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Meeting Schedule for 2022-2023

Committee Meetings

Regular Committee Meetings are not held and a meeting will be convened when business arises that is required to be actioned prior to the monthly meeting. Time and place will be advised as necessary

General Meetings

General Meetings are *usually* held at 1.30pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Research Rooms at The Community Hub 12 - 22 Nolan Street. Visitors are most welcome.

No meetings are held in December

Membership Fee's:

Full Single Membership	\$25.00
Full Joint Membership	\$40.00
Newsletter only membership	\$8.00

- A Joining fee of \$5 applies to all new membership applications (including lapsed memberships)
- Membership Fee's cover the period from 1st of March to 28th or 29th of February.
- Any subscriptions received from *new members* between 1 December and 28/29 February will include the membership for the following year.

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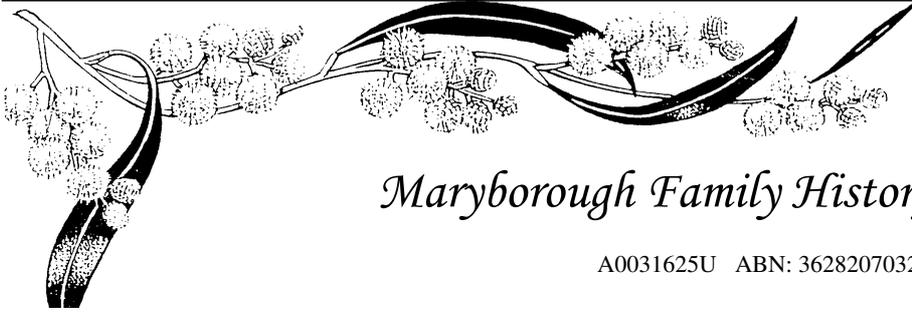
- The annual subscription includes our quarterly newsletter "Wattle Bark" posted to your home address.
- Full members have access to our extensive research facilities in the Community Hub 12 - 22 Nolan Street for *personal* research.

Front Cover

High and Tuaggra Streets intersection Maryborough taken 1922-1925

Photo from State Library Victoria

Albert Arnell



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Research Fees:

Postal Research:

- Deposit: \$20, non-refundable
- Hourly research fee: \$10 for each hour or part thereof
- Photocopying and Computer print-out: 50 cents per sheet side
- Additional costs: as advised.

Upon receipt of the deposit we will complete the research as requested. The applicant will then be advised of the costs applicable. The results would be posted upon receipt of the balance. *[The rationale behind the non-refundable*

deposit being that it takes just the same amount of time (or even longer) to come up with a nil result.]

Enhanced Research: For a fee of \$15 per grave we will provide a full monumental transcription as well as a photograph of the grave.

Visiting Research: The fee is \$10 per hour or part thereof; the minimum fee is \$10. and is for the purposes of *personal research only*.

Visitors *must* be accompanied by a financial member who will *only* provide assistance to access the records but will *not undertake any research per se*.

MEETING SCHEDULE

June meeting– 22nd June @ 1.30pm

July Meeting—27th July @ 1.30pm

August meeting– 24th August @ 1.30

Ryerson Index

The Ryerson Index is a free index to death notices appearing in Australian newspapers. The date range covered extends from the *Sydney Gazette* of 1803 up to newspapers published within past few weeks or so. The Index also includes many funeral notices, and some probate notices and obituaries.

Did you know that as of 26 January the Ryerson Index has turned on the ability to display all entries from specific newspapers or funeral directors that have 20,000 entries or less - which apparently covers more than 90% of their indexed sources? Check it out at

<https://www.ryersonindex.org/>

Maryborough Centenary Home Coming

Eastertide April 18 to 25, 1935 saw the staging of Maryborough Centenary Home-Coming with a Souvenir Booklet being produced for the occasion.

Some information appearing in the booklet follows: **An Historical Compendium**

Maryborough 1861

(Constituted May 4 1857)

An area of Municipality: nine square miles. Streets surveyed 9 miles: formed 5 miles: formed and metalled, 3 miles: formed, metalled, kerbed and channelled 25 chains.

Public Buildings: Churches-Church of England, Presbyterian, Congregational, Wesleyan, Roman Catholic. **Others**- Post Office, Supreme Court House, Court of Petty Sessions, Goal, Hospital, Town Hall, Sub-Treasury, Survey Office, Powder Magazine, Lock-up and Watch-house, Fire Engine House, Bank of Victoria, London Chartered Bank, Union Bank, Savings Bank, Mechanics Institute, Mining Board, Theatre.

Societies: Garrick Club, Cricket Club, Masonic Lodge, Volunteer Rifle Corps (100 men), Fire Brigade (40 men), German Association, Chess Club, Temperance Society.

Habitations: House of Stone or brick, 55; wood, 257; iron, 15; tents of canvas, 500; Total, 827

Gold taken to Melbourne by escort from July 1854 to June 30 1861, 993,715 ounces 15 dwts; estimate of gold by private lands for same period, 150,000 ounces; grand total, 1,143,715 ounces 15dwt.

Population, 1477. Electors, 375. Revenue, £1,258/7/9

Schools: Church of England, Roman Catholic, Mr John Gardener's, Mr Collett's, Mr Martin's, Miss Mapleston's.

Maryborough 1935

Streets:- surveyed, 16 miles; metal bound macadam, 12 miles; formed but not sealed, 4 miles; formed and sealed, 8 miles.

Public Buildings- Churches: Church of England, Presbyterian (East and West), Congregational, Methodist (East and West), Army, Church of Christ.

Others: Commercial Banking Co., E.S and A Bank, Union Bank, Bank of New South Wales, Post Office (Commonwealth Savings Bank), Savings Bank, Court House, Hospital, Town Hall, Free Library, Workers Hall, Willard Hall, Masonic Hall, Railways Institute, Theatre, AMP, Fire Brigade Hall, Baby Health Centre, Railway Station, **Schools:** Brigidine Convent, St Joseph's, High School, Technical School, SS 2828, SS 404.

Hotels: Bull and Mouth, Supreme Court, Albion, McIvor, Flagstaff, Railway and Cambrian.

Public Reserves: Princes Park (70 acres approx.), Botanical Gardens, Royal Park (70 acres), Bristol Hill (52 acres approx.), Soldiers Memorial Plot, Municipal Baths, Cemetery (Controlled by trust).

Principal Associations and Societies: Highland Society, Progress Association, Tennis Association, Football league, Citizen's Brass Band, Highland Pipe band, Railway's Institute, Traders Association, ANA, IOR, INF, Druidsm Coursing Club, Race Club, Masonic Lodge, Ambulance Committee, Debating Club, Rifle Club, Odd Volumes Club, Hibbert Club, Ladies Benevolent Society, Ladies Hospital Auxiliary, Hospital Committee, ALP, ARU, Engineers Union, Trades and Labor Council, Baby Health Centre Committee, Country Women's Association, Returned Soldiers Association, Memorial Plot Committee, Scouts Association, Girl Guide's Association, Cricket Association, Church Cricket Association, Homing Club, Agricultural Society, Musical Society, Mothers Club, Golf Club, Croquet Club, Bowling Club. **Habitations:** 1260. Borough divided into three wards 1887. Town Hall erected 1887. Water Works Trust constituted on June 16 1882, Electric light system installed 1924.

Population: 5634. Electors, 4175.

Revenue: Borough, £10,000; electric light, £8,500; sustenance, £5,000; water, £7,500.

Waterworks: Head supply at Evansford, established 1884, enlarge 1921, capacity 400,000,000 gallons. Goldfields Reservoir constructed 1863.

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Industries: Railway Workshops, Maryborough Knitting Mills (Cuttle) Ltd, Patience and Nicholson Ltd tool manufacturers; Flour Mills, Butter Factory and Ice Works, Keller Hosiery Mill. **Headquarters:** Postal Inspector, Midland Police District, Police Magistrate, District Forest Officer, Public Works Department, D R O Corangamite, Returning Officer Maryborough -Daylesford.

Federal Representative: G A Street, **MHR State Representatives:** E G Bath and H Alan Currie, M's L G (Nelson Province) Geo. Frost MLA. **Mayor** Cr R M Fuller, **Town Clerk,** H N Phillips, **Rate Collector,** S C Nicol, **Shire Secretary,** James Nicol. **Borough Councillors:** Henry Williams, Charles Waters, Samuel Poole, John Bryant, John Lean, John Stevens, William Collins, Leonard Rowland. **Shire Councillors:** Norman Bucknall, Henry Coutts, John Mullins, Samuel Douglass, John McKenzie, John Williamson, William Williams, Archibald Mason, Ralph Rowland, James Dillon, Thomas Dowie.

Maryborough's Postal History

First Post Office was built of canvas

By W Smith

Maryborough's first Post Office was situated in Royal Park and, like the majority of places in the early days, was built of canvas. As the town became established the office was transferred to its present site, the building having a prominent position in the Civic Square. With its 80ft high clock tower, the Post Office is outstanding, particularly to strangers visiting Maryborough and entering via Nolan Street. In 1865, the mails from Maryborough to Ballarat were conveyed by coach by way of Amherst, Talbot, Clunes and Creswick, six days each week, the route distance being 48 miles. The contract price was 73/4d per mile. Maryborough, via Adelaide Lead and Bung Bong to Avoca was also by coach (16 miles) and the cost was 5 3/8d per mile. The coach route, Maryborough to Castlemaine, via Carisbrook, Baringhup, Maldon and Muckleford, was a daily service at also 5 3/8d per mile. The clearance of a letter box at Mariner's Reef daily by horseback cost 4d per mile, and at Majorca a contractor received £3/0/9 per annum for the clearance of the letter box twice daily on foot. Records show that the box was situated a quarter of a mile from the Majorca Post Office. In 1857 the staff of the Maryborough office was one officer. In the following year a sorter was added, making a complement of two. Business transacted for the half-year ending December 31, 1858, showed that 205 money orders were issued aggregating £830/19/6, and that the money orders paid numbered 58, representing £299/1/6. Twelve months later the statistics revealed 280 orders issued of a total value of £1068/8/9, and 110 paid, totalling £481/14/6.

When the Post Office Savings Bank was established in 1865, 31 branches were opened, including Maryborough, on September 1. During the year 89 accounts were opened and two were closed. The opening of the railway in 1865 caused a loss to the postal facilities in Maryborough, Carisbrook and Dunolly, at which towns mails were required to close earlier in order to reach Castlemaine in time to connect with the Melbourne train.

The following were Postmasters in the Maryborough district in 1868: Adelaide Lead, W Noller; Alma, W Fraser; Amherst, J P Smith; Bet Bet, D Grant; Bung Bong, W Glover; Carisbrook, J A B Smith; Chinaman's Flat, A Watson; Havelock, J Rule; Leviathan Reef, J Grant. In 1871 arrangements were made for a new Post Office building at Majorca. In 1874 the Post Office at McCallums Creek was changed to Craigie, and on August 1, 1874 the railway was opened from Ballarat to Creswick. The coach service was then curtailed from Maryborough to Creswick. On July 7 1874 the railway was opened from Castlemaine to Maryborough, and the mails by coach service was discontinued. The railway between Clunes and Creswick was opened on November 16, 1874. Mr C M Maplestone was then the postmaster at Maryborough.

Brief History of The “Maryborough Advertiser” from Home-Coming booklet

The Maryborough Advertiser, established in 1854, is one of the oldest newspapers in Victoria. Taking time by the forelock, the original proprietors gave it birth very shortly after the first discovery of gold, in 1854 at Simson’s Ranges, subsequently names Maryborough by the then Goldfields Commissioner (Mr Daly) after his native place in Ireland. The Tri-weekly paper has had an unbroken existence. The present proprietary (Messers. Jacobs and MacKay) both men of years of practical experience- have adopted the policy of endeavouring, in every issue, of being “first with the latest” regarding the happenings in the town and district. These are featured, from time to time, however, special articles, which it is considered are informative and enlightening on existing topics and concerns, or some which may only be contemplated, but all for the general welfare, are featured. This practice it intends to continue, as well as that of being constructive in its criticism, but outspoken, whatever the occasion demands. Much of Maryborough’s remarkable recovery since the year 1917 has been the “leads” given by the “Advertiser”. Abundant proof of that statement can be found by a perusal of the back files. The “Advertiser” has constantly appealed for more foresight and clearer vision by the citizens and is not that much due to the pioneers, and those who immediately followed them, and who built up the town and maintained the gold mining industry for over 60 years. Besides functioning as a progressive, provincial newspaper, the “Advertiser” conducts a jobbing office replete with the latest accessories and staffed with skilled tradesmen, for the prompt execution of orders for all classes of high-grade printing. There is no necessity for anyone to go elsewhere for their printing requirements. Appended are a few facts in respect of one of the oldest institutions in the town.

Changes of ownership have been singularly few in view of the long life of the paper. E H Nuthall and J H Gearing held it until March 4 1861. Then followed Jas. Evans and Chas. Fredrick Sommerton until February 20 1868; C F Weston and Geo. Edwards until May 23 1904; Alf. Geo. Osborne and Geo. Edwards until July 31 1906; Mrs Osborne and Geo Edwards and J P Kennedy until April 2 1912; and J P Kennedy, first with T P Richards and later with F G Garth for a short period until September 30 1929. Messers Jacobs and Mac-kay took possession on October 1 1929. In the past its literary staff has included men like Sir Julius Vogel (a subsequent Prime Minister of New Zealand); Sir John Quick (in later years Deputy President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration); Messers. Jonathan Bansgrove, Geo Galway, E G L Sweet, J M Laidler, J N Cleary , F W Deady, A H Chisholm (at present on the staff of the “Argus” Melbourne) T Ramsay, J S B Gill, Geo Bignall and T P Richards. The last named doing much to lift Maryborough out of the rut in 1917. Names of some of the men who served in the composing and mechanical staffs are recalled, viz., Walter Miller, Fred Hewitt, Dick Conway, Pat O’Brien, Bill Mitchell, Joe Goodman, Edward Chalmers, D A B Court, Arthur Giddings, Jim Bowen, Jack Lees, Tom Hart, J T Moore, Like Worrall, W A Thomas, A Cruthers, Frank Casey, Jack Bowden, Bob Casey, Jack Rolfe, Alf Whiteley, Fred Palmer, T salmon, P McAlees, W Edwards, Eric Trompf, Joe Lord, Hudson Hayes, A and F Ratcliffe, E Harley, W Cowley, Geo Noy, Edgar Booth, Tom Jones, Stan earl, J Cam. Kennedy, W Fergus, P Asher, R J Ball, Abe Simmons, H Christie, Alan Black, R Shalders, Vin Stoneman, H Crossley, Jack McLennan, Ossy Chesterfield, Frank Furze, Arthur Jamieson, Chas Kydd, and Alf Reed. A number of them have passed to the Great Beyond. Members of the present staff are :- Misses E Denyer and M Johnson (commercial department); H V Nunn and L J Drew (literary); E C Jacobs (linotype operator); F G Garth (Jobbing department); R R Jackson and D H Jacobs (mechanical depart-

MARYBOROUGH RATES

The Maryborough Rate ledgers have been scanned and are now available online at the Public Record Office Victoria. The Ledgers are not indexed. For those without internet access, the Group hold a set of Maryborough rates on microfilm as well as rates for Tullaroop Shire, and as a Group project some of the early Maryborough years have been indexed so if no internet access available we can help with lookups.

The first rate ledger is dated May 1857 and this ledger has no street names but listed in lots and sections.

Lot 2 Section 10: was a print Office owned by Cook and Sherwin but was unoccupied but one of the early businesses in town.

Lot 5 Section 10: was owned by John Hastie. John Hastie was part of the Committee for the Maryborough Mutual Protection Society which was formed to protect the miners and oppose "lynching".

Lot 6 Section 10: was vacant land owned by Edward Harkness— Edward Harkness was a prominent local citizen and businessman for over 40 years including serving on Council, being Mayor 1868-69 and died in 1896 and is buried in the Maryborough Cemetery

Lot 7 Section 10: was land and store owned by William Edmondson and occupied by Mr Dudley.

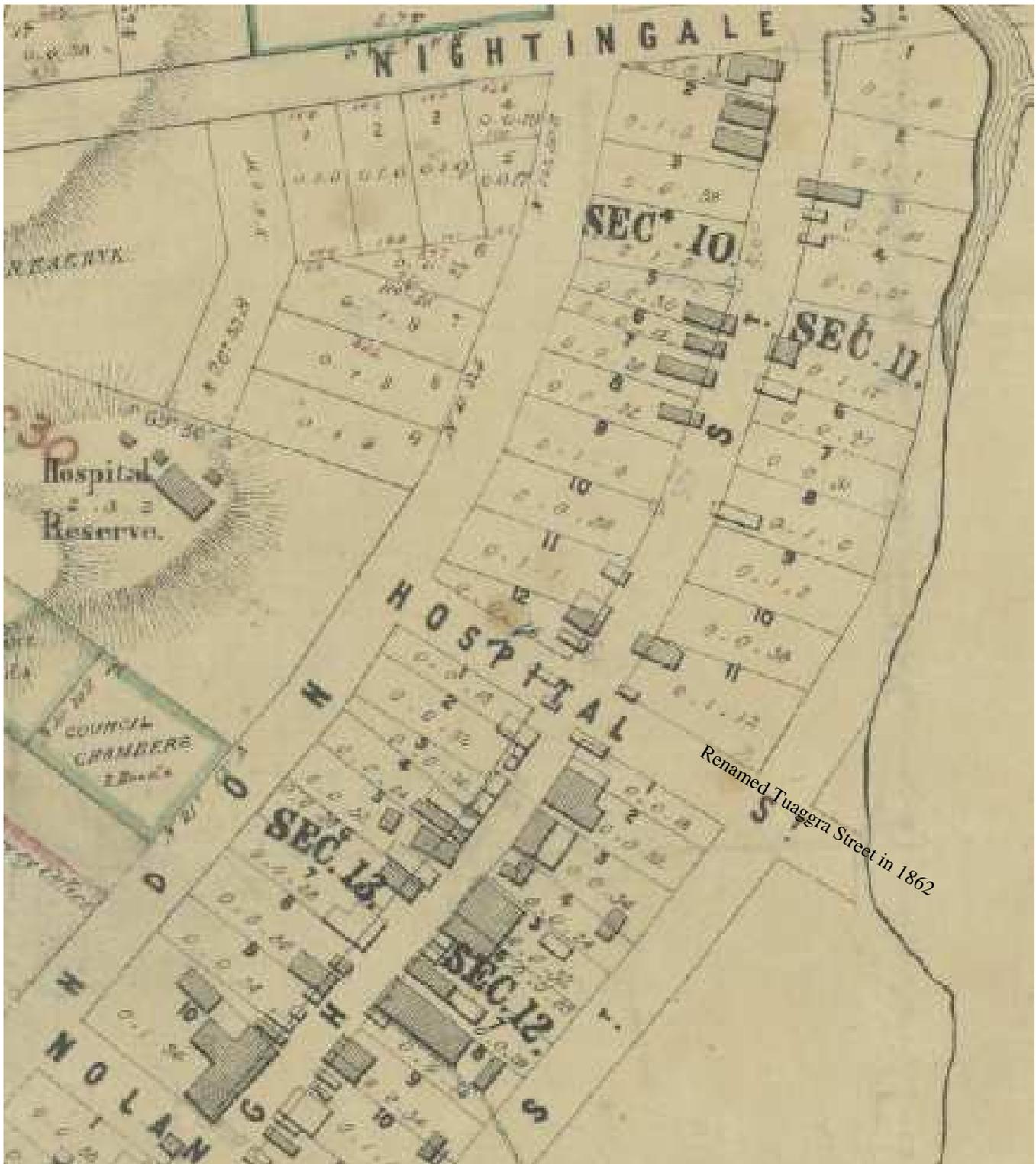
Lot 8 Section 10: was a dwelling owned by Margaret Harkness and T Taggart and occupied by Taggart. William Edmondson and Margaret married in 1857. Margaret died in 1889 and is buried in Maryborough cemetery.

Thomas Taggart had been a carpenter in Maryborough since 1855 and tendered for the building of the Church of England School house, built the Church which was used by the Methodist for many years and was involved in works on Mr McCullochs new High Street premises in 1873. He died in 1880 and is buried in the Maryborough Cemetery.

RATE BOOK, Maryborough Municipality. Year beginning 4th May 1857

Lot	Section	Street	Description of Property	Owner
2	10		Allotment	C. A. Wynne
5	10		Store	John Hastie
6	10		Allotment	Edward Harkness
7	10		Store & Dwelling	W ^m Edmondson
8	10		Dwelling	Margaret Harkness & T Taggart
9	10		Allotment	W. C. Smith
10	10		do	Thos. Dickson & F. Manly
11	10		Carpenter Shop	Frederick Gray

MARYBOROUGH MAP –Surveyed 1855 and published 1856– Map from PRO Vic



Lot 2 and 3 Section 11: Unoccupied vacant land owned by Solomon and Levy who established businesses later

Lot 4 Section 11: J DePass and M Mitchell unoccupied land. M Mitchell was one of the businessmen to convene municipality meeting and owned a large and reportedly expensive store. DePass had a store but closed in August 1857

Lot 6 Section 11: Carpenters Shop and timber yard, owned and occupied E D Harkness.

Lot 8 Section 11: Dwelling and shop owned and occupied by John Tyler

Lot 9 Section 11: Dwelling owned by Henry Earl

The above named allotments were between the present Main Drain and the northern end of High Street. Nightingale Street runs into the present main gates into Princes Park.

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FINAL WORD

**A widow wrote this epitaph in a Vermont
cemetery:**

Sacred to the memory of
my husband John Barnes
who died January 3, 1803

His comely young widow, aged 23, has many
qualifications of a good wife, and years to be comforted

In a Ribbesford, England, cemetery:

The children of Israel wanted bread
And the Lord sent them manna,
Old clerk Wallace wanted a wife,
And the Devil sent him Anna.



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