harriette Gatehouse Augustus Gardner, Margaret Cray, and family, Jemima Grant, Wm Hobbs, Jessie and Mary Headie, B Head and wife, J Harrison, wife and family, John Hardiman wife and family, John Howden, wife and family, Louis Heady, Geor- giana Hewett, Josh Harwood, B Joy, wife and family, Sarah Jackson, John Knight and wife, Eliz Le Brun, H Legatt, H Minton and wife, W Millington, wife and family, Jos M'Donald, wife and family, Jas Norman, wife and family, Fanny Nicholls, Thos Oakford, wife and family, D Price, W. Pedlar, John Reid, wife and family, Charles Risely and wife, C Rossiter, Thomas Roberts, Charles Rowe and wife, T Luiheski and wife, R Shillitoe, wife and family, Sarah Sparrow, E Smith, James Sellar, John Townes, wife and family. Charles Tull, wife and family, E Thorn, Anne Tindselle, Harriette Tanner, James Whyte mid wife, Josh Whiting, wife and family, John Wilmott, wife and family, James Willoughby wife and family, W Wright, Harriette Warner, Sarah Walker, John and Eliza Young, William Wecking, wife and family. Passengers shipped at Adelaide- Mrs Walton, T Stainbry, **James Bonham, M Bonham.** T and S Brooke, M A Staples, E Healand, Ellen O'Marz, Mrs Wilson, John Hodges, wife and family, A Anderson, wife and child, Robert Benson. Dalgety, Gere and Co., Agents.....

The Melbourne Argus 11 March 1853 page 1

MR. THOMAS BEADNALL.-There is a letter for you, at the Post-office, Bendigo. Please communicate with James Bonham, care of Mr. Elsie s, Great Brunswick Street Collingwood. 2402!)

The Melbourne Argus 15 February 1858 page 8 and 18 February 1858 page 8

TO WATER-CARTERS-TENDERS WANTED, WATER to new buildings. James Bonham Jolimont, FitzRoy-square-162

The Melbourne Argus 14 Jun 1858 page 8

PLASTERERS.-TENDERS WANTED, for PLASTERING a house. Labor only. Apply to James Bonham, Jolimont, Fitzroy-square. 60
TO FENCERS.-TENDERS WANTED, for FENCING. Apply James Bonham, Jolimont, south of Fitzroy-square. 40

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The Argus Melbourne, Tuesday 24 August 1858 page 8 and Wednesday 25 August 1858 page 10

JOLIMONT-SQUARE - BUILDING ALLOTMENTS for SALE. Apply to James Bonham, on the ground ; or Wellington-street, Collingwood.

The Melbourne Argus 4 October 1858 page 7

TENDERS WANTED, for FENCING, Labor only.

Apply to James Bonham, Jolimont, south of Fitzroy-square.

Many such advertisements appear over a long period of time seeking, painters, glazers, blacksmiths, slaters, and many other trades including bellhangers and Includes an advertisement seeking painters to paint the roof of St Ignatius Church in Richmond. In 1882 he advertised for carpenters and joiners to work at the Ladies College in Kew,

Ann died in 1860 of consumption and James married the governess of his children, Mary Agnes Jones in 1860. They lived at 35 Catherine Street, Richmond when the children were born and James occupation was listed as government servant on their marriage certificate.

James Bonham was a builder who worked on The Toorak Presbyterian Church in 1873, the transept of the St Ignatius Catholic Church in Richmond between 1885-1888, the Hawthorn (Glenferrie Road) State school in 1877, and the Methodist Ladies College, 1882, among other Melbourne buildings. There is a photo of the entrance to the former Congregational Church in Black Street, Brighton. Designed by Charles Webb and built by James Bonham in 1875 on the NLA Website.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/work/1474568=james+bonham&c=picture&versionId=17384134>

The Argus Melbourne Thursday 10 March 1870 page 5

In the case of Budd v. Bonham, heard yesterday at the County Court, the plaintiff sought to recover £49 19s for alleged negligence on the part of the defendant, whereby the plaintiff sustained a serious accident. Budd had been employed by the defendant to paint a portion of the interior of the new Roman Catholic Church at Richmond. Owing to some defect in one of the "putlocks" supporting the scaffolding on which the workmen were standing the platform gave way, and the plaintiff was precipitated from a considerable height to the ground, and was very severely injured. From evidence given, it would seem that when the scaffolding was in course of erection, one of the men engaged in the work pointed out to the defendant the defect in the "putlock" but he was directed to place it and lay another beside it. This was done, and for a time the scaffold was quite secure. It was evident however, that the sound putlock was removed by some one inadvertently, and thus occasioned the accident. Mr Quinlan appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr Duigan for the defendant. The latter submitted that there was no case to go to a jury for negligence, the plaintiff having, as was proved, taken all reasonable care and precaution in the erection of the scaffold. His Honour held that there was a case for the jury. After some discussion the further hearing of the suit was postponed until Friday morning.

The Illustrated Australian News for Home Readers (Melbourne) Monday 14 Jun 1875 page 83

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

.....The foundation stone of the Toorak Presbyterian Church was laid on May 24th, in the presence of a considerable number of people. Up to the present time the denomination have had no place of worship in that neighborhood, and in September, 1873, took the first step towards supplying the want. A suitable site could not be procured until November, 1874, when Mr. J. MacBain, M.L.A., purchased the site for £780 upon which the church is to be erected, and presented it to those who were forming the new congregation. A committee was then appointed, and subscriptions to the amount of £3000 have already been obtained towards the cost of erecting the church. The plot of ground secured is in a very eligible position on the Toorak-road, a short distance beyond the late vice-regal residence. Messrs. Reed and Barnes are the architects for the building, and have furnished a very handsome design, the style being early English, cruciform in plan, the nave being 72 feet by 28 feet, and the side aisles 60 feet wide, divided from the nave by piers, columns and arches. Accommodation is to be provided for 450 persons, and the total estimated cost is £5500. The portion now being built is the nave and side aisles as far as the transept. The tower will not at present be carried higher than the

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first story, 32 feet. This portion will afford sitting accommodation for 250 persons. **The contract for these works has been taken by Mr. James Bonham for £2648.** At the ceremony on the 24th May, the Rev.D.S. McEachran read a portion of Scripture, and a short address was given by the Rev. Dr. Cairns. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Macdonald; and Mr. Jas Kirkland, the secretary of the church committee, stated what steps had been taken, from the first meeting in September, 1873, to the present time, for the formation of a new church in Toorak. He also stated what documents were to be placed beneath the foundation stone. Mr. Thos. Bailey then presented a silver trowel to Mr. W.Boyles, M.L.A., who then proceeded to lay the foundation-stone and said he was sure all those present would wish that the church of which they were laying the foundation-stone would be the means of advancing the Christian cause, and he regretted that Mr. Jas. MacBain, who had so liberally given them the site, as well as a handsome subscription, for the new church, was absent. They were aware that Mr. MacBain had also undertaken to select a minister for the church, and he was sure all present would hope that a suitable gentle man might be selected, for if that were done a large congregation would be gathered in the church they were about to erect. He thanked those present for their attendance, and asked them all to join, in wishing prosperity to the Toorak Presbyterian Church. Dr. Bromby, on being called on, expressed his sympathy with the ceremony he had witnessed. The proceedings then terminated.

The Melbourne Argus 28 March 1876 page 1

LOST, CERTIFICATE of TITLE to James Bonham, Vol. 884, fol. 166,680, dated February 15, 1876. Reward on returning same to W. S. Woolcott, solicitor, 30 Queen Street, Melbourne.

The Melbourne Argus 17 May 1876 page 8

TRANSFER of LAND STATUTE.-Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to the direction of the Commissioner of Titles in this behalf, it is Intended, at the expiration of fourteen days from the insertion of this advertisement in the Melbourne "Argus" news paper, to issue to JAMES BONHAM, of Catherine street, Richmond, contractor, a special certificate of title to the land described below, the duplicate certificate having, as is alleged, been lost;-
LAND REFERRED To. ,

Crown Allotment 40B, Section A, parish of Wannacue, county of Morning ton.
HENRY KRONE,
Assistant Registrar of Titles.

The Melbourne Argus Friday 19 Jan 1877 page 5

To The Correspondents

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A pretty little structure, to be used as a state school, is in course of erection in the Manning-tree road, off Glenferrie .road, Hawthorn. It is a building of one story, and has a frontage to Manningtree-road of 83ft., and is expected to be completed and ready for occupation early in the month of March next It contains three schoolrooms, two measuring 50ft. x 20ft, and the other 30ft x 20ft, and a classroom 22ft x 20ft The height of the rooms from floor to ceiling is 19ft 6in. The ceilings are boarded and varnished, and provision has been made to secure proper ventilation. The ground on which the school stands is spacious, its dimensions being 396ft x 132ft, and from it there is an excellent view. The style of architecture of the building is Gothic, and its materials brick, with freestone and white brick facings. It is intended to give accommodation to 300 children. **Mr. James Bonham is the contractor for the building, and the amount of his contract is £2,100.**
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The Melbourne Argus. Thursday 22 March 1877 page 5

To the Correspondent

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The fourth annual distribution of prizes of the South Richmond School of Design was held at the Forester's-hall, Swan-Street, last evening. Judge Pohlman was in the chair. The report showed that there were 67 members on the roll, the average attendance being about 50. The adoption of the report was moved by Mr, Bosisto, M.L A., and seconded by Mr. S. V. Winter, and agreed to. The prizes were then distributed, the principal prize-takers being Edward Dobbs, Alfred Robin, **Mary Bonham, James Bonham**, Alice Holland, Annie Sparing, Ernest Nutt, Ernest Allman, Samuel Brychall, Sarah Foubister, Arthur Scott, Theodore Dawey, Christopher Hansen, Septima Ballard, Herman Allman, Emily Allman, Samuel Mole, Julia Holland, and Henry Hutchinson.
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The Argus Melbourne Saturday 10 April 1880 page 9

Law report

Supreme Court

Bonham (appellant) Brophy (respondent)

appeal from the County Court, Melbourne

Mr. M.A. MacDonnell for the appellant, Mr. Hodges for respondent.

The plaintiff, Hugh Francis Brophy, sued the defendant James Bonham for breach of an agreement by which the plaintiff was to build for the defendant a staircase upon certain premises occupied by the National Bank at Prahran, for £50. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant would not permit him to complete the contract. Plaintiff also sued for work and labour done and materials supplied. Evidence was given that the defendant was the contractor for the erection of a building for the National Bank at Prahran. The plaintiff made an offer to erect the staircase on certain terms that were not accepted, and he made another offer July 24 1879-"I hereby agree to prepare and erect a stairs at the National Bank, Prahran, finding all labour and materials except blackwood newell, rough brackets, and carriages and base mouldings; I also agree to lay landings, Mr. Bonham finding materials for same for £50 sterling." After the staircase had been partially built some disputes arose, and a correspondence extending over a couple of months took place. Eventually the defendant removed so much of the stairs as had been erected, alleging that they were not according to specification, and that the architect objected to them. At the trial evidence was tendered for the defendant to prove that plaintiff before his offer was accepted, verbally agreed to do the work to the satisfaction of the architect. This evidence was objected to and rejected. The judge gave a verdict for plaintiff for the amount of £49 19s, with costs, and the defendant appealed on the ground that the judge had improperly rejected the evidence tendered, to show the terms on which the plaintiff's offer had been accepted.

Mr MacDonnell, for the appellant, contended that the evidence was improperly rejected. As a rule, of course verbal evidence could not be received to vary a written contract, or if an offer made was accepted simpliciter, verbal evidence could not be allowed to introduce a new term into the offer. But here the evidence was offered to show the conditions on which the offer of a plaintiff was accepted. He Cited [various examples of previous cases].

Mr Hodges contended that the contract was contained in the plaintiff's proposal and that no verbal evidence should be adduced to alter it.

The COURT held that the evidence rejected was admissible. The plaintiff accepted the terms of the letter verbally. The defendant was at liberty to state what took place on the occasion of the contract being accepted; it was for the jury to say which side they believe.

The Argus Melbourne 17 June 1880 page 7

Law Report

Supreme Court

New Court House - Monday June 14

(Before his honour Mr. Justice Barry and Special Juries of six)

Brophy v. Bonham.

Mr Higinbotham and Mr. Hood for the plaintiff, Mr. Billing Q.C., and Mr MacDonnell for the defendant.

This is an action by James Bonham a carpenter, against H.F. Brophy, a contractor to recover the sum of £49 on a contract to erect a staircase, at the National Bank at Prahran. The defendant had a contract for building the bank, the work to be performed to the satisfaction of the architect. He entered into a sub-contract with Brophy to erect the staircase, and the plaintiff initialled all the items of the principal contract relating to the staircase, but did not initial that part of it relating to the work being done to the satisfaction of the architect. After Brophy had done the greater part of the work relating to the staircase, the architect objected to it, and Bonham had to comply with his requirements in relation to it. The plaintiff refused to make any alterations, and he contended that the work was done in accordance with the specifications. Plaintiff thereupon refused to pay him, and the sub-contract was stopped. The case was originally tried in the County Court, when a verdict was given for the plaintiff, but on appeal to the Supreme Court a new trial was ordered on the ground that certain evidence tendered for the defendant had been improperly rejected.

The jury, after deliberating about three quarters of an hour returned a verdict for the plaintiff, damages £25.

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The Argus Melbourne Monday 16 July 1883 page 8

Casualties and offences

On Wednesday last, a man named Joseph Holmes, in the employ of Mr. Bonham, Contractor, Richmond, had a very narrow escape from serious if not fatal injury. He was doing some repairs to the machinery, when his clothes caught on the shaft, and he was hurled round and round. Fortunately his clothes gave way, and he fell to the ground unhurt, except for the severe shock and a few bruises and scratches.

The Melbourne Argus Tuesday 25 April 1885 page 10 and

The Australasian Sketcher with Pen and Pencil (Melbourne) Saturday 6 May 1882 page 135

METHODIST LADIES' COLLEGE.

Some time ago we gave an engraving of this institution. We now quote from The Argus the following interesting description of the building and the institution as a whole : Undoubtedly the finest educational establishment of its kind in Australia is the Methodist Ladies' College, now in course of erection at Hawthorn, and rapidly approaching completion. From an architectural point of view, the edifice is an extremely handsome one, but while its magnitude and completeness make it a handsome and substantial proof of the energy and liberality of the denomination through whose influence it has sprung into existence, the special object for which it was founded renders it still more worthy of notice. Some time ago the authorities of the Methodist denomination, finding that the institution already established by them for the education of ladies failed to meet the requirements of the body, decided to erect something worthy of being called a ladies' college. After mature consideration they wisely determined to keep pace with modern improvement, and indulge the tendency existing towards the spread of religious tolerance and a reciprocal spirit between the various denominations by establishing a college, not only for the education of ladies attached to their own denomination, but for those of all other sects who might desire to avail themselves of the special advantages they had decided to offer. Accordingly it was agreed that while in order to give a guarantee of the character and management of the institution its president should always be a Methodist clergyman, the system of education adopted should be scriptural and modern, but not denominational. The desire, in short, was to found in the interests of high-class Christian education an establishment which might provide for girls the benefits which the numerous collegiate schools of the colony offer to boys. The college is accordingly being built, fitted, and furnished, without regard to commercial principles, and solely with the desire of furthering the object held in view from the commencement. Another, and a very important feature in the college is an idea borrowed from similar institutions in America, viz., the establishment of a department for training girls, not only in the arts of refined domestic life, but qualifying them for the pursuits which are now opening up for the sex in so many different directions. The result of this new departure is an institution combining the discipline and work of a college with the genial atmosphere and comfort of a home. As regards the building and its surroundings, the site chosen for its erection is a gently sloping area, bounded on one side by the Glenferrie-road, and on the other by Parker-street. The building occupies a commanding position on the upper portion of the slope, and from the balcony in front a beautiful view is obtained of the whole of the picturesque suburb of Hawthorn, which appears doubly attractive as seen from this eminence. Away on the right the summits of the more lofty spires and towers of the metropolis catch the eye, together with the shipping at Sandridge and Williamstown, and a fine stretch of the waters of the bay right down to Arthur's Seat. The large space in front of the building will be laid out according to a design already chosen, and planted with ornamental flowers and shrubs, the situation affording ample scope for the talents of the landscape gardener. To the right of the building, and on the upper end of the grounds, a portion of land has been levelled and laid out in several lawns for tennis and croquet. The position is a very healthy one, affording excellent opportunities for a thorough system of drainage, and as far as health considerations are concerned could not be surpassed. The completed design of the building shows a handsome edifice, the estimated cost of construction of which is about £20,000. It is being built in sections, the left wing and principal tower not being included in the present structure, but these will subsequently be erected as required. When complete the building may be entered from two points, the present front entrance beneath the smaller tower and the main entrance at the larger tower on the left wing. This large tower will, when erected, contain the principal architectural points of beauty in the building. The college is well lighted by a number of large double windows in front and at either end. As regards the interior everything has been designed with a view to comfort and carried out in a complete manner. Immediately to the right on entering and passing through the reception hall, the president's suite of rooms is situated, these being in the front portion of the building, and faced on the opposite side by the music rooms. To the left of the present main

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entrance a door opens into the large schoolroom, a lofty, well ventilated and lighted chamber, the area being 45ft. s: 30ft. It is provided with the most modern improvements, a system of electric bells being the chief feature. The main schoolroom is connected with a suite of class rooms in the rear by doors opening into each, these, with the schoolroom, occupying the whole of the right wing. On the opposite side of the passage, running from the main entrance to the rear, and behind the president's apartments and the music rooms, a large open space is being converted into a conservatory, with a fountain in the centre. On the first floor and immediately above the schoolroom, the largest dormitory, a very handsome chamber of the same area as the room below, but ornamented by a handsome ecclesiastical roof instead of the ordinary ceiling, is situated. It is flanked by smaller dormitories and a fine suite of bathrooms fitted with handsome and valuable enamelled baths, these being a modern specialty. On the opposite wing the private apartments of the teaching staff of the college are fixed. The second floor, or dormitory story, consists of part of the smaller tower and an abutment to right of the entrance, and has been converted into a double suite of dormitories, from the windows of which a magnificent view is obtained for many miles in a southerly direction. This floor has also a complete system of bathrooms. The scholars' entrance to the portion of the building already described is by an asphalted pathway fronting the recreation grounds and dining-hall. What may be called the domestic part of the establishment is a wooden building at the rear of the left wing, and invisible from the front. The main feature of this part of the institution is the spacious dining-hall, 40ft. x 25ft., at one end of which the college library, the gift of a number of gentlemen interested in the welfare of the institution, is placed. This portion of the building also contains the storeroom, kitchen, pantries, and other similar apartments, which, though less interesting than the main portion of the building, all serve to show the elaborate manner in which everything connected with the establishment has been carried out. In order to render the institution independent of the failure or deterioration in quality of the Yan Yean water, provision has been made for storing all the water coming from the roof of the building. The play-ground is shut out from view of the road, and also the yards at the back, by high picket fences, the grounds being enclosed by a similar structure. The cost of the portion of the building now being erected is £12,000, including the fittings and furniture, the latter being supplied by Messrs. Robertson and Moffat, who are carrying out their portion of the work in a very complete and elaborate style, **while the main portion of the building is being pushed forward by the contractor, Mr. James Bonham, who has likewise performed his duties in a thorough manner.** The Rev. W. H. Fitchett, B.A., the president of the college, has also worked energetically in hastening forward the completion of the building, and on the 1st of May students were formally enrolled, as on this date the second term for the year commenced. The opening of the college could have been conveniently postponed until a later date, but the necessities of tuition demanded that the building should be brought into immediate use, a large number of pupils having already entered at the college. The formal opening of the college will take place some time during the winter.

The Argus, Melbourne Monday 27 April 1885 page 9

ST. IGNATIUS'S CHURCH RICHMOND

..... Up to the present time the sum of £1,175 9s 9d has been collected towards the cost of the extension of the church. Mr W. W. Wardell (of Messrs Wardell and Vernon) is architect, and the first contract for the foundations is let to Mr. Bonham, of Richmond.

The Melbourne Argus Tuesday 19 January 1886 page 7

Trade Society meetings

A largely attended meeting of masons was held at the Trades Hall last evening regarding the adoption of the increase in wages by the employers. It was announced that nearly the whole of the masters had conceded the demands of the operatives for 1s 4d per hour,

..... The only master who was reported to have refused to give his employees the extra money was Mr. Bonham, St Ignatius' Church, Richmond.....

At the time of his death, James Bonham's occupation was given as Contractor. He had considerable assets at the time of his death the Probate documents estimate his assets as being worth £9,343.0.0 including land and personal assets. Persons entitled to a distribution of the Estate were Mary Agnes Bonham (widow) and children James John Joseph Bonham, Annie Isabella Bonham, Margaret Angela Bonham, Edward Joseph Bonham, Teresa Bonham, John Stanislaus Bonham and Frances Philip Bonham.

The solicitors who handled the estate were Duffy and William

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The Melbourne Argus Monday 13 August 1888 page 1

Deaths

BONHAM - on the 12th inst. at his residence, Catherine street Richmond, James J. Bonham, builder, aged 68 years R.I.P.

The Melbourne Argus. Friday 16 August 1888. page 12

IN THE ESTATE of JAMES JOHN BONHAM, late of Catherine Street, Richmond, in the Colony of Victoria, Deceased, Intestate.-All persons having CLAIMS against the estate of the abovenamed deceased are requested to SEND in PARTICULARS of same to Mary Agnes Bonham, to the care of Messrs. Duffy and Wilkinson, of ???Chancery-lane, Melbourne, solicitors for the said Mary Agnes Bonham, on or before Wednesday, the 22nd of August inst.

The Argus Melbourne Friday 26 October 1888 page 17

Equity Court

Thursday, Oct 25

First Nisi Prius Court

Before His Honour Mr. Justice A'Beckett.

Probates and letters of administration

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Letters of administration were granted in the Estates of James John Bonham, £9,343 on the Motion of Mr Power:.....

The Argus Melbourne Tuesday 4 December 1888 page 10

Judicial and Law Notices

Statutory Notice to Creditors - James John Bonham . Deceased - pursuant to the provisions of the Statute of Trusts, 1864, notice is hereby given that all persons having any CLAIMS against the estate of James John Bonham, late of Catherine street, Richmond, in the colony of Victoria, contractor, deceased, intestate, letters of administration of whose estate were granted by the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria, in its Probate jurisdiction, to the National Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company of Australasia Limited, of number 117 Collins Street West, Melbourne, in the colony of Victoria (the said company having been duly authorised pursuant to Section 4 of the act of Parliament of Victoria Number 988, to take out letters of administration by Mary Agnes Bonham of Catherine Street Richmond aforesaid, the widow and person entitled by law to administer the estate of the said deceased. are hereby required to send in particulars of such claims to the said National Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company of Australasia Limited, at the office of the said company, number 117 Collins Street West, Melbourne, on or before the eighteenth day of December 1888. And notice is hereby given that after that day the said company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said James John Bonham, deceased, amongst the persons entitled thereof, having regard only to the claims of which it then shall have had notice; and the said company will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims it shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 3rd day of December 1888

Duffy and Wilkinson, 69 Chancery Land Melbourne, solicitors for the said company.

A large advertisement appeared in the Melbourne Argus on Thursday 21 February 1889 on page 2

advising of a sale on Wednesday February 27th at 11 o'clock in the Estate of the Late James J Bonham selling land having a frontage to Gardiner Street back to Murphy street, together with plant equipment and buildings. This list is very detailed and includes timber, stone, stone cutting tools, and ironmongery, drays and horses and many other items. The advertisement states that after the sale of the main lots, the plant used in building the additions to St Ignatius' Church, Church Street Richmond and which can be inspected on the ground, would also be sold.

The Argus Melbourne Thursday 28 February 1889 page 9

Commercial Intelligence

Messrs. Gemmell, Tuckett, and Co. report having this day sold by auction, under instructions from the National Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company of Australasia Limited, the stock-in-trade and spare plant in the estate of the late J.J. Bonham, builder, Richmond. Satisfactory prices were realised.

The Melbourne Argus Tuesday 12 August 1889 page 1

In Memoriam

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BONHAM - of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of James J. Bonham.

The Melbourne Argus, Wednesday 12 August 1891 page 1

In Memoriam

BONHAM.-In your charity pray for the repose of the SOUL of James John Bonham, who died 12th August, 1888.

The Argus Melbourne Saturday 10 October 1891 page 2

Sales by Auction

Wednesday, October 14

On the premises

at Eleven O'Clock

EXECUTORS SALE

GARDNER STREET

RICHMOND

(North Side of the Bridge-Road)

PROPERTY, MACHINERY

AND PLANT

To machinists, timber merchants, contractors and others.

GEMMELL, TUCKETT, and Co., 359 and 361 Collins Street, have received instructions from the NATIONAL TRUSTEES, EXECUTORS, and AGENCY COMPANY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED, as administrators in the estate of James J. Bonham, contractor, to SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, as above,

All those pieces of land being Crown Allotments 6,7,9,10,11, of section 34p., at Richmond Parish of Jika Jika, county of Bourke, allotments 6,7,6,10 and 11 having a frontage of 288ft. 10 in. to GARDNER STREET

by a depth of 92ft. 4in. along

MURPHY STREET

Lots 10 and 11 have a depth of 138ft. 7in. back to lot 9, which allotment has a frontage of 61ft. 4in. to

PALMER STREET.

by an irregular depth of 126ft. 8in and 99ft. 7in.,

together with

Sawmill, Large Joinery shop, Storeroom,

Office and Stables

erected thereon.

The building consists of brick, stone, and wood with iron roof.

Ground Floor, 80ft x 43ft.

First Floor, 80ft x 28ft and 28ft by 20ft

The Machinery and plant are of the very best description, consisting of

Horizontal steam engine, 12 h.p. nominal boiler, by Johnson & Co.

Chimney stack and boiler bed, brickwork

Belting, pullies, shafting

Saw-benches and trollies

Break-down frames, gang frames

Gang saws, frame saws, circular saws

Emery-machines, jig-saw benches, carpenters' benches

Travellers (patent block and chain)

Mortising-machines, moulding-machines

Sticking-machine, tennoning-machine

Turning lathe, augers, moulding cutters, mortise chisels, vice and drill, timber racks, large traveller

Large building, comprising mill floor, joiners' shops, storeroom, &c., built of brick and wood, and mostly roofed with G.C.iron.

Also,

Timber racks, travelling crane, stabling, and overhead hoisting gear.

The whole forming a most complete plant either for a contractor or timber merchant.

The whole of the above property and plant will be offered in one lot, and in case of no sale being effected the machinery and plant will be sold in lots to suit purchasers.

Terms and full particulars can be obtained from auctioneers.

The Melbourne Argus, 8 June 1892 page 2

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THURSDAY, JUNE 9

At Two Clock On the Premises

Gardner street, Bridge road, RICHMOND

Estate of Late James Bonham, Esq

By Order of the National Trustees,executors, and

Agency Company limited

To Builders and Others

WORKSHOPS, CHIMNEY STACK, ENGINE, &c for removal

JOHN COVERLID will SELL by AUCTION, as above,

The whole of the extensive workshops, outbuildings, fences, balance of machinery, building material, &c .comprising two storied workshop chimney stack over 60ft high and engine bed 10 h p engine jig saw bench, vice bench, boring machines, drills grindstone, shafting blocks, stone, and miscellaneous material

No Reserve

The Bonham house at 17 Elm Street Richmond was built in 1872. The Yarra City Council recently undertook a heritage survey of the property which is available on line at the following address :-vhd.heritage.vic.gov.au/reports/report_place/88702 or search from the Victorian Heritage Database on <http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/heritage/victorian-heritage-register>

According to the back of a family photograph, Jim took a party of "government men" into the outback searching for Lasseters gold mine, this was most likely James John Bonham Jnr.

Family lore states that the sisters were nicknamed Annie, Nanny Cissy, and Tissy.

Noted events in his life were:

- He had a residence in Toxteth, Lancashire, England in 1841.¹⁸

James married **Anne McDONNELL** [1312], daughter of **Michael McDONNELL** [3385] and **Judith or Mary** [—?—] [3386], on 22 Feb 1846 in Southwark, Surrey, England.¹⁵ Anne was born about 1826 in England, died on 25 Apr 1860 in Collingwood, VIC, Australia,²³ aged about 34, and was buried on 27 Apr 1860 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia. The cause of her death was phthisis of long standing (consumption).

General Notes: Anne McDonnell was the 1st wife of James Bonham. On her marriage certificate, her father, Michael was said to be a gardener. No details of her burial were recorded on her death certificate.

Handwritten notes of births passed down to myself which are probably pages torn from a family bible headed

The Children of James and Anne Bonham

Anne Bonham wife of James Bonham and mother of these children died in Wellington Street Collingwood on 25th April 1860 at 4am after a long illness in consumption. Buried in the same grave with the children on Friday 27th April 1860. May she rest in peace.

Children from this marriage were:

- 15 F i. **Emily BONHAM** [3387] was born on 7 Aug 1852 in Collingwood, VIC, Australia,²⁴ was christened on 30 Aug 1852 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia, died on 24 Jun 1859 in Collingwood, VIC, Australia,²⁵ at age 6, and was buried on 27 Jun 1859 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia.

General Notes: **Handwritten notes of births passed down to myself which are probably pages torn from a family bible headed**

The Children of James and Anne Bonham

First Child

Collingwood near Melbourne August 7th 1852

Emily Bonham born Saturday August 7 at 22 minutes to 9am. Baptized by Revd Madden at St Francis's Cathedral Melbourne on Monday August 30 1852. Thomas and Mary Brady being sponsors. The above named child died at Collingwood on Friday June 24th 1859 of croup and congestion of the lungs. Buried in the public Cemetery Melbourne June 27th 1859 aged 6 years and 10 months

James Registered in the office at Castlemaine on Saturday January 24th 1857 a copy of which register can be seen at the Registrar Gen Office Melbourne Emily and

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- 16 F ii. Eleneza??? [Eloisa] were Registered it he Office Brunswick Street, Collingwood, Victoria
Eliosa BONHAM [3388] was born on 1 Oct 1854 in Collingwood, VIC, Australia,²⁶ was christened on 30 Oct 1854 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia, died on 9 May 1861 in Collingwood, VIC, Australia,²⁷ at age 6, and was buried on 11 May 1861 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia.

General Notes: **Handwritten notes of births passed down to myself which are probably pages torn from a family bible headed**

The Children of James and Anne Bonham

Second child

Eloisa Bonham born in Wellington Street Collingwood on Sunday October 1st 1854 at 15m past 5am.

Baptized October 30th 1854 in St Francis's Cathedral Melbourne by the Revd Gerald Ward

(of scarletina aged 6 years 7 mths 9 days(acsession day) died where she was born on Thursday May 9th 1861 at 8 3/4am buried on Saturday May 11th 1861 in the same grave with her mother sister and brother R.I.P

James Registered in the office at Castlemaine on Saturday January 24th 1857 a copy of which register can be seen at the Registrar Gen Office Melbourne Emily and Eleneza??? [Eloisa] were Registered it he Office Brunswick Street, Collingwood, Victoria

- 17 M iii. **James Norbert BONHAM** [3389] was born on 15 Dec 1856 in Castlemaine, Vic, Australia,²⁸ was christened on 18 Jan 1857, died on 18 Apr 1858 in Castlemaine, Vic, Australia,²⁹ at age 1, and was buried on 21 Apr 1858 in Melbourne East, Vic, Australia.

General Notes: **Handwritten notes of births passed down to myself which are probably pages torn from a family bible headed**

The Children of James and Anne Bonham

James Norbet Bonham born at Forest Creek Monday December 15th 1856 at 8 1/2 am.

Baptized January 18th 1857 by Revd Dr Geoghan V.G. Williamstown James and Eloisa Pawlett being sponsors. Died April 18th 1858 of teething and congestion of the brain.

Buried in the public Cemetery Melbourne April 21st 1858 age 16 months. The registers of these children can be seen at the Registrar Generals Office Melbourne.

Registered in the office at Castlemaine on Saturday January 24th 1857 a copy of which register can be seen at the Registrar Gen Office Melbourne Emily and Eleneza??? [Eloisa] were Registered it he Office Brunswick Street, Collingwood, Victoria

James next married **Mary Agnes JONES** [1275], daughter of **John JONES** [1309] and **Isabella SMITH** [1308], on 6 Nov 1860 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia.¹⁶ Mary was born on 1 Apr 1834 in Islington, Middlesex, England, died on 25 Nov 1899 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia,³⁰ at age 65, and was buried on 28 Nov 1899 in Booroondara, Vic, Australia.³¹ The cause of her death was cerebral haemorrhage exhaustion.

Marriage Notes: St Francis Church, Melbourne

General Notes: Lived at 17 Elm Grove, Richmond at the time of her death.

The Melbourne Argus Saturday 2 December 1899 page

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Deaths

BONHAM - on the 25th November 1899 at her residence, 17 Elm grove, Richmond, Mary Agnes, relict of the late James Bonham. Requiescat in pace.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1956) Tuesday 28

November 1899

FUNERAL NOTICES.

BONHAM. The Friends of the late Mrs. MARY AGNES BONHAM (relict of the late James Bonham) are most respectfully invited to follow her remains to their last resting place, in the Booroondara Cemetery, Kew.



Mary Agnes Bonham (Jones) and Margaret Anglea Bonham
 (Cir 1870)

The funeral cortege is appointed to leave Saint Ignatius' Church, Church-street, Richmond, THIS

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DAY (Tuesday, 28th November), at 2 o'clock punctually.
BENJAMIN T. STEVENS, Undertaker, Church street, Richmond.

The Argus Melbourne Saturday 24 November 1900

In Memoriam

BONHAM-In affectionate memory of our dear mother Mary Agnes Bonham, who departed this life 25th November 1899 RIP.

After Mary Agnes died, a thorough inventory and valuation was made of her estate including land, houses, goods and chattels. She was left quite well off by her husband but by the time of her death, the estate had dwindled to approximately £1,600.

Those entitled to the distribution of the estate were Mary Agnes Cecilia Bonham, James John Bonham, Annie Isabella Bonham Hehir, Margaret Angela Bonham, Edward Joseph Bonham, Teresa Ignatius Bonham, John Stanislaus Bonham and Francis Philip Bonham.

The Solicitors that handled the Probate were Gavan, Duffy and King of Melbourne.

Children from this marriage were:

- 18 F i. **Mary Agnes Cecilia BONHAM** [3390] was born on 17 Aug 1861 in Collingwood, VIC, Australia,³² was christened on 22 Dec 1861 in East Melbourne, Vic, Australia, and died in 1941 in Malvern, Vic, Australia,³³ at age 80.
General Notes: **Handwritten notes of births passed down to myself on old diary pages dated 1888 state the following:-**

Birth records
Mary Agnes Bonham was born at Collingwood on Saturday August 17. 1861 at 5.30pm.
Baptized Sunday December 22 1861 at St Patricks Cathedral, Mr Fitzgerald being God Father by Proxy for Mr John Bonham Mrs Fitzgerald being God Mother.

The Argus Wednesday 15 Jan 1941
Bonham - On January 13, at private hospital East Malvern, Mary Agnes, late of Richmond, beloved sister of James, Anne (Mrs Hehir), Margaret, Angela, Mrs Duffy (deceased), Edward, Teresa Ignatius (deceased), John and Francis - Requiescat in Pace (Interred privately at Booroondara Cemetery)

+ 19 M ii. **James John BONHAM** [3391] was born on 14 Jan 1863 in Collingwood, VIC, Australia,³⁴ was christened on 15 Feb 1863 in East Melbourne, Vic, Australia, and died on 24 Jun 1956 in QLD, Australia,³⁵ at age 93.
James married **Mabel Emily LUCAS BLACK** [4054] (b. 21 Jun 1869, d. 26 Jul 1956) on 17 Jun 1914 in QLD, Australia.³⁶

+ 20 F iii. **Anne Isabella BONHAM** [3392] was born on 20 May 1864 in Collingwood, VIC, Australia,³⁷ was christened on 26 Jun 1864 in East Melbourne, Vic, Australia, and died on 16 Aug 1944 in Malvern, Vic, Australia,³⁸ at age 80.
Anne married **Daniel Edward HEHIR** [3393] (b. Cir 1864, d. 1938) on 26 Nov 1890 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia.³⁹

+ 21 F iv. **Margaret Angela BONHAM** [3394] was born on 6 Jan 1866 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia,⁴⁰ was christened on 11 Feb 1866 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia, and died on 23 Oct 1922 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia,⁴¹ at age 56.
Margaret married **Joseph Thomas DUFFY** [3395] (b. Abt 1863, d. 30 May 1936) on 18 Dec 1896 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia.⁴²

+ 22 M v. **Edward Joseph BONHAM** [3396] was born on 5 Aug 1867 in Ararat, Vic, Australia,⁴³ was christened on 7 Jun 1868 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia, and died on 16 Mar 1942 in Oakleigh, Vic, Australia,⁴⁴ at age 74.
Edward married **Mary Josephine McDONNELL** [3397] (b. 1868, d. 1943) on 25 Apr 1894 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia.⁴⁵



Cecilia Bonham

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- 23 F vi. **Teresa Ignatius BONHAM** [3398]⁴⁶ was born on 5 Mar 1870 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia, was christened on 13 Mar 1870 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia, and died before 1941.
General Notes: **Handwritten notes of births passed down to myself on old diary (handwritten on back says pages from John's Diary) pages dated 1888/1889 state the following:-**

Birth records

Teresa Ignatius Bonham was born at 35 Catherine St Richmond March 5 1870 at 5.30am.
Baptized at St Ignatius Church Richmond Sunday March 13 1870 Mr and Mrs Fitzgerald being God Father and God Mother

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St Ignatius' schools, Richmond

The midwinter demonstration of large primary schools attached to St. Ignatius' Roman Catholic Church, Richmond, was witnessed last night by a crowded audience, composed of the friends and relatives to the children. Every part of the boys' schoolroom was occupied. The Very Rev. A Sturzo, superior-general of the Jesuits of Australasia, presided, and the Rev. J Mulhall, S.J. pastor in charge of the Richmond district was also present. A lengthy programme, illustrating the musical elocutionary, and dramatic ability of the children, was carried out under the direction of the Rev. J. Kennedy, S.J. Subjoined is the list of prizes, which were presented to the successful children at the midwinter examinations by the chairman:-

.....
Girls:

Drawing- First, Teresa Bonham;.....

Teresa is mentioned in her parents Probate documents, but no further information can be found about her.

The Kruse sisters remember being told by their grandmother that one of the sisters died young of breast cancer, and they believe that this was Teresa. I have been unable to find birth or death for her, but she is mentioned in her mother's probate documents in December 1899, and also received a disbursement of £75 from her mother's Estate in December 1900.

Teresa Ignatius is mentioned as deceased in the death notice of her sister Mary Agnes in 1941, but a death for her has not been found to date.

This is a possible related article, but unproven.

The Inverell Times (NSW : 1899 - 1954) Monday 11 June 1934 Page 8

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Sister Bonham Farewelled

Last Wednesday evening the senior Fellowship at St, Andrew's, celebrated their first anniversary at a birthday tea. The happy function took place in an appropriate setting, in the kindergarten room of the Memorial Hall, where the good things were spread, and sixteen members including Rev. Emlyn James sat down to do them justice. The birthday cake, on which was placed one candle was made by Miss Chisholm and cut by Sister Bonham.

Following this, the Sunday School teachers co-operated with the Fellowship members to entertain the Women's Missionary Association at a social evening, probably one of the most successful held in the School hall. A short session of community singing commenced the proceedings after which a number of lively games and contests were heartily entered into by all. The coldness of the evening was not noticed through participation in the various novelties. Before supper was served, occasion was taken to save words of farewell to Sister Bonham, a teacher of the Sunday school for four years



The Bonham Sisters and Mary Agnes Bonham
(probably around 1890)

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and a member of the Fellowship since its inception. Mr A. C. Baillie, superintendent of St. Andrew's S.S., in handing a cheque as a parting gift from the members of both organisations, expressed the regret of all at the departure of one so capable, enthusiastic and devoted as Sister Bonham. She efficiently carried out her labours of love he said and was held in affectionate regard by pupils, teachers and Fellowship members. Their very best wishes were extended with the hope that the future held much good and happiness in store.

Rev. Emlyn James also added words of appreciation for loyal service rendered by their guest, and handed her a book as a further expression of their high esteem. Sister Bonham in responding, thanked all for sentiments expressed, as well as for their gifts. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

The Inverell Times (NSW : 1899 - 1907, 1909 - 1954) View title info Fri 22 Feb 1935 Page 9
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

The Fellowship Association, in the course of its report, stated: During this year we have 'lengthened our cords and strengthened our stakes.'

Early in the year we applied success fully for affiliation with the Union of New South Wales. A Junior Girls' Circle has been formed, and, led by Miss Taylor, holds a meeting each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. During the evening of our first birthday tea Sister Bonham was presented with a cheque as a farewell gift from the Sunday school and Fellowship Association. She had taken a keen interest in both of these organisations, and is missed very much. A badge dedication service made a memorable day of 7th November. Miss Taylor gave a splendid talk on 'The Badge,' and what it means. Mr. Les. Campbell chose and read a suitable passage from Scripture. Mr. Price, the Director of the Welfare of Youth, gave a very inspiring address. Twenty members from the junior and senior circles were presented with badges. Our weekly meetings are a source of true fellowship.

We have studied the subjects given in the 'Witness,' our fellowship paper. Mr. James gives us a few guiding thoughts about each subject, after which various members render prepared assignments, then general discussion is invited. We all come away with a feeling of uplift. Our thanks are due to our worthy leader for his great help. The report of St. Andrew's Sunday school referred to improved attendances and evidence of deeper interest.

A record year in offerings was recorded.

Reference was made to the loss of Sister Bonham, a most loyal and enthusiastic teacher and leader of the junior

department, she having volunteered for the Australian Inland Mission.

+ 24 M vii. **John Stanislaus BONHAM** [1272] was born on 13 Nov 1871 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia,⁴⁷ was christened on 26 Nov 1871 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia, died on 21 Aug 1955 in Bribie Island, QLD, Australia,⁴⁸ at age 83, and was cremated on 23 Aug 1955 in Brisbane, Qld, Australia.

John married **Kathleen Ellen DECIS ROGERSON** [1323] (b. Abt 1875, d. 14 Jan 1913) on 11 Aug 1906 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia.⁴⁹

John next married **Catherine Mary SLATER** [1271] (b. 16 Oct 1887, d. 10 Jun 1976) on 4 Jul 1914 in Brunswick, Vic, Australia.⁵⁰

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- 25 M viii. **Francis Phillip BONHAM** [3399] was born on 26 May 1873 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia,⁵¹ was christened on 1 Jun 1873 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia, and died in 1943 in Cham, Vic, Australia,⁵² at age 70.
- General Notes: **Handwritten notes of births passed down to myself on old diary (handwritten on back says pages from John's Diary) pages dated 1888/1889 state the following:-**
- Birth records**
- Francis Philip Bonham as born at 35 Catherine Street Richmond May 26 1873 at 6am.
- Baptized at St Ignatius Church Richmond on Sunday June 1 1873.
- W Sabastian Fitzgerald and Miss Bridget O'Brien being God Father and God Mother



Francis Phillip Bonham
as a child - from Bonham family photos of John and Catherine Bonham

7. **John BONHAM** [3446] (*Edward*¹) was born in 1822 in Ireland and was christened on 28 Apr 1822 in Kingstown, County Dublin, Ireland.¹⁷

General Notes: I have been unable to find the whereabouts of John and Matilda in the 1861 Census and John in the 1871 and 1881 Census of England. In the 1881 census Matilda says she is the wife of a shipwright, but in the 1891 census she says she is a widow, so presumably John died somewhere between 1881 and 1891, however, I have not been able to find a death that corresponds.

The witness on the marriage of James John Bonham to Mary Agnes Jones in Melbourne in 1860 was John Bonham. It is possible that this is the same John Bonham. As most of the siblings came to Australia, I assume that John may have done so. I have been unable to find a death in England for John Bonham, despite the fact that John's wife calls herself a widow in 1891 census. I have found the death of a John in Melbourne in 1918, with parents and wife names unknown, however the age given on the death certificate would have made that John born approximately 1840. The death certificate states that John Bonham's address was 33 Barry Street, Carlton at the time of his death. Further research will be required to ascertain if this the correct John Bonham.

Another possibility is a John Bonham,

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Tuesday 14 November 1916 page 6

<<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/page/393186>

*An old pioneer, Mr John **Bonham** -who landed in Victoria in 1854, died at Drysdale on Friday night*

I have not been able to find a corresponding death in either the Victorian online death index, or on Ancestry.com.au.

I have obtained the death certificate of a John Bonham who died at Wentworth NSW in 1886. This John Bonham is said to have been 67 at his death, therefore born c. 1819. Unfortunately it gives no information on parents, or marriage. His occupation is given as farm labourer. Aug 2015

Noted events in his life were:

- He had a residence in Toxteth, Lancashire, England in 1841.⁵³
- In 1851 he resided at 27A James Place in Toxteth, Lancashire, England.⁵⁴

John married **Matilda Scott HAMILTON** [3447] on 14 Nov 1847 in Toxteth, Lancashire, England.⁴ Matilda was born about 1829 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England and died before 1911.

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Noted events in her life were:

- In 1861 she resided at 273 Bedford Street in Toxteth, Lancashire, England.⁵⁵
- In 1901 she resided at 2 Elm Road in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.⁵⁶

Children from this marriage were:

- + 26 F i. **Helena Maria BONHAM** [6136] was born Mar Q 1850 in Toxteth, Lancashire, England⁴ and died Jun Q 1916 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England,⁵⁷ at age 66. Helena married **Alfred JENKINS** [6146]⁴ (d. Bef 1891) in Dec 1881 in Toxteth, Lancashire, England.⁴
- 27 M ii. **James BONHAM** [6137] was born about 1853 in Toxteth, Lancashire, England⁴ and died Jun Q 1864 in West Derby, Lancashire, England,⁵⁸ aged about 11.
- + 28 M iii. **John Arthur Scott Hamilton BONHAM** [6151] was born Sep Q 1856 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England⁵⁹ and died in 1921 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England,⁴ at age 65. John married **Sarah Lowe DENNIS** [6152]⁵⁸ (b. Dec Q 1867, d. Jun Q 1950) in 1889 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.⁴
- 29 F iv. **Edith Matilda BONHAM** [6139] was born about 1859 in Toxteth, Lancashire, England⁴ and died Mar Q 1862 in West Derby, Lancashire, England,⁵⁸ aged about 3.

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Third Generation (Grandchildren)

11. Frances Maria McDONNELL [4368]¹¹ (*Frances Maria BONHAM*², *Edward*¹) was born in 1856 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England.

Frances married **W A FAY** [1825].²²

13. Percy Stanislaus McDONNELL [4362]¹¹ (*Frances Maria BONHAM*², *Edward*¹) was born on 13 Nov 1858 in London, London, England and died on 24 Sep 1896 in Brisbane, Qld, Australia, at age 37.

General Notes:

McDonnell, Percy Stanislaus (1860-1896)

by Ian Johnson

Percy Stanislaus McDonnell (1860-1896), cricketer and broker, was born on 13 November 1860 in London, son of Morgan Augustus [Augustine] McDonnell (1824-1889), barrister, and his wife Frances Marie, née Bonham. In 1864 the family migrated to Melbourne and in 1868 Morgan was elected for Villiers and Heytesbury to the Legislative Assembly, serving as attorney-general under Sladen in 1868 and MacPherson in 1869-70.

McDonnell was educated at St Patrick's College, where he was a prodigy at cricket and a fine footballer. After an inauspicious début in inter colonial cricket in 1878, in which he got 'a pair' against New South Wales, he soon became one of the fastest scoring batsmen in Australian cricket. In 1878-85 he batted seventeen times for Victoria with an average of 30.31. For New South Wales from 1885 he batted fifteen times at 38.21. In 1886 at Melbourne he scored 236 of the New South Wales total of 363.

McDonnell toured England in 1880, 1882, 1884 and as captain in 1888. With 418 runs at 23.22 he was second to W. L. Murdoch in 1880 and again in 1884, with 1225 runs at 23.25. He headed the batting in 1888 with 1393 runs at 22.83. In nineteen Tests against England he scored 958 runs at 29, with three centuries and a highest score of 147. One of his best innings was against the north of England in 1888 when, on a sticky wicket, he scored 82 in 55 minutes in a partnership of 86 with A. Bannerman. In 1884 against England at Adelaide he scored 124 and 83, his batting described 'as unsurpassed for finish, power and complete command over the best of English bowling'. In all his first-class cricket he scored 6460 runs at an average of 23 and is reckoned one of the great Australian batsmen.

McDonnell died of cardiac failure at Brisbane on 24 September 1896 and was buried in the Roman Catholic section of Toowong cemetery. He was survived by two sons and his wife Grace, née McDonald, whom he had married at Sydney on 8 April 1891.

Australian Dictionary of Biography - online

<http://advanced/biography/mcdonnell-percy-stanislaus-4082>

Percy married **Grace McDONALD** [6109] on 8 Apr 1891.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 30 M i. **Stanley Augustine McDONNELL** [4361]¹¹ was born in Sydney, NSW, Australia and died in 1972 in Brisbane, Qld, Australia.

Stanley married **Harriet Beryl BROWN** [11892]⁶⁰ in 1922 in QLD, Australia.⁶⁰

31 M ii. **Wilfred Francis McDONNELL** [6110]⁶¹ was born on 10 Mar 1895 in Brisbane, Qld, Australia⁶¹ and died on 12 Dec 1947 in Brisbane, Qld, Australia,⁶¹ at age 52.



Percy Stanislaus McDonnell
photo taken in England while Percy was Captain of the
Australian Cricket Eleven - from Bonham family photos
photo given to John and Catherine Bonham

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19. James John BONHAM [3391] (*James John², Edward¹*) was born on 14 Jan 1863 in Collingwood, VIC, Australia,³⁴ was christened on 15 Feb 1863 in East Melbourne, Vic, Australia, and died on 24 Jun 1956 in QLD, Australia,³⁵ at age 93.

General Notes: **Handwritten notes of births passed down to myself on old diary pages dated 1888 state the following:-**

Birth records

James John Bonham born Wednesday January 14 1863 at 10.10pm.

Baptized Sunday February 15 1863 at St Patricks Cathedral. Mr Fitzgerald being God Father and Mrs Fitzgerald being God Mother by proxy for Miss Jessie Jones Aunt of the child.

Jim Bonham had a patent on a dry battery. There is a photo of this apparatus, though the quality of the photo is poor. He also took a group of "government men" in search of Lassisters Reef (of which there are also photos), but the dates of these 2 events are not known.



James John Bonham b. 1863

James married **Mabel Emily LUCAS BLACK** [4054], daughter of **William Bradford LUCAS** [4055] and **Sarah Jane GOODIN** [4056], on 17 Jun 1914 in QLD, Australia.³⁶ Mabel was born on 21 Jun 1869 in Bathurst, NSW, Australia and died on 26 Jul 1956 in QLD, Australia,⁶² at age 87.

General Notes: **The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Thu 25 Sep 1913 Page 5 IN DIVORCE.**

BLACK v BLACK.

Mabel Emily Black (formerly Lucas) sought a divorce from Robert Alexander Black on the ground of desertion. The marriage was solemnised at Surry Hills on April 25, 1889. A decree nisi was pronounced. Mr. R. W. Fraser appeared for petitioner.



Bonhams taken Tweed Heads Queensland
rear: Mabel, Catherine John, and front: Jim & Ivy Bonham
September 1951
(1951)

Children from this marriage were:

- 32 M i. **Arthur Julian BONHAM** [4435]⁶³ was born in 1897 in Leichardt, NSW, Australia⁶⁴ and died in 1971 in QLD, Australia,⁶⁵ at age 74.
General Notes: father appears as Robert A Black on birth
- + 33 M ii. **James Albert John BONHAM** [4246]⁶⁶ was born on 14 Jan 1901 in Sydney, NSW, Australia⁶⁷ and died on 24 Jun 1976 in Brisbane, Qld, Australia,⁶⁸ at age 75.
James married **Ivy SANDALL** [4247] (b. 23 Dec 1906, d. 21 Dec 1987) in 1936 in Brisbane, Qld, Australia.⁶⁶

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20. Anne Isabella BONHAM [3392] (*James John², Edward¹*) was born on 20 May 1864 in Collingwood, VIC, Australia,³⁷ was christened on 26 Jun 1864 in East Melbourne, Vic, Australia, and died on 16 Aug 1944 in Malvern, Vic, Australia,³⁸ at age 80. Another name for Anne was Ann Isabella Bonham.

General Notes: **Handwritten notes of births passed down to myself on old diary pages dated 1888 state the following:-**

Birth records

Ann Isabella Bonham May 20 1864 at 10.35pm
Baptized at St Patricks Cathedral Sunday June 26 1864 Mr Morgan Agustin McDonnell being God father and Uncle of the child Angella McDonnell being God Mother and cousin

The Melbourne Argus 6 December 1890 page 1

Marriages

HEHIR - BONHAM -On the 20th ult., at St Ignatius R.C. Church, Richmond, by the Rev. J. Kennedy, S.J., assisted by the Revs. J. Mulhall, S.J., and P.J. Clune, Goulburn, N.S.W., Daniel Edward Hehir, youngest son of Edward Hehir, Ballygriffy, Dysart, county Clare, Ireland, to Annie Isabella Bonham, second daughter of the late James Bonham, Richmond, Victoria.

Daniel and Annie lived at Guildford Road Belmont, Western Australia in 1903 - 1916. By 1924 Annie was living at 88 Gardiner Street, Richmond, Victoria and there is no mention of her husband in the electoral roll for the same address, however, from 1931 - 1942 they were both living at 26 Beaver Street, Oakleigh, Victoria.

The Melbourne Argus Thursday 17 August 1944

HEHIR. On August 11, at her residence, 26 Beaver street, East Malvern, Ann Isabella, relict of the late Daniel Hehir, and beloved daughter of late James John and Mary Bonham. Requiescat in pace .

Anne married **Daniel Edward HEHIR** [3393], son of **Edward HEHIR** [6133]⁶⁹ and **Bridget CAHILL** [6134],⁶⁹ on 26 Nov 1890 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia.³⁹ Daniel was born circa 1864 in Dysart, Clare, Ireland and died in 1938 in Malvern, Vic, Australia,⁷⁰ aged about 74.



Anne (Bonham) Hehir taken in WA
(Cir 1901)

21. Margaret Angela BONHAM [3394] (*James John², Edward¹*) was born on 6 Jan 1866 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia,⁴⁰ was christened on 11 Feb 1866 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia, and died on 23 Oct 1922 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia,⁴¹ at age 56.

General Notes: **Handwritten notes of births passed down to myself on old diary (handwritten on back says pages from John's Diary) pages dated 1888/1889 state the following:-**

Birth records

Margaret Angela Bonham born at 35 Catherine Street Richmond, January 6 1866 at 12.30am.
Baptized at St James Church Richmond Sunday February 11 1866 Mr Fitzgerald an Mrs Fitzgerald being sponsors.

Married at St Ignatius Church Richmond. The witnesses on the marriage certificate were Frank Bonham and Margaret Frances McDonnell.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Sat 2 Jan 1897 Page 1 Family Notices

DUFFY - BONHAM. - On the 18th December at St Ignatius R. C. Church, Richmond, by the Rev. James Kennedy, S.J., Joseph Thomas Duffy, youngest son of the late James Duffy, of Ballarat to Margaret Angela, third daughter of the late James Bonham, of Richmond, Victoria. No cards



Mary Angela and Mary Agnes Bonham

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The Argus Melbourne Saturday 11 May 1901 page 9

Births

DUFFY (nee Bonham)-On the 3rd May, at Leigh Creek, Pine Avenue, Mildura, the wife of Joseph T Duffy of National Bank of Australia-a son.

The Argus Melbourne Saturday 11 February 1905 page 9

Births

DUFFY (nee Bonham) on the 5th February, at "Leigh Creek" Pine Avenue, Mildura, the wife of Joseph T Duffy, of National Bank of Australia - a daughter.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957 Saturday 4 November 1922 Page 17

DUFFY. On the 23rd October, at 131 Swan street, Richmond, Margaret Angela, daughter of the late James and Agnes **Bonham**, Richmond, and mother of Joe and Agnes. R.I.P.

Advocate (Melbourne, Vic. : 1868 - 1954) Thu 2 Nov 1922 Page 25 Family Notices

DUFFY. - Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Angela Duffy, third daughter of the late James and Mary Agnes Bonham, of Richmond, and mother of Joe and Agnes, who died on 23rd Oct., 1922.

Noted events in her life were:

- In 1909 she resided at 119 Swan Street in Richmond, Victoria, Australia.
- In 1914 she resided at 172 Swan Street in Richmond, Victoria, Australia.
- In 1919 she resided at 121 Swan Street in Richmond, Victoria, Australia.

Margaret married **Joseph Thomas DUFFY** [3395], son of **James DUFFY** [6102] and **Frances CULLEN** [6101],⁷¹ on 18 Dec 1896 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia.⁴² Joseph was born about 1863,⁷¹ died on 30 May 1936 in Ballarat, Vic, Australia,⁷² aged about 73, and was buried on 2 Jun 1936 in Ballarat, Vic, Australia.

Noted events in his life were:

- In 1909 he resided at 119 Swan Street in Richmond, Victoria, Australia.
- He had a residence in Leigh Creek, Vic, Australia in 1909.
- He had a residence in Leigh Creek, Vic, Australia in 1914.
- From 1919 to 1936 he resided at Benevolent Asylum in Ballarat, Vic, Australia.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 34 M i. **Joseph James DUFFY** [4060] was born in 1901 in Mildura, Vic, Australia⁷³ and died in 1978 in Doncaster, Vic, Australia,⁷⁴ at age 77.
Joseph married **Mary Cecilia McKENNA** [4432] (b. Abt 1902, d. 1964) circa 1947 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia.⁷⁵
- + 35 F ii. **Mary Agnes Bonham DUFFY** [4061] was born on 5 Feb 1905 in Mildura, Vic, Australia⁷⁶ and died on 14 Sep 1995,⁷¹ at age 90.
Mary married **Edward Malcolm HAGART** [6099]. (b. 31 Jul 1904, d. 5 Dec 1982)

22. Edward Joseph BONHAM [3396] (*James John*², *Edward*¹) was born on 5 Aug 1867 in Ararat, Vic, Australia,⁴³ was christened on 7 Jun 1868 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia, and died on 16 Mar 1942 in Oakleigh, Vic, Australia,⁴⁴ at age 74.

General Notes: **Handwritten notes of births passed down to myself on old diary (handwritten on back says pages from John's Diary) pages dated 1888/1889 state the following:-**

Birth records

Edward Joseph Bonham was born at Ararat Aug 5 1867 at 2.30pm.

Baptized at St James Church Richmond on Sunday June 7 1868, Alphonsus and Frances McDonnell being God Father and God Mother and cousins of the child

In 1924 Edward, Mary, Mary Jnr and Agnes were living at the Mulgrave Arms, Dandenong Road, Oakleigh.

Edward probably attended St Patricks college and matriculated in December 1887 (see The Argus Wednesday 21 December 1887 page 4 School speech days St. Patrick's College)

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The Argus Melbourne Wednesday 5 January 1887 page 6

Matriculation Examination

October Term 1886

The final result of this examination was posted on the University notice boards yesterday. It consisted of detailed list showing the results of each candidates in the several subjects presented. In the case of those candidates who succeeded in passing the matriculation examination the names are given as well as the number assigned to them for examination. In the case of those candidates who either failed to pass or did not present a sufficient number of subjects to entitle them to matriculate the numbers only are given. From this list we have extracted the names of the successful candidates, and they are given below, arranged in alphabetical order, the number that has been assigned to them for the examination is also given, and also the last place at which each of the successful candidates received instructions..... Edward Joseph John Bonham, St. Patrick's College, 245:.....

The Argus Melbourne Thursday 18 December 1890

Lost and Found

Lost, breastpin, pearl centre, diamonds round rim. Reward. Edward J. Bonham, 17 Catherine street, Richmond.

The Argus Melbourne Saturday 2 June 1894 page 1

Marriages

BONHAM-MCDONNELL - on the 25th April by Rev J. Kennedy, S.J., Edward Joseph Bonham, second son of the late John Bonham of Richmond to Mary (Minnie) McDonnell, youngest daughter of the Late John McDonnell of Collingwood.

South Bourke & Mornington Journal Wednesday 18 December 1907 page 2

Licensing court

Before Messrs Harris, Smallman and Homes, P.M;s the following victuallers licences were granted - Mary Bonham, Mulgrave Arms Hotel, Mulgrave.

There is a Councillor in the Shire of Mulgrave in the 1890's - 1900's who may be this person. It requires further investigation.

The Argus Friday 20 March 1942

Bonham - on March 16 at his residence Dandenong Road Oakleigh, Edward Joseph, beloved husband of Mary and loved father of Mollie (Mrs A Williams deceased) Agnes and Nance, loved grandad of Bonnie Williams, loved brother of Anne (Mrs Hehir East Malvern) (Interred Privately)

Edward married **Mary Josephine McDONNELL** [3397], daughter of **John McDONNELL** [6131]⁷⁷ and **Margaret Ann McNAMARA** [6132], on 25 Apr 1894 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia.⁴⁵ Mary was born in 1868 in Collingwood, VIC, Australia⁷⁸ and died in 1943 in Oakleigh, Vic, Australia,⁷⁹ at age 75. Another name for Mary was Minnie Bonham.

General Notes: **The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Sat 20 Mar 1943 Page 2 Family Notices**
The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) Sat 20 Mar 1943 Page 8 Family Notices
Advocate (Melbourne, Vic. : 1868 - 1954) Thu 25 Mar 1943 Page 14 Family Notices

BONHAM. On March 17, at her residence. Dandenong road. Oakleigh, Mary Josephine, relict of Edward Joseph Bonham, beloved mother of Mary (Mrs. Williams, deceased) Agnes, and Nonce, grandmother of Bonnie Requiescat In pace (Privately interred.)

Children from this marriage were:

- + 36 F i. **Mary Theresa BONHAM** [4057] was born in 1895 in Moe, Vic, Australia,⁸⁰ died on 20 May 1941 in Fitzroy, Vic, Australia,⁸¹ at age 46, and was buried on 21 May 1941 in Springvale Crematorium, Springvale, Victoria, Australia.⁸²
Mary married **Austral Frederick WILLIAMS** [4058] (b. 1897, d. 1981) on 4 Jan 1930 in Carlton North, Victoria.⁸³
- 37 F ii. **Agnes Mary BONHAM** [4059] was born in 1901 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia⁸⁴ and died on 27 Dec 1945 in Dandenong, Victoria, Australia,⁸⁵ at age 44. Another name for Agnes was Nancye Bonham.

General Notes: **Advocate (Melbourne, Vic. : 1868 - 1954) Wed 10 Jan 1945 Page 21 Family Notices**

BONHAM - On December 27, suddenly, at her residence, Dandenong-road, Oakleigh, Agnes, beloved daughter of the late Edward and Mary Bonham; beloved sister of Mollie

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- 38 F iii. (Mrs. Williams, dec.), and Nancy; loved aunt of Bonnie.
Anne Frances Josephine BONHAM [5760] was born in 1911 in Oakleigh, Vic, Australia and died on 15 Jan 2006 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia,⁸⁶ at age 95. Another name for Anne was Nance Bonham.
 General Notes: BONHAM. - Annie, died Jan. 15, 2006 at Alfred Hospital. Loving youngest daughter of Edward and Mary (both dec.), loving sister of Mollie (dec.) and Agnes (dec.), loving aunt of Bonnie. Privately interred.
 Obituaries
 Published in Herald Sun on 18/01/2006

24. John Stanislaus BONHAM [1272] (*James John*², *Edward*¹) was born on 13 Nov 1871 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia,⁴⁷ was christened on 26 Nov 1871 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia, died on 21 Aug 1955 in Bribie Island, QLD, Australia,⁴⁸ at age 83, and was cremated on 23 Aug 1955 in Brisbane, Qld, Australia. The cause of his death was Uremia, Chronic obstructive renal disease/prostatic enlargement and urethral stricture. Another name for John was John Stanislaus Clement Bonham.

General Notes: **Handwritten notes of births passed down to myself on old diary (handwritten on back says pages from John's Diary) pages dated 1888/1889 state the following:-**

Birth records

John Stanislaus Bonham was born at 35 Catherine Street Richmond, November 13 1871 at 10.55pm.
 Baptized at St Ignatius Church Richmond on November 25, 1871.
 Mr Fitzgerald and Jessie Jones being God Father and God Mother (The latter being Aunt of the child)



John S Bonham

A family story that has been handed down is that John was in Western Australia at the time of his mothers death. A message was sent to him and he began his journey home, but his motorcycle broke down and he suffered from heat exhaustion. He was found unconscious and was hospitalised, but was unable to return home before his mothers funeral took place. His sister was living in western Australia around the time of their mother's death.

John's occupation was carpenter.

His first wife Kathleen Rogerson drowned in the Maribyrniong River. An inquest was held into her death.

There are photos of John & Catherine who had a gold mine at Inglewood Victoria, but I have no information on dates. On the rear of the photo Catherine has written "our mine at Inglewood when flooded. John & Catherine Bonham."

John applied for a patent for "improvements in pumps" in 1902. At the time of this application his address was given as 79 Rowena Parade Richmond and his occupation was given as miner.

John was cremated in Brisbane.

Noted events in his life were:

- In 1914 he resided at 340 Swan Street in Richmond, Victoria, Australia.⁸⁷
- In 1919 he resided at 185 Stawell Street in Richmond, Victoria, Australia.⁸⁷
- He had a residence in Campbellfield, Vic, Australia in 1924.⁸⁷
- In 1931 he resided at Nicholas & Watson Streets in Broadmeadows, Vic, Australia.⁸⁷
- He had a residence in Inglewood, Vic, Australia from 1936 to 1937.⁸⁷
- He had a residence in Garfield, Vic, Australia in 1942.⁸⁷
- In 1949 he resided at 21 Hanover Street in Oakleigh, Vic, Australia.⁸⁷
- In 1954 he resided at Fifth Avenue in Bribie Island, QLD, Australia.⁸⁷

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John married **Kathleen Ellen DECIS ROGERSON** [1323], daughter of **William DECIS** [3367] and **Ellen BOSTOCK** [3368], on 11 Aug 1906 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia.⁴⁹ Kathleen was born about 1875,⁸⁸ died on 14 Jan 1913 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia,⁸⁹ aged about 38, and was buried on 17 Jan 1913 in Springvale, Vic, Australia. The cause of her death was drowned. They had no children.

General Notes: On Kathleen's 1894 marriage certificate to William Rogerson, she states that she was aged 20 years and born in Dublin, and that her father was William Decis (Gentleman) and mother was Ellen TULLOCH.

On her 1906 marriage certificate to John Bonham she states she is a spinster born Dublin Ireland, aged 34 years and that her father was William Decis Engine Driver and mother Ellen Boswick.

As William Decis and Ellen Bostock (Bostick) began having children in Melbourne in 1861 and had 7 registered children that I have found until 1876, it is unlikely Kathleen could have been born in Dublin if these were her parents. I have been unable to find the birth of Kathleen Ellen Decis in the period mentioned.

There are 12 children mentioned on the death certificate of Kathleen's mother in 1884, they are John 25, William 23, Mary Ann 22, Edward 20, Herman (?) 18, Sarah 17, Esther 15, Margaret 12, Ernest, 11 Kathleen 9, Eliza dead and Constant 5.

Kathleen Decis Rogerson Bonham drowned in Saltwater Creek Melbourne (Maribyrniong River). She had been previously married to William Rogerson and had three children from that marriage.

Bendigo Advertiser Friday 7 February 1913 page 3

FOUND DROWNED.

Melbourne, 6th February.

A verdict, of "found drowned" was recorded by the coroner (Dr. Cole) after he had heard evidence in connection with the death of Kathleen Ellen Bonham, whose body was found in the Saltwater River on 13th January. According to the evidence of her husband, deceased had on 6th January intimated that the only thing to do was to separate. She had been a victim to drinking during the six years of their married life. In recording his verdict, the coroner remarked that there was no evidence to show how deceased had got into the water.

The Argus Friday 7 February 1913 page 8

"FOUND DROWNED."

At the Morgue, yesterday the Coroner (Dr Cole) conducted an inquest concerning the death of Kathleen Ellen Bonham, who was found drowned in Saltwater River on January 13. Deceased's husband, John Bonham, stated that he separated from his wife on January 3, at her wish. Deceased had been a victim to drink. A verdict was recorded that deceased was found drowned, and that there was no evidence to show how she got into the water

Weekly Times (Melbourne, Vic. : 1869 - 1954) Sat 8 Feb 1913 Page 33

WOMAN DROWNED.

HUSBAND'S STATEMENT.

Dr. R. H. Cole, the Coroner, at the Morgue, on February 5, held an Inquiry concerning the death of Kathleen Ellen Bonham, who was found drowned in the Saltwater River on January 13. John Bonham, laborer, employed at the Prince of Wales Coffee Palace, Melbourne, said that he left Kathleen Ellen Bonham, his wife, on January 3. He last saw her on January 9, when she said that the only thing to do was to be separated. "Witness asked her how much she desired, and gave her £1. She offered to him give him back 8/, but witness told her to keep the money and not spend it on drink. She had been a victim to drink during the six years, of their married life. William Workman, laborer, residing at Maribyrnong, stated that he found the body when he was fishing at the Saltwater River on January 13. It was lying face downwards in shallow water. The Coroner recorded a verdict that Kathleen Ellen Bonham was drowned in the Saltwater River. There was no evidence to show how she entered the water.

IS THIS KATHERINE BONHAM??????

The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954) Fri 26 Jul 1912 Page 10 ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

WOMAN LIES ACROSS TRAM TRACK

unknown; and mentally defective.

A sad case of attempted suicide came under, the notice - of the Melbourne Hospital authorities

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last/night, when a middle aged woman was brought to the institution by Constable Spottiswoode. . According to the constable's story, the woman, who gave several names when questioned, the one she most frequently mentioned being Ellen Rogerson was seen by a Mr. R. J. Lewis of Queen's-walk, to throw, herself in front of an advancing tram car as it rounded the curve at the corner of Spring and Collins streets. This was about 8.30 p.m. The gripman of the car - NO. 136, from Fitzroy - put the brakes on hard, and managed to pull up within two feet of the woman, who was lying at full length across the rails. Mr. Lewis rushed for ward and pulled her clear of the line, and Constable Spottiswoode arriving; he took her in charge. He drove with her to the city watch house, and from there she was removed to the hospital for observation.

Drs. Goldstein, and. Crookston were not long in ascertaining that she was not in her right mind, and she stated in answer to their questions that she had been, an inmate of Kew Asylum a year or so back. Communication with the asylum by telephone failed to lead to her identification, and she was detained at the institution for the night, pending information being obtained regarding her. She is about 5 feet 8 inches high; of rather attractive appearance, and has dark hair, Her clothing is poor, and from her wanderings of the, mind' it would appear as if she at one time, lived at Germanton. Her husband's Christian name is "Jack," and that of one of her children "Nelly."

John next married **Catherine Mary SLATER** [1271], daughter of **Thomas SLATER** [1274] and **Elizabeth Ashe SCOTT** [1273], on 4 Jul 1914 in Brunswick, Vic, Australia.⁵⁰ Catherine was born on 16 Oct 1887 in Kyneton, Vic, Australia,⁹⁰ was christened on 25 Oct 1887 in Kyneton, Vic, Australia,⁹¹ died on 10 Jun 1976 in Malvern, Vic, Australia,⁹² at age 88, and was cremated on 15 Jun 1976 in Springvale, Vic, Australia.⁹³ The cause of her death was coronary occlusion, ischaemic heart disease, valvular heart disease. Other names for Catherine were Kitty Bonham, Kate Slater, and Kitty Slater.



Catherine Mary Slater
(Cir 1908)

General Notes: **The Kyneton Observer (Vic. : 1856 - 1900) Sat 7 Mar 1896 Page 3 THE CONVENT SCHOOL.**

The annual distribution of prizes at the Convent Primary School, postponed from December, took place yesterday. There was a large attendance of parents and friends of the scholars. The Very Revd. Dean Hegarty. presided, and the following priests were also present:

Preparatory Class - John Casey, Blanche Withers, Lillie Walsh. Ely O'Neill. Mary Sheehan. Kate Slater, Patrick Jfillis, Charlie Westblade,

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The Kyneton Observer (Vic. : 1856 - 1900) Thu 24 Dec 1896 Page 5 ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The annual break-up festival in connection with St. Joseph's convent Primary School took place on Tuesday in the presence of a large number of the parents and friends of the scholars. Before the presentation of prizes took place, a programme of exceptional excellence was furnished by the juveniles, who acquitted themselves in a highly satisfactory manner.

..... The following is the prize list CLASS L - Siley O'Neill, 1; Blanche Withers, 2; Lily Walshe, 3; Kate Slater, 4

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The Kyneton Observer (Vic. : 1856 - 1900) Thu 3 Dec 1896 Page 2 Fearful Cruelty to a Child.

Fearful Cruelty to a Child

EXEMPLARY PUNISHMENT

A case was ventilated at the police Court on Tuesday before Messrs M.K. Armstrong and J. Menzies, J'sP., in which an aged woman named Mrs Mary Brennan, a resident of Wedge street, was charged with having cruelly ill-used a child between the 2nd September and the 19th November. The evidence revealed a shocking state of affairs, and had not absolute proof being forthcoming, it would have been extremely difficult to credit that a woman could, so far forget her sex as to practice such fiendish cruelties upon an innocent child. The barbarous treatment that the unfortunate victim received will not likely be forgotten by her for many years to come, and though the bench had power to award imprisonment they did not exercise that right, but

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inflicted a substantial fine.

The case was brought at the instance of the Victorian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to, and Neglect of Children, and the prosecution was ably conducted by Sergeant Beck.

The victim of the unmerciful beatings, Elsie Macan, who is a bright, intelligent child gave her evidence in a most convincing fashion and brought-out all the details of her far from pleasurable stay under the inhospitable roof of Mrs Brennan, without any prompting whatever.

The defendant, who was granted permission to sit down, was represented by Mr Palmer, and pleaded not guilty.

Sergeant Beck stated that proceedings were taken under section 117 of the Infant Life Protection Act, the defendant being charged with wilfully ill-treating a girl under the age of 14 years, such ill-treatment resulting in bodily injury to the victim. The bench had power to inflict a penalty not exceeding £50. or award a term of imprisonment not exceeding 12 months. Mrs Brennan was an old resident of the town and was in fairly comfortable circumstances. She resided by herself in Wedge Street. At the latter end of August last she was in Melbourne and agreed with Mrs Macan, a widow residing in East Malvern, to take her daughter, Elsie, aged eight years, who, in consideration of living with her as companion, was to be clothed, fed and sent to school. Mrs Macan and the defendant were strangers prior to the arrangement, which had been brought about by a mutual friend. The defendant took the little girl to Kyneton on the 3rd September, and kept her till the 19th November, on which date she returned her to her mother. Prior to that some enquiries had been made by the police concerning the treatment the child had received. The child was returned to the mother in an entirely different state to when she left her home. She was in a filthy condition, her head being covered with vermin, and a considerable portion of her hair at the back and right side was missing, it having been pulled out. There were marks on the right side of her face, on the ear, the back of the head, and on her right and left arms. He considered that after the bench had heard the whole evidence they would not have the slightest doubt that the case had been fully proved. If they were satisfied he would ask for a severe penalty to be inflicted. The prosecutor concluded with the remark : "It is without doubt one of the most cruel and brutal cases that I have ever seen."

All witnesses were ordered out of court Elsie Macan was the first witness called for the prosecution. Her head was scarcely to be seen in the witness-box, and she was placed on a chair just below the bench. Although she expressed her ignorance of the nature of an oath, she asserted that she knew the difference between truth and untruth, and indicated the consequences that would happen to her in the event of telling a lie. She was allowed to be sworn. Her evidence was as follows:-

My mother resides in Jordan Street, East Malvern. I remember coming to Kyneton with Mrs Brennan. I left her on a Thursday and have been home two Sundays since. During the time I was with Mrs Brennan I went to the Convent School. I had to scrub six rooms at first, and two additional rooms afterwards. I had to chop wood and cut grass with a knife. I was not treated kindly by Mrs Brennan, who beat me across the head with a whip. Nearly every day I received a beating.

Whatever I did I could never please her I was also beaten frequently across the back and face with a stick, and across the head with a rope. On one occasion I was struck on the back with a box, and on another on the right arm with a soup ladle. When I first went to Kyneton my hair was down to my shoulders, but I had to get it cut since. The defendant often caught me by the hair with her two hands, and dragged it out by the roots. That happened whenever she could not find the whip to beat me. The defendant swung me round by the hair of my head on another occasion, and I caught her by the dress to save myself from falling. I remember the postman coming to Mrs Brennan's place and saying that he would give her in charge if she ill-treated me.

Mrs Brennan told me to say if the police came that I was well treated and got everything I wanted. The marks on my head and arm were caused by the beatings I received from Mrs Brennan with whip, stick, and rope. The bare patches on my head resulted from the hair being pulled out by the defendant.

I was frightened to comb my hair for fear Mrs Brennan would cut it off. I had not sufficient to eat. Sometimes I received dry bread, and other times bread and treacle. I went twice without breakfast and once without tea. I could not find the rope for her one morning and she

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threatened to pull my hair out. She had also threatened to massacre me, and called me a reprobate, a '97'97 wretch, and an infernal wretch. I was frightened to tell anybody through fear of her. I did not fall down and mark myself. No-one beat me but Mrs Brennan.

To Mr Palmer : It was Mrs Hughes who made arrangements for me to stop with the defendant. I went to the Convent school pretty regularly. I did not tell the nuns of the treatment I received, as Mrs Brennan had threatened to massacre me if I did. It was after Mrs Brennan had shifted to where she now resides that the ill treatment began. Mrs Brennan had told me when I first came to her not to stop talking to people, and not to tell my name. I got milk from Mrs Grant on one occasion and told her my name. Mrs Brennan said she would massacre me with a knife if I so offended again. I never made a complaint to anyone. I wrote to my mother once.

To Sergeant Beck: I had agreed with my mother to put a cross in my letters if I were ill-treated. In the only one I wrote I put that mark. When any person was in the house Mrs Brennan treated me kindly.

Teresa Macan, mother of the last witness, stated she was a widow residing in East Malvern. She had a family of seven to support and was in poor circumstances. Mrs Hughes resided in Windsor, close to where Mrs Brennan's son lived. In consequence of something Mrs Hughes had said, she went to see Mrs Brennan at her son's house. An arrangement was then made that her daughter Elsie should live with the defendant in consideration of receiving a home and every comfort,

She had been led to understand that Mrs Brennan was in good circumstances, and she had let her daughter go believing she would be made happy. It was on the 2nd September that her daughter left home, and she was then in a perfectly clean condition.

There were no marks about her body, head, or face, and her hair was hanging down to her shoulders in curls. When she returned on the 19th ult. she was filthy with vermin; her hair was pulled out in various places, and there were bruises on the arm; left shoulder, back, and side of her head. Her daughter informed her of the nature of her treatment, and she took her to the police station at Malvern. The charge was out, and she then went to Mr Church, secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. At his suggestion she visited Dr Stawell's surgery.

Mrs Hughes had not told her that Mrs Brennan had previously ill treated a child. If she had known that the defendant was not a motherly person she would not have entrusted her daughter to her keeping. She had instructed her daughter to put a cross in her letters home if she were not well treated. She had received a letter bearing the Kyneton post mark, and signed "Humanity" informing her of the cruelty practiced upon her child.

Mr Palmer objected to the latter portion of the evidence and the bench held it was not admissible.

Witness (continuing) remarked that the first and only letter she received from her child contained a mark in the shape of a cross. She had complained to the police prior to the child returning home. Her daughter had always been taught to be truthful, and she had never found her out in a lie.

To Mr Palmer: Her daughter had never a ringworm in her head.

To Sergeant Beck: Mrs Brennan had written then to her saying she was sending her daughter home. Prior to that however, she had made inquiries through the police.

Dr Richard Stawell, practicing his profession in Collins street, Melbourne, deposed that Mrs Macan and daughter visited his surgery on the 20th ult. He examined the little girl and found her bruised on the right cheek.

There were two comparatively recent bruises on the right upper arm and one on the left arm. Her head was partly denuded of hair and was covered with nits and lice. The bruises could be caused in the manner stated by the child.

There was no suggestion of any local ringworm to cause the hair to fall at the back of the child's head, neither was there any inflammation about the scalp. The injuries would cause bodily suffering. The child's hands were hard and scratched in places, and it was evident she had used

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them a good deal in hard manual work. He had ordered the child's hair to be cut off, as it was in a filthy state.

William Noble, an inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children also gave evidence regarding the condition of the girl, who, in his opinion, must have been a complete slave. Her hands were blistered and scratched, and very hard.

Catherine Slater, who resides two doors from the defendant's place, stated that she had heard Mrs Brennan say to the girl "You _____wretch I will tear all the hair out of your head." Had also heard her abusing her frequently.

Sarah Buscall, age 11 years, said passing the defendant's place one day when she saw Mrs Brennan hitting Elsie Macan with shut fists. The defendant called her a _____wretch at the same time.

Bella Cossons stated that she saw the defendant beating the girl on the back with a stick, and heard her voicing her intention to make her work.

"W. Henry Arblaster, a letter-carrier said he witnessed Mrs Brennan striking the child with her fist on one occasion. He had heard of the defendant's conduct in regard ; to the child, and told her that he would inform the police. She murmured something in reply.

He had a letter for the girl subsequently and saw the defendant near her side gate. Defendant asked him to throw it down. He told her it was not his duty to throw letters about, but she refused to take it. He went to her front door to see if he could see child, and the defendant came out. She asked him again to throw the letter down which he declined. He eventually scaled the side gate and gave the letter to Elsie Macan who was in a little room off the kitchen.

To Mr Palmer: He saw the defendant beating a child some two years ago and spoke to Constable Crimmins about her conduct. He did not send a letter to Mrs Macan pointing out the ill-treatment her daughter received. He was not on familiar terms with Mrs Brennan. Whenever he had a letter for her she snatched it from him.

This closed the case for the prosecution.

Mr Palmer addressed the Bench briefly for the defence. He remarked that the defendant denied that she had ill-treated the child as described. It was a strange thing that the girl had never complained about the alleged ill-usage.

George Cook deposed that on last Thursday week, the girl, Elsie Macan, travelled with him in the train to Spencer street, she did not complain to him about being ill-treated by Mrs Brennan. A young man took charge of her when the train arrived at its destination. Before the train left the Kyneton station he heard the defendant bid bye to the girl, to whom she gave an orange.

Teresa Hughes, a married woman, living in Prahran, stated that she spoke to child asking her if she would like to live with Mrs Brennan. Mrs Macan saw her on the matter and a conversation ensued. Witness told her that the defendant was a bit rough in her ways. She also made it known that the defendant had a child at one time from St. Joseph's Home, and that somebody having an

ill-feeling towards her had complained that the youngster was not well treated. It was ultimately arranged that Elsie Macan should go with defendant. Mrs Macan told her daughter to inform a policeman if she were ill-used, and witness reminded the girl that the nuns would assist her if she were unkindly treated.

Sergeant Beck: Would you not be astonished to know that the girl Mrs Brennan took from St. Joseph's Home had to be removed in consequence of the defendant's conduct ?

Witness replied in the affirmative.

Sergeant Beck : It is a fact then.

Thomas Brennan, a son of the defendant, residing at Windsor, gave unimportant testimony.

John Hunt, licensee of the Kyneton Hotel he had seen Elsie Macan on various occasions during the time she was with Mrs Brennan, and she always appeared to him to be well dressed and well

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cared for.

This closed the case for the defence.

Defendant did not give evidence on her own behalf.

The Chairman said the evidence for the defence had not really touched the points of the case. It was necessary that the State should protect orphan children boarded out. As a preventive from anyone acting as Mrs Brennan had done, the Bench had decided to fine her £10. Costs amounting to £4 11-11 were also allowed.

The Chairman then addressed the defendant as follows: - It has been given in evidence that you have cruelly ill-treated the child. It is not the first occasion that you have done so. The Bench hopes that the penalty will be sufficient to prevent you misconducting yourself in that way again. <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/240667655>

The Kyneton Observer (Vic. : 1856 - 1900) Sat 24 Jul 1897 Page 3 NEGLECTED CHILDREN .
NEGLECTED
CHILDREN,

- At the police court yesterday morning before Messrs J - E - Andrew and N. Blencowe, J s.P four orphan children, Caroline, Kate, Frances, and John Slater, whose ages ranged from 15 to 4 years, were presented on a charge of being neglected children.

The case was heard in chambers.

Sergeant Beck explained that the father of the children - Thomas Slater - died about 3 years ago, and they were deprived of their mother by death a month since. Since the demise of their mother they had been living with their aunt, Miss Slater, who was unable to support them unaided any longer. Mrs Hurry, the local correspondent of the boarding-out committee, had arranged with Mr Miller, the secretary of the Department for Neglected Children, to have them handed over to Miss Slater in the event of the bench committing them to the care of the department. The eldest girl was 15 years of age. She could neither read nor write and be thought it was far better to have her brought before the court with her sisters and brother and have her made a ward of the State.

Catherine Slater, aunt of the children, stated that she was a dressmaker reading in Wedge street. If granted an allowance she would be willing to look after the children. The eldest girl was strong, but was not very intelligent. She had never been sent to school, as her time had been fully employed in attending to her younger sisters and brother.

Mr Andrews: The girl, in my opinion, is not at all weak-minded. In reply to Mr Andrews, Sergeant Beck stated that the department took charge of children up to 18 years of age.

Mr Andrews It would be to the advantage of the eldest girl to have her committed to the care of the department.

Sergeant Beck : Miss Slater has undertaken to have her sent to school regularly.

Mr Andrews: She cannot be compelled to go to school as she is now over the statutory age.

Miss Slater: The nuns have promised to do the best they can for her.

The bench committed the quartette to the care of the department.

Catherine's (Kate) mother died when she was only 9 years old and she was raised by her spinster Aunt, who was also named Catherine Mary Slater. When she was 16 years old she developed rheumatic fever and was sent to her Uncle Alexander Scott in Deniliquin to convalesce.

Catherine was living at Sutherland Street Brunswick when the children were born. Both children have no father registered on their birth certificates, so it is unknown who was the children's father / s, but whether or not Harold was the biological son of John Bonham, he was raised as his son. Catherine never mentioned her first child, but did tell us that she was pregnant one more time, and that she was hit by someone riding a bike and the baby was born prematurely and did not survive. She also mentioned in stories that John Bonham had asked her many times to marry him but for a long time, she refused him. Another story she used to tell was that she was engaged to someone, but she broke it off with him because she found that he had made her best friend pregnant.

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2018: With the help of DNA testing, and some good luck, it is now known that Harold's father was in fact a man named Harold Halstead. He was not Reginald's father as Harold Halstead didn't leave England until May 1910 and Reginald was born in June 1910, but several descendants of Harold Halstead's ancestors have strong DNA matches with both Coral Blackwell and Nancye Bonham. On finding that there was no obvious family names shared between these DNA owners, Coral asked one of them if they knew of any male relatives in Australia in 1912. About 18 months later one of the people responded that they had a great Uncle who had come to Australia in the right time period, but that as far as they knew he had not married or had any children. On researching Harold Halstead, it was found that he lived in the same area as Catherine Slater and the same time and with the strong and positive DNA match, it seems almost certain that Harold Halstead is the father of Harold William Slater Bonham.

Catherine lived at Bribie Island, Queensland for many years and returned to Victoria sometime in the 1960's. She lived in a unit at Rosebud for some time and at Garfield with her son Harold and his wife Glad on the farm at 14 Mile Road, she lived at 2 Campbell Street Garfield and also returned to Rosebud at some stage and lived in the same set of units that she had previously lived, but in a unit on the other side of the property. She also lived at 46 Garfield Road, Garfield for a short time in the mid 1970's.

In 1974 she visited to Wonthaggi to spend some time with one of her granddaughters and family. She fell down the steps at the back of the house and didn't call anyone. She took herself back to her bed and the next morning it was discovered she had injured herself badly. She was admitted to hospital with a broken hip and spent many months in the Wonthaggi Hospital, before being transferred to a nursing home in Melbourne where she subsequently died.

She was referred to as Gran or little Nanna by her Grandchildren.

Noted events in her life were:

- In Nov 1910 she resided at Sutherland Street in Brunswick, Vic, Australia.⁹⁴
- In Sep 1912 she resided at usual residence given on birth certificate of son in Brunswick, Vic, Australia.⁹⁵
- In 1914 she resided at 9 Sutherland Street in Brunswick, Vic, Australia.⁹⁶
- From 1915 to 1919 she resided at 185 Stawell Street in Richmond, Victoria, Australia.⁹⁶
- She had a residence in Campbellfield, Vic, Australia in 1924.⁹⁶
- From 1924 to 1936 she resided at Nicholas & Watson Streets in Broadmeadows, Vic, Australia.⁹⁶
- In 1937 she resided at Nicholas & Watson Streets in Broadmeadows, Vic, Australia.⁹⁶
- She had a residence in Garfield, Vic, Australia in 1942.⁹⁶
- In 1949 she resided at 21 Hanover Street in Oakleigh, Vic, Australia.⁹⁶
- In 1954 she resided at Fifth Avenue in Bribie Island, QLD, Australia.⁹⁶
- She had a residence in Iona, Vic, Australia in 1963.⁹⁶
- In 1972 she resided at Campbell Street in Garfield, Vic, Australia.⁹⁶
- In 1976 she resided at Eunice Flats, Wannaeue Street in Rosebud, Vic, Australia.⁹⁶

26. Helena Maria BONHAM [6136] (*John*², *Edward*¹) was born Mar Q 1850 in Toxteth, Lancashire, England⁴ and died Jun Q 1916 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England,⁵⁷ at age 66.

Noted events in her life were:

- She had a residence in Toxteth, Lancashire, England in 1851.⁹⁷
- In 1901 she resided at 2 Elm Road in Tranmere, Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.⁹⁸
- In 1911 she resided at 1 Tower Hill, Higher in Tranmere, Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.⁹⁹

Helena married **Alfred JENKINS** [6146]⁴ in Dec 1881 in Toxteth, Lancashire, England.⁴ Alfred died before 1891.

28. John Arthur Scott Hamilton BONHAM [6151] (*John*², *Edward*¹) was born Sep Q 1856 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England⁵⁹ and died in 1921 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England,⁴ at age 65.

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General Notes: On the 8th of July 1878, Arthur Hamilton Bonham stood trial for embezzlement by a clerk but was found not guilty.

At the 1911, John was staying with his sister Helena. He is said to have been married for 21 years with 6 children living and 1 deceased.

Noted events in his life were:

- In 1891 he resided at 160 Church Road in Tranmere, Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.¹⁰⁰
- In 1901 he resided at 2 Elm Road in Tranmere, Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.¹⁰¹
- In 1911 he resided at 1 Tower Hill Higher in Tranmere, Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.¹⁰²
- In 1911 he resided at 1 Tower Hill, Higher in Tranmere, Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.

John married **Sarah Lowe DENNIS** [6152],⁵⁸ daughter of **George DENNIS** [6140] and **Mary** [—?—] [6144], in 1889 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.⁴ Sarah was born Dec Q 1867 in Tranmere, Birkenhead, Cheshire, England, was christened on 10 Feb 1868 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England, and died Jun Q 1950 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England,⁴ at age 82.

Noted events in her life were:

- In 1911 she resided at 49 Brougham Street Lower in Tranmere, Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 39 F i. **Edith Angela BONHAM** [6141] was born on 18 Mar 1890 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England⁵⁹ and died Mar Q 1976 in Southport, Lancashire, England,¹⁰³ at age 86. Edith married **Laurence GREENHILL** [6138] in Mar 1923 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.¹⁰⁴
- + 40 M ii. **Edward BONHAM** [6142] was born in 1891 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England⁴ and died in 1965 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England,⁴ at age 74. Edward married **Mary CHESTERS** [6147].⁵⁸ (b. 1892)
- + 41 M iii. **George Francis BONHAM** [6143] was born in 1893 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England⁴ and died in 1971 in Wirral, Cheshire, England,⁵⁸ at age 78. George married **Margaret F LATTA** [6154]⁵⁸ Dec Q 1925 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.⁵⁸
- 42 M iv. **Adrian BONHAM** [6155] was born Sep Q 1895 in Cheshire, England⁵⁹ and died on 30 Jul 1915 in France, at age 20. The cause of his death was died of wounds in World War 1. General Notes: Adrian died in France and Flanders. He enlisted in Liverpool and was a rifleman in the Kings Royal Rifle Corps, 9th Battalion. His service number was R/10838.
- 43 M v. **Hugh Hamilton BONHAM** [6145] was born in 1898 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.⁴ General Notes: Hugh served in World War 1 in the South Wales Borderers, Gloucestershire Regiment. His Regimental number was 40035, 38458. It is likely that Hugh travelled to Canada between 1919 and 1924.
- 44 F vi. **Marjorie BONHAM** [6157] was born about 1903 in Cheshire, England.⁵⁸

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Fourth Generation (Great-Grandchildren)

30. Stanley Augustine McDONNELL [4361]¹¹ (*Percy Stanislaus McDONNELL*³, *Frances Maria BONHAM*², *Edward*¹) was born in Sydney, NSW, Australia and died in 1972 in Brisbane, Qld, Australia.

Noted events in his life were:

- He has conflicting or alternate birth information of 26 Apr 1893 and Darlinghurst, NSW, Australia.⁶⁰

Stanley married **Harriet Beryl BROWN** [1892]⁶⁰ in 1922 in QLD, Australia.⁶⁰

33. James Albert John BONHAM [4246]⁶⁶ (*James John*³, *James John*², *Edward*¹) was born on 14 Jan 1901 in Sydney, NSW, Australia⁶⁷ and died on 24 Jun 1976 in Brisbane, Qld, Australia,⁶⁸ at age 75.

General Notes: **The Daily Mail (Brisbane, Qld. : 1903 - 1926) Fri 14 Jan 1921 Page 5 Bound Over.**

Bound Over.

James Albert John Bonham, aged 20 years, a labourer, who pleaded guilty before Mr H. L. Archdall, C.P.M., in the City Police Court, yesterday to having stolen a gold-mounted pipe, valued at £1 5s, the property of Jack Jesson, was bound over in the sum of £10, to come up for judgment if called upon within six months.



Tweed Heads

rear: Mabel, Catherine John, and front: Jim & Ivy Bonham
September 1951
(1951)

James married **Ivy SANDALL** [4247] in 1936 in Brisbane, Qld, Australia.⁶⁶ Ivy was born on 23 Dec 1906 and died on 21 Dec 1987, at age 80.



Tweed Heads

rear: Mabel, Catherine John, and front: Jim & Ivy Bonham
September 1951
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The child from this marriage was:

- + 45 F i. **Mary BONHAM** [4433]
Mary married **O'BRIEN** [4434].

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34. Joseph James DUFFY [4060] (*Margaret Angela BONHAM*³, *James John*², *Edward*¹) was born in 1901 in Mildura, Vic, Australia⁷³ and died in 1978 in Doncaster, Vic, Australia,⁷⁴ at age 77.



Joe and Mary Duffy

Joseph married **Mary Cecilia McKENNA** [4432], daughter of **John McKENNA** [6111] and **Alice DARCY** [6112],⁷¹ circa 1947 in Melbourne, VIC, Australia.⁷⁵ Mary was born about 1902 and died in 1964 in Victoria, Australia,¹⁰⁵ aged about 62.

35. Mary Agnes Bonham DUFFY [4061] (*Margaret Angela BONHAM*³, *James John*², *Edward*¹) was born on 5 Feb 1905 in Mildura, Vic, Australia⁷⁶ and died on 14 Sep 1995,⁷¹ at age 90. Another name for Mary was Agnes Duffy.

General Notes: Always known as Agnes

Noted events in her life were:

- In 1977 she resided at 2 /42 Brunswick Road in Mitcham, Vic, Australia.

Mary married **Edward Malcolm HAGART** [6099], son of **Edward Malcolm HAGART** [6113] and **Christina McCALLUM** [6114]. Edward was born on 31 Jul 1904 in Rutherglen, Vic, Australia⁷¹ and died on 5 Dec 1982 in Victoria, Australia,⁷¹ at age 78.

Children from this marriage were:

- 46 F i. **Barbara Mary HAGART** [6100] was born about 1934 and died in 1934 in Brunswick, Vic, Australia.¹⁰⁶
- + 47 F ii. **Lois Margaret HAGART** [6115] was born on 5 Feb 1936¹⁰⁷ and died on 9 Apr 1989, at age 53.
Lois married **James George KRUSE** [6116].
Lois next married **Anthony PERRIMAN** [6126].
- + 48 F iii. **Marie Therese HAGART** [6122]
Marie married **John Anthony PHILLIPS** [6123].

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36. Mary Theresa BONHAM [4057] (*Edward Joseph*³, *James John*², *Edward*¹) was born in 1895 in Moe, Vic, Australia,⁸⁰ died on 20 May 1941 in Fitzroy, Vic, Australia,⁸¹ at age 46, and was buried on 21 May 1941 in Springvale Crematorium, Springvale, Victoria, Australia.⁸² The cause of her death was Generalized pemphigus. Another name for Mary was Mollie Bonham.

General Notes: Witnesses to Mary and Austal's marriage were Joseph Geraghty and Agnes Bonham

The Argus Wednesday 23 May 1941

Williams - On May 20 Mary (Mollie), loved daughter of Edward and Mary Bonham (Dandenong Road, Oakleigh) sister of Agnes and Nance Bonham, and niece of Mrs D E Hehir (East Malvern) - Requiescat in pace (privately interred.)



Mollie (Bonham) Williams & her daughter Bon

Mary married **Austral Frederick WILLIAMS** [4058], son of **Herman WILHELM** [8931] and **Louisa Oceania KOPMANN** [8932], on 4 Jan 1930 in Carlton North, Victoria.⁸³ Austral was born in 1897 in Carlton, Victoria, Australia¹⁰⁸ and died in 1981 in NSW, Australia,¹⁰⁹ at age 84. Another name for Austral was Austral Felix Wilhelm.

General Notes: Austral's name was anglicised by the time of his marriage. He was born Austral Felix Wilhelm. After his first wife's death he married Joyce Lorraine Ridgeway in 1945. Joyce was born in 1918 and passed away in 1969.

The child from this marriage was:

49 F i. **Mary WILLIAMS** [5761]

39. Edith Angela BONHAM [6141] (*John Arthur Scott Hamilton*³, *John*², *Edward*¹) was born on 18 Mar 1890 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England⁵⁹ and died Mar Q 1976 in Southport, Lancashire, England,¹⁰³ at age 86.

Noted events in her life were:

- In 1911 she resided at 49 Brougham Street Lower in Tranmere, Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.

Edith married **Laurence GREENHILL** [6138] in Mar 1923 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.¹⁰⁴

The child from this marriage was:

50 F i. **Joyce M GREENHILL** [6153]

40. Edward BONHAM [6142] (*John Arthur Scott Hamilton*³, *John*², *Edward*¹) was born in 1891 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England⁴ and died in 1965 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England,⁴ at age 74.

Noted events in his life were:

- In 1911 he resided at 49 Brougham Street Lower in Tranmere, Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.

Edward married **Mary CHESTERS** [6147].⁵⁸ Mary was born in 1892.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 51 M i. **Edward Joseph BONHAM** [6148] was born on 23 Mar 1923 and died in 2010,⁵⁸ at age 87.

Edward married **Barbara Nancy CLEELAND** [6159]⁵⁸ (b. 1923, d. 1968) in Sep 1951 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.⁵⁸

52 M ii. **Gerald F BONHAM** [6149]

53 M iii. **Peter BONHAM** [6150]

Descendants of Edward BONHAM

41. George Francis BONHAM [6143] (*John Arthur Scott Hamilton*³, *John*², *Edward*¹) was born in 1893 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England⁴ and died in 1971 in Wirral, Cheshire, England,⁵⁸ at age 78.

General Notes: In 1916 and 1917, George received his Certificate of Competency as second mate for Foreign going steamships, and by 1920 he had received his certificate of competency as Master for Foreign Going Steamships.



George F Bonham
certificate of competency as master for foreign going
steamships
(1920)

George married **Margaret F LATTA** [6154]⁵⁸ Dec Q 1925 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.⁵⁸

Children from this marriage were:

- + 54 F i. **Patricia Margaret BONHAM** [6156] was born on 8 Jun 1927 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England⁵⁸ and died in Feb 1996 in South Cheshire, Cheshire, England, at age 68. Patricia married **Matthew Kennedy WHITE** [6160]⁵⁸ (b. 30 Dec 1928, d. 3 Feb 1974) in Mar 1954 in Wirral, Cheshire, England.
- + 55 F ii. **Audrey N BONHAM** [6158]
Audrey married **Harry H TOMLINSON** [6161].

Descendants of Edward BONHAM

Fifth Generation (2nd Great-Grandchildren)

45. Mary BONHAM [4433] (*James Albert John⁴, James John³, James John², Edward¹*)

Mary married **O'BRIEN** [4434].

47. Lois Margaret HAGART [6115] (*Mary Agnes Bonham DUFFY⁴, Margaret Angela BONHAM³, James John², Edward¹*) was born on 5 Feb 1936¹⁰⁷ and died on 9 Apr 1989, at age 53. Another name for Lois was Margaret Hagart.

General Notes: Always known as Margaret or Margie.

Lois married **James George KRUSE** [6116].

Children from this marriage were:

- + 56 F i. **Barbara Mary KRUSE** [6117]
Barbara had a relationship with **Phillip John Winston MOUNCEY** [6127].
- 57 F ii. **Debra Margaret KRUSE** [6118]
- 58 F iii. **Amanda Marie KRUSE** [6120]
- 59 F iv. **Lynda Michelle KRUSE** [6121]
- 60 M v. **Gary James KRUSE** [6119]

Lois next married **Anthony PERRIMAN** [6126].

48. Marie Therese HAGART [6122] (*Mary Agnes Bonham DUFFY⁴, Margaret Angela BONHAM³, James John², Edward¹*)

Marie married **John Anthony PHILLIPS** [6123].

Children from this marriage were:

- 61 M i. **David PHILLIPS** [6124]
- 62 F ii. **Jacqueline PHILLIPS** [6125]

51. Edward Joseph BONHAM [6148] (*Edward⁴, John Arthur Scott Hamilton³, John², Edward¹*) was born on 23 Mar 1923 and died in 2010,⁵⁸ at age 87.

General Notes: in 1955 Edward returned from Sierra Leone to live in England. His occupation was recorded as Engineer and he returned on the ship the Apapa to Liverpool. His address was given as 35 Kingswood Blvd, Bebington, Cheshire.

Edward and Barbara had 3 children.

Edward married **Barbara Nancy CLEELAND** [6159]⁵⁸ in Sep 1951 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.⁵⁸ Barbara was born in 1923 and died in 1968, at age 45.

54. Patricia Margaret BONHAM [6156] (*George Francis⁴, John Arthur Scott Hamilton³, John², Edward¹*) was born on 8 Jun 1927 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England⁵⁸ and died in Feb 1996 in South Cheshire, Cheshire, England, at age 68.

Patricia married **Matthew Kennedy WHITE** [6160]⁵⁸ in Mar 1954 in Wirral, Cheshire, England. Matthew was born on 30 Dec 1928 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England and died on 3 Feb 1974 in Chester, Cheshire, England,⁵⁸ at age 45.

55. Audrey N BONHAM [6158] (*George Francis⁴, John Arthur Scott Hamilton³, John², Edward¹*)

Audrey married **Harry H TOMLINSON** [6161].

Descendants of Edward BONHAM

Descendants of Edward BONHAM

Sixth Generation (3rd Great-Grandchildren)

56. Barbara Mary KRUSE [6117] (*Lois Margaret HAGART⁵, Mary Agnes Bonham DUFFY⁴, Margaret Angela BONHAM³, James John², Edward¹*)

Barbara had a relationship with **Phillip John Winston MOUNCEY** [6127].

Children from this marriage were:

- 63 M i. **Callum Phillip Charles MOUNCEY** [6128]
- 64 M ii. **Alec Douglas Edward MOUNCEY** [6129]
- 65 M iii. **Angus William Huw MOUNCEY** [6130]

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