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The Price Children Who Did Not Marry, Benjamin, Caroline & Rebecca

Three of the children of William and Ann (nee Cooper) Price did not marry and died young. They were Benjamin, born 25.3.1834 and died 5.11.1854 aged 20 years; Caroline born 25.1.1841 and died 10.5.1891 and Rebecca born 15.7.1843 and died 21.7.1880 aged 37 years.

Caroline was fourteen years of age when her mother died from consumption and it is this dreaded complaint that was certainly the cause of death of a number of the Price children.

It is interesting to note that Martha Price who married Robert Cooper Martin and moved to Cobbora lived to a ripe old age and died in her eighties.

Nepean Times Saturday May 16, 1891 contained the obituary of Caroline and it too states that she suffered from consumption.

During the week past Richmond lost another well respected citizen by the death of Miss Price. The news of her death caused some surprise and was received with regret by a large circle of friends. Deceased had been a great sufferer for sometime, that dire malady, consumption having taken a great hold, and despite every effort she gradually grew worse, and died early on Sunday morning at the age of 50. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, when a large concourse of mourners assembled to pay their last tribute of respect. The cortege left the late residence of the deceased at half past two the chief mourners being Messrs WT and J Price, the deceased's brothers.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev E Hargrave and the funeral arrangements were admirably carried out by Mr Tomkinson, undertaker. Miss Price was a native of Richmond and resided there the greatest part of her life, occupying most of her time in giving music lessons etc.

Caroline Price left a will
This is the last will and testament of me Caroline Price of Richmond in the colony of New South Wales, Spinster. I appoint Caleb Crisford of Richmond aforesaid Builder and Clara Anne Martha Wenholtz, wife of George Wenholtz Public School Mudgee Executor and Executrix of my will. I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid and satisfied as soon as can be after my decease Subject to the payment of my just debts and funeral and testamentary expenses I give and bequeath all my personal estate also the Policy of Insurance on my life in the Australian Mutual Provident Assurance Society of Sydney in the said colony and also all monies, doc... and additions secured by or to be received in respect of the same Policy also my shares and interests in the Belabula River Gold Mining Company unto the said Clara Ann Martha Wenholtz absolutely for her own sole and separate use and benefit and I declare that her present receipt not withstanding her present or future conertuce[?] shall be valid and effectual discharges for the barne [?]. I direct that my remains be interred in St Peter's Cemetery Richmond aforesaid near the place where the remains of the late Mrs Caleb Crisford are interred and that are own fence secured to the one covered her grave to be erected round mine and

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also the name of Rebecca Price with the dates of death month thereon And I direct that not more than the sum of Twenty-five pounds be expended in payment for the above and my debts and funeral expenses And I hereby declare that every person who shall or pay any trust moneys to the Trustees or Trustrix for the time being of this my Will upon their or his receipts in writing shall be exonerated from all responsibility in respect of the application thereof. I revoke all other testamentary dispositions by me heretofore made in witness whereof I have hereunder set my hand the thirtieth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine.

CAROLINE PRICE

*Signed by the said Caroline Price as her Will in the presence of us present at the same time who in her presence and in the presence of each other hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses:
Joane Naylor. Caleb Crisford.*

5th June 1891 by Petition of Probate granted to Caleb Crisford of Richmond, Gentleman. The Executor in the Will named. Testatrix died 10th May 1891. Estate sworn at One Hundred and Fifty Five Pounds.