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## Meeting Schedule for 2022 –2023

Meetings are *usually* held at 1:30pm on the **4th Wednesday** of each month in the Research Room at The Community Hub 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 12 - 22 Nolan Street.

Visitors are most welcome.

No meetings in December.

Room open for Research most **Wednesdays 1.30 – 3.30pm.**

### **Front Cover**

*High Street, Maryborough  
looking south. On right, note Wilkinson  
name on side of building across street  
from the Bull & Mouth Hotel. C1907*

**May 21**

Meeting @1.30

**June 6** Visit to Bet Bet School @1.30 Tea. Members only

**June 22**

Meeting @1.30

**July 27**

Meeting @1.30

Visit to Railway Station **TBC**

**August**

Visit to Maffesconi's **TBC**

**August 24**

Meeting @1.30

**September 28**

Meeting @ 1.30

Venue Supreme Court Hotel – Speaker **TBC**

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## Membership Fees:

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 Fees cover the period from 1<sup>st</sup> of March to 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> of February.
- Any subscriptions received from *new members* between 1 December and 28/29 February will include the membership for the following year.

### Benefits:

- The annual subscription includes our quarterly newsletter “Wattle Bark” posted or preferably emailed.
- Full members have access to our extensive research facilities in the Community Hub for *personal* research.

## 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*.

Maryborough Family History Group Inc. acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Dja Dja Wurrung people. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and emerging leaders.

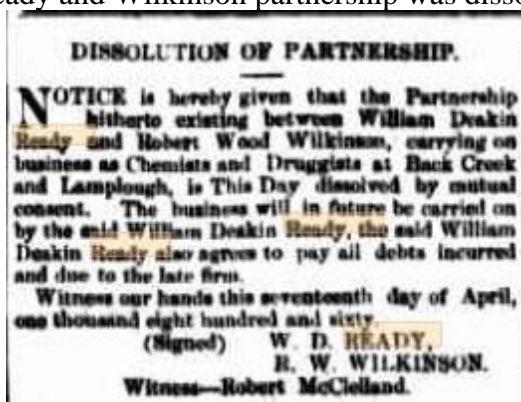
## The Wilkinson Family – Talbot and Maryborough.

This article is continued from Wattle Bark: Vol 27 #3, Spring 2021

### The Wilkinson Chemist Businesses

From notes about the family from a family member (Avoca Historical Society website), it seems that Robert Wood Wilkinson started at Back Creek (Talbot) in partnership with Mr WD Ready. It also seems that they had a business at Lamplough as they advertised that Dr Dehane could be consulted daily at Ready and Wilkinson's Dispensary, Commercial Street, Lamplough, opposite Borthwick's Bazaar. Trove: Maryborough & Dunolly Advertiser 13 Feb 1860

The Ready and Wilkinson partnership was dissolved in April 1860.



Trove: Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser, 18 April 1860

In the following year both parties appeared in Maryborough County Court to settle a disagreement regarding an IOU, relating to the previous partnership.

Trove: Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser, 24 May 1861.

Druggist or chemist stores sold a great variety of items in those days, as indicated by lengthy advertisements for WD Ready in the Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser which appeared in various editions in 1860. He made his own WD Ready's Whooping Cough Mixture, Ready's Vegetable Pills of Health, Antibilious Pills, teeth extracted and filled, numerous remedies for horses and cattle, and stocked a wide variety of stationery items, including legal forms. "PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY DISPENSED". From the advertisement, I understand that this business was in Maryborough. Thankfully they were carefully dispensed, as there was certainly a very wide range of potions and lotions for humans and animals.

Possibly R W Wilkinson also stocked a similar variety of medicines and potions in his store in Talbot. However, he added another item of interest, stocking flower seeds and bulbs.



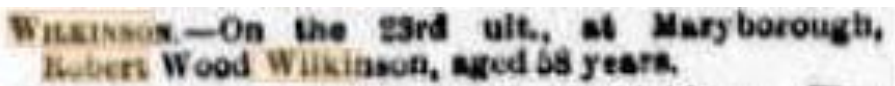
Trove: Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser, 5 May 1862

He also seemed to have an interest in collecting bones, curiosities and items found around in and on the ground. He had sent some interesting bones to the Exhibition being held in Melbourne in November 1861. Prof N Coy of the National Museum of Victoria had written asking Robert Wilkinson's permission to add the specimens to items to be displayed at the Kew Museum (London). Trove: Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser, 8 Nov 1861

In March 1862 Robert Wood Wilkinson was elected as a member of the Amherst Municipal Council (by show of hands, as eight persons were proposed). This is the year that he and Anderina were married. Later in 1862, it is apparent that although gold was still being found in the area, businesses and conditions in Talbot were declining.

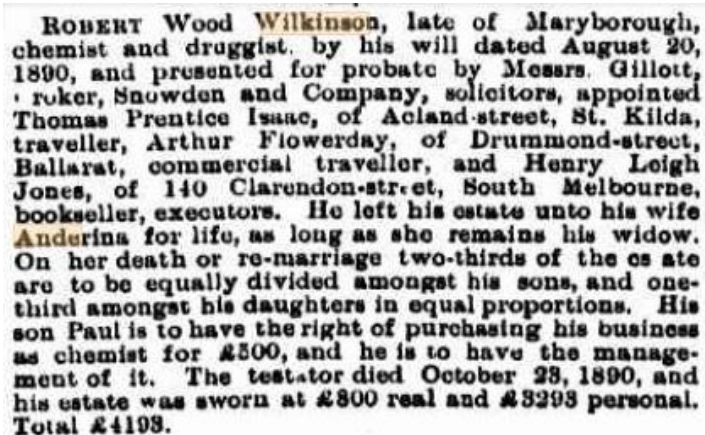
"Heretofore, the permanent depression in all kinds of business at Talbot was attributed, and with some show of reason too, for the broken state of the weather, which rendered the roads and approaches to the town almost impassable, but during last week the roads were as dry as in summer, the dust was blown about the streets by every passing gale, and still the call was no improvement. The late rains of Wednesday will not improve this state of things; the roads are again in some places like channels of sludge, and some of the streets and bridges leading to town, notwithstanding the heavy sums spent in their construction, are unsafe and impassable to either man or beast. This is not a glowing picture of the state of things at Talbot, but nevertheless it is a true one. With our municipal exchequer bordering on bankruptcy as shown by Cr Wilkinson at a late meeting of the Council, (and no money from Government), we must only wait patiently". Trove: Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser, 5 Sep 1862

Robert and Anderina remained in Talbot until after the birth of their tenth child, Gerald Massey Ivor, and about a year later in 1884, had established a chemist shop in High Street, Maryborough. At some stage Jean Winter Lineker was apprenticed to RW Wilkinson in Maryborough. However, Robert Wood Wilkinson J.P. died in Maryborough in October 1890. (BDM Vic #16457/1890), He was fifty-eight years old, and had only been in business in Maryborough for about six years.



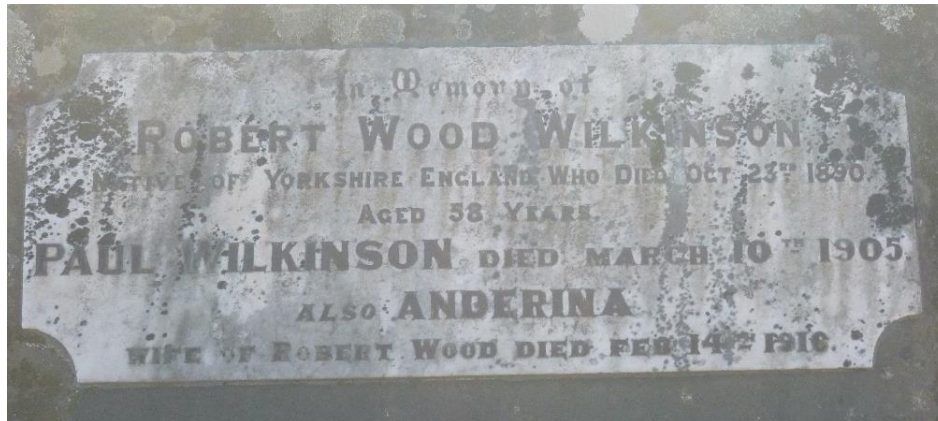
Trove: The Argus, 8 Nov 1890

His Will stated that his son Paul was to have the option of purchasing the business for £500, and would take over the management of it.



Trove: Table Talk, 21 Nov 1890





Headstone of Robert Wood Wilkinson, his son Paul Wilkinson and his wife Anderina Wilkinson interned at Maryborough Cemetery. Photo taken May 2021.

In July 1901, the youngest member of the family, **Gerald Wilkinson (Jinx)** was killed in the Boer War. The Wilkinson family obviously still had strong connections to Maryborough, Gerald Massey Ivor Wilkinson was claimed as a Maryborough lad, and described by AH Chisholm in his book “The Joy of the Earth”, as “our lost soldier, a rugged and cheery lad-about-town”. He had attended SS 404, as the Headteacher, Mr Carter referred to him as a former pupil who was of bright and genial disposition. He had also attended Caulfield Grammar School; his mother had moved to Melbourne sometime after her husband died in 1890.

Three of the four sons become chemists. In 1901, in a newspaper article regarding Jinx’s death, his brother **Paul Wilkinson** is referred to as the chemist in town. I have not been able to find when Paul qualified, but it seems that the Maryborough chemist business stayed in Wilkinson possession until the late 1930’s. However, Paul died in Sydney in March 1905.

Later in the year 1905, the pharmacy was still operating under the Wilkinson name.

**Business Notices**

**IF YOU ARE . . .**  
**RUN DOWN TAKE**

**Brent's Brain Tonic**

Sold in Bottles at 2s 6d Each

By the following Chemists in Victoria and South Australia :—

MR. WILD, Ararat ; MR. KING, Ballarat ;  
 MR. THURSFIELD, Colac ;  
 MR. DICKSON, Geelong ;  
 MR. UREN, HAMILTON ;  
 MR. ANDERSON, NHILL ;  
 MR. WOOLCOTT, Warracknabeal & Boulah  
 MR. MERFIELD, Kew ;  
 MR. WILKINSON, Maryborough ;  
 MR. RICKARD, Moonta  
 MR. GLOVER, Mt. Gambier  
 MR. MARSTON, York  
 MR. BEVILAQUA, Melbourne

AND  
**Brent & Co., Horsham**

Trove: The Horsham Times, 31 Oct 1905

By December 1917, Wilkinson’s in Maryborough were advertising their Christmas stock.

**WILKINSON'S.**  
 Perfumery forms a big portion of the Christmas stock at **Wilkinson's**, and embraced in the collection are samples from the very best manufacturers. When visiting the establishment, our attention was drawn to a collection of bottles of citrates of magnesia, which are purchasable at 1/ per bottle. This makes a delightful and medicinal drink during the hot weather, and is said to be one of the best beverages for maintaining the health during the trying season. The establishment holds a large stock of toilet requisites, including Nyal's face cream.

Trove: Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser 19 Dec 1917

**Robert Wood Wilkinson**, address Spring Street, Melbourne sat his Final Exam in 15 December 1897. **Louisa Wilkinson**, address Cramer Street, Preston sat her Final Exam on 12 December 1912, and **Andarina Wilkinson** (daughter of Paul and Louisa), address High Street, Maryborough sat her Final Exam on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1919. All passed and were duly qualified chemists. (Found on a Pharmacy College website) (Her grandmother's name was spelt Anderina).

In 1904, **Henry Oliver Wilkinson** was living in Warrnambool, was he a chemist there? He and his family later moved to Hawthorn where he died in 1914, only thirty-nine years old.

**Robert Wood Wilkinson** (Junior) also died at a reasonably young age of sixty-four years. He died suddenly while in Sydney in May 1939. He lived in Alma Street, St Kilda, and had conducted a pharmacy in Spring Street, Melbourne for over thirty years.

**Obituary**  
**MR. R. W. WILKINSON**  
 The death occurred suddenly in Sydney on Tuesday of Mr. Robert Wood Wilkinson, who was for many years associated with walking, snow sports, and similar activities in Victoria. Mr. Wilkinson had been identified with the Melbourne Walking Club for many years, and at one time he was also the president of the Ski Club of Victoria. He was also interested in the Boy Scout movement. By profession he was a chemist, and he conducted a pharmacy in Spring street, Melbourne, for more than 30 years.  
 Mr. Wilkinson, who was aged 64 years, has left a widow and four daughters. He was on a holiday in Sydney at the time of his death, and the cremation took place there on Tuesday. A service will be held at St. Martin's Church of England, Hawksburn, at 3 p.m. next Tuesday.

Trove: The Argus, 27 May 1939

**Andarina Wilkinson** may have worked in the chemist business at Maryborough after qualifying in early 1920. She married William James Brewster Goad in 1922. (BDM Vic #3885/1922)

**GOAD-WILKINSON.**—On the 5th June, at All Saints Church, St. Kilda, by the Rev. Jones, vicar, William James Brewster, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Goad, of Heatherton, to Andrina, only daughter of Mrs. Louisa and the late Paul Wilkinson, of Maryborough.

Trove: The Argus 5 Aug 1922

The marriage of Miss Rena Wilkinson and Mr. W. B. Goad was celebrated at All Saints' Church, St. Kilda, on June 5, at 8 o'clock. The bride, who was given away by her uncle (Mr. R. W. Wilkinson), looked very dainty in pale-pink charmeuse, with silver girdle, and wreath and veil. The bridesmaid, Miss France McDonald, of Warrnambool (cousin of the bride), was prettily frocked in lemon and heliotrope georgette. Mr. Arthur Barker was best man. After the ceremony a number of relatives met at Wickliffe House, where wed-

ding supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Goad will reside in Maryborough.

Trove: The Australasian 24 Jun 1922

The following year they had a son, Kendall John Goad who was born in Maryborough.

**GOAD (Rena Wilkinson).**—On the 27th February, at Wandsworth private hospital, Maryborough, the wife of W. J. B. Goad—a son (John Kendall).

Trove: The Argus 28 Mar 1923

Andarina Goad died at Mentone in 1982, aged eighty-six years (BDM Vic #14624/1982), and her husband William died at Heidelberg in 1978, aged ninety-one years (BDM Vic #16566/1978).

I have been unable to find references to who may have owned or managed the Wilkinson business, during the 20's and 30's. In *Against The Odds*, it is mentioned that Milton Malkin took over Wilkinson's after being apprenticed to RW Wilkinson in Melbourne. He managed the shop for about eighteen months before taking over the Maryborough business in 1939. Digitised Rates of Maryborough are available up to 1930. During this time the business was still operated under the name of RW Wilkinson in the same premises in High Street.

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Helen Ritchie  
June 2021 - 2022



It is believed that the first pharmacy in Maryborough was established by Mark Frederick Ogle in a tent in the early 1850's. A wooden structure was later built in High Street. He built a new shop in 1865, being a two-story brick building. This was about six doors up (southwards) from the later established Wilkinson Pharmacy.

Members of the Ogle family operated the pharmacy until 1930, when the business was purchased by John Ritchie. John and his family had migrated from the Orkney Islands in the 1920's, via Adelaide and then Colac and eventually settled in Maryborough. A well at the back of the old shop in High Street has "J Ritchie 1930" carved into the concrete lid.

Unfortunately, the two-story shop no longer exists. It was replaced by a double fronted single-story building in the late 1950's by John Ritchie Jr. The business was sold in the late 1970's; there is no longer a pharmacy on the site.



The Ogle shop taken from F. W. Niven lithograph of Maryborough, C1886.



Pharmacy glass bottles believed to be from the Ogle shop.

## Advertisements to cure all!!! If only!!

**ONE BOX OF CLARKE'S B 41 PILLS**  
 IS warranted to cure all discharges from the Urinary Organs, in either sex, acquired or constitutional, Gravel and Pains in the Back. Sold in Boxes, 4s 6d each, by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors.  
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 Newbery and Sons, 37 Newgate Street, London.  
 Barclay and Sons, 95 Farringdon Street, London,  
 Sanger and Sons, Oxford Street, London.  
 And all the London Wholesale Houses.  
**MELBOURNE AGENTS.**  
 FELTON GRIMWADE & Co., Wholesale Druggists.  
 E. & M. KEUGH, Wholesale Druggists.  
 HEMMONS & Co., Wholesale Druggists.

Trove: Avoca Mail, 23 October, 1877, p4

**PHOSPHORUS PILLS, OR ETHereal VITALITY,** cure nervous debility, lassitude, loss of brain power, headache, neuralgia, prostration, suspension of intellectual faculties; mental decay, &c., &c. Pamphlets on application. Sold in bottles, 5s., 10s 6d., 21s. Francis Longmore, Victory Pharmacy, corner Flinders and King st's., Melbourne.—[ADVT.]

•FRANCIS LONGMORE'S EVERTON COUGH REMEDY cures coughs when nothing else will. Never fails; try it. Sold everywhere; price, 2s. per bottle. Testimonials may be had on application. Send to the Victory Pharmacy, corner of Flinders and King streets, Melbourne. Francis Longmore, proprietor.—[ADVT.]

Trove: Leader, 28 February 1880, p3

THEN AND NOW – 1908 AND 2022



Photo from Kevin Spokes Collection





## **THEN** – High Street, Maryborough, about 1908.

This photo is taken looking northwards (Bendigo direction) in High Street. By looking at the Maryborough Rates for 1908, and comparing to the photo. My thoughts are, as follows, but may not be correct as there was no numbering system for the streets.

From the left - Zimmer Bros, Tailor, although Bros appears to be crossed out (Kaye's Building), William Long, Grocer and Thomas Willoughby, Bootmaker (both also Kaye's Building) Ballarat Cheap Cash Store - Wine and Spirit Merchant, (Rate book and photo not exactly coinciding, maybe the grocer and bootmaker were in this building)

Jonas J Pitherick – Hairdresser, the owners being the Executors of Estate of Wilkinson, Commonwealth Dining Saloon, John McHugh was a butcher – possibly in this building then a small shop which from the Rate records seems to be where Edmund Herring worked as a solicitor.

Wilkinson Pharmacy is painted across the front of the double story building. From the Rate book I have ascertained that they possibly lived in a wooden dwelling which was at the back of the shop, facing onto Clarendon Street. This was owned by Thomas Proctor.

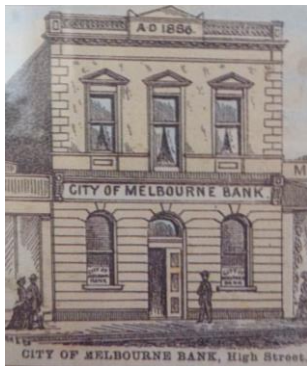
The next building was a Cash Drapers, Thomas Webb, and the building on the corner had various businesses.

Across Nolan Street, clearly visible on the other corner is the Bull and Mouth Hotel, with shops attached along High Street.

## **NOW** – High Street, Maryborough, May 2022.

From the left - The same building with the second story largely unchanged from the outside, the top of the façade has the same urns as decoration on top, now called Kaye's Buildings (originally owned by Mrs Kaye) with the date 1907, currently occupied by Priceline Pharmacy, (previously grocer shop with various owners, in 1970's IGA/Tuckerbag) and, the last shop has been until recently occupied by Herring and Macmillan, Solicitors.

A narrow walkway through to Clarendon Street, then the yellow brick building, possibly built in 1960's occupied by Westpac (and previously the Bank of NSW), until recent years.



Same double story building with AD 1817 at the top. This is still currently occupied by a solicitor, and has the words EST 1869 across the top of the arched doorway. I assume that this would refer to the solicitor's business being established then. In "*Maryborough A Social History*" it states that in 1869 Richard Matthews had been a practicing solicitor since 1869, he retired in 1889, but in 1885 had taken Edmund Selwyn Herring into partnership. By 1890, Herring was practicing under his own name. This site of this building was originally the old Telegraph Hotel, which had a serious fire in 1880, and in 1886/7 the City of Melbourne Bank opened its doors in a new building there. I need to follow up with the present occupiers of the building, to

ascertain any further information. Photo: City of Melbourne Bank F. W. Niven lithograph of Maryborough, C1886

The last building on the corner known as the AMP building. Has had various offices and uses, including a milliner and dental surgery upstairs. The ubiquitous modern day rubbish bin on the street corner.

The Bull and Mouth has recently been restored back to its former glory, although the outside has been largely unchanged.

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## Do you have something to contribute?

We welcome articles referring to local history stories and activities. Please refer to closing dates below.

## Publication Dates & Deadlines

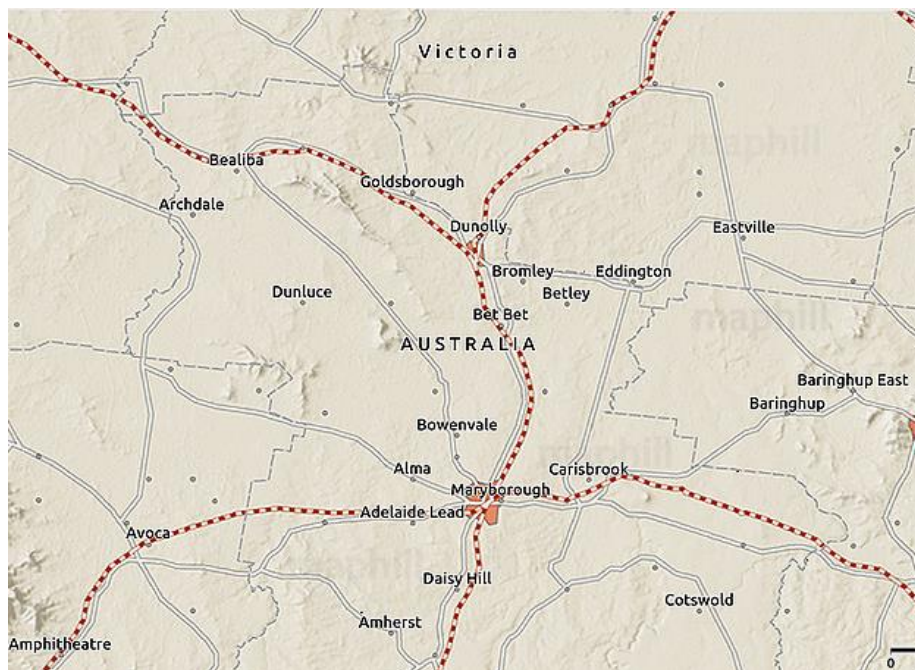
<b>Edition</b>	<b>Closing dates for contributions</b>	<b>Planned publishing dates</b>
Autumn	21st February	12th March
Winter	21st May	12th June
Spring	21st August	12th September
Summer	21st November	12th December

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Researching Family History.

**Look** at a Map/Atlas/Google Maps.

Did your family live in **MELBOURNE**, Victoria?

Melbourne East, Melbourne West, Melbourne South, Victoria?

Melbourne, Yorkshire, England?

Melbourne, Derbyshire, England?

Melbourne Bridge, Ireland?

Or

Melbourne in USA (numerous localities)?



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