

WILLIAM PRICE – CRIME & TRIAL

(documents found by Harold Price, descendent of the eldest son of William Price & Ann Cooper)

Document dated 3 February 1815

Sunday, about three o'clock in the afternoon, at which time all the family, except an elderly female servant were gone to church, three fellows went to the house of Mr Merrington, an opulent farmer residing near Billericay, and knocking at the door, demanded admittance. The old woman prudently reconnoured her visitors from the chamber window, and not liking their appearance, refused to open the door. One of them, named Price, who had formerly living in the family, got a ladder, and they made good their entrance at the chamber window. The old lady perceiving what they were about, retreated to the back door, and made the best of her way down to the church, a distance of a mile, and gave the alarm. All the male part of the congregation went in pursuit of the robbers, who were discovered in a wood dividing up the spoil, which they had obtained by breaking open bureaus, drawers, &c. They were secured, pinioned, and taken to the church where they were kept during the remainder of the service. The Clergyman, who is also a Magistrate, then proceeded to take depositions of the witnesses, and finally committed them to Chelmsford gaol. Monday morning they underwent another examination and were committed for trial.

CHELMSFORD, March 10 [in paper following day]

At our Assizes on Tuesday before Sir Alan Chambre, Knt and Sir George Wood, Knt, the following were tried and found guilty, viz. John Palmer for entering the dwelling-huse of Hugh Tipper of Hornchurch, John Field, for sheep stealing, Mary Hall for stealing money from Thomas Vend, of Halstead, and John Strong for stealing 29lb of acid of tartar, of Messrs Gibson & Co, of Stratford, were both sentenced to 7 years transportation; Peter Howard for stealing saltpeter from the above premises, was also convicted and sentenced to twelve months hard labour in the house of Correction. W Gringley, W Price and John Brown, for burglary in the dwelling house of W Merrington, of Buttsbury, were capitally convicted and received the sentence of death. T Scainling(?) one of the persons concerned in the murder of John Bolding at West Ham, on 20h May 1810 has been tried and convicted. The sentenced passed upon him is, that he be hung on Saturday (tomorrow) morning and his body be delivered to the surgeons for dissection. Several Nisi Prius causes were tried and many more remained to try on Friday. [William Price's conviction was commuted to transportation to NSW for life.]

Price Line - Martha Price & Robert Cooper Martin

Albert, fifth child of Robert William Martin and Rosetta Ann Taylor (nee Cooper).

Robert William Martin married Rosetta Ann Taylor

Son Alfred born 6th July, 1885 at Cobbora. 1 male and 3 females living.

Rosetta Taylor (Rosetta Ann's mother) died on 26.11.1865 age 43 and was buried two days later at Campbell Hill in the Cof E Section of the cemetery. Her son, Harry Edward died on the 3rd December 1865 aged one month. He was buried in his mother's grave. The Rev George Keylock Rusden who married Rosetta also buried her and her son.

Rosetta's sister Alice Cooper alias Gordon died the following year on 27th May, 1866 aged 53 and was buried the next day at Campbell's Hill.

Rosetta Cooper married John Taylor (both of Maitand) on 28th October, 1839. The witnesses were Chet? Webster and Alice Cooper of Maitland. The children were Elizabeth 1840, James T 1844, Robert 1848, Mary 1841, Rosetta 1852, Rosetta Anne 1856, Agnes A 1859, Harriet 1862, Agnes A 1864, Henry E (Harry) 1865.

Alfred married Myra Maysie Findlay Coleman (illegitimate) born 1 May, 1889 at Prospect Reservoir - mother Caroline Coleman aged 18 born at Yass. Alfred at the time of his marriage lived at Surrey Hill and his bride, spinster of Prospect NSW. Witnesses Charles Mouley and Albert Hirst. The minister was Robert Pickup and they married on 11th March, 1911 at Canley Vale:

Coleman Side of the Family

Caroline Coleman's mother was Jemima Hall who married twice - at the age of 14 to Charles Coleman and after his death at age about 42 to widower William Money. She was born in Cirancester Gloucester England and at the time of her death on 25th June 1920 she was 80 years of age and had lived 70 years in the colony (came

c1850). She was buried CofE Liverpool and the details revealed by her daughter Harriet Wenzel of Coaldale Grafton stated that Jemima's mother was Elizabeth nee Hawker and father Richard Hall, stonemanson. Harriett testified that living were Charles 63, Robert 60, Harriet 56, Caroline 50, and 9 males and 4 females deceased. Harriet was not aware of a son born to William and Jemima who died shortly after birth and another child Elsie born 1886 Ashfield.

Jemima married her second husband on 13th February 1883 at St Andrew's Manse Goulburn to widower William Whalan Money whose occupation was warder (at Goulburn Gaol?) and had as usual place of residence - Yass. The witnesses were Charles Matthew and Sarah Ann Currie. Her first marriage to Charles Coleman (bachelor) took place in church by banns 23rd August 1855. Charles signed his name and Jemima with an . The witnesses were Elizabeth Williams and EG Gairman. Goulburn (St Saviour's Cathedral). Their children are listed in the BDM as Ruth 1855, Charles 1856, Robert D 1861, margaret E 1863, Harriet D 1864, William J 1866, Emily 1869, Caroline 1870 (mother of Myra Maisie Findlay Coleman), George R 1872, Albert Stephen Henry 1874, John Percy 1876.

In 1890 Caroline Coleman married John Turner - registered Sydney. They were married on 12th April 1890 at the Manse, Jamison St Sydney - Presbyterian. John Turner was a bachelor born in Cambridgeshire England and was 34 years of age. His usual residence was Prospect Reservoir and his parents were Robert & Sarah Ann Turner. Caroline was age 19 and her usual place of residence was Cabramatta and place of birth Yass. The witnesses were Charlotte Turner and William Henry Thompson. The minister was William Marcus Dill Macky. The groom signed with his mark and the mother of the bride gave consent.

As mentioned previously, Caroline's first born was Myra who was illigitimate. Her children with John Turner are listed in BDM as Ernest C 1891, Sydney JR 1893, Emily E 1894 and Charlotte J 1897

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Charles James Price md Martha Martin.

Son Albert b 27.1.1857 md Catherine Deans:

The following information Norman Clarence, eighth child of Albert and Catherine from his son, Ron:

8.NORMAN CLARENCE 1898. He married Gladys May Porter from Shepparton. Victoria. They lived at Shadforth and later at Spring Hill for 15 years after their marriage, moving the Shepparton around 1945.

They had five children:

John Albert
Barbara June
Murray
Margaret Ann
Roy

Roy Price told the story told by his father , Norman about his father, Albert who left home at the early age of 9 never to return. The story goes that his father gave him a mob of sheep to look after for the day and apparently Alfred fell asleep under a tree. When he awoke the sheep were gone. He returned home, told his father what had happened, to which his father replied, 'go and find them and don't come back until you do.' He never found them and so wasn't able to return home, but apparently used to sneak home to see his mother from time to time. He eventually settled on land known as Three Pines at Shadforth via Orange.