

GEORGE WILLIAM CONNOR (1842-1873)

Connor Family Bible (in possession of AG Connor)

George William Connor born at Launceston, Tasmania 6 Oct 1842

Australia Birth Index 1788-1922 (Ancestry.com)

Name:	Male Connor
Birth Date:	6 Oct 1842
Father's Name:	Thomas James Connor
Mother's Name:	Ann Peake
Birth Place:	Tasmania
Registration Year:	1842
Registration Place:	Launceston, Tasmania
Registration number:	1210

The Courier 3 Jan 1855

DEPARTURES- DECEMBER 30.

Eliza Frances, barque, " 290, Suter, Sydney. Passengers - Mr., Mrs. Connor and family.
[Thomas James jr, **George William**, Cornelia Ann, Sarah Frances, Edward Charles, Florence Marie, Narcissa West makes 7 children!]

Launceston Examiner 5 Feb 1856

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE ENTERED INWARDS

February 5.--I.S.N. Co.'s steamer Royal Shepherd. 184 tons, W. H. Saunders. master, from Sydney; George Fisher. agent. Passengers Mr. John Atkinson, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Gough, **Mrs. Connor, and 6 children**. [Thomas James jr, **George William**, Cornelia Ann, Sarah Frances, Edward Charles, Florence Marie, Narcissa West makes 7 children!]

According to his obituary in the Gippsland Standard of 3 June 1880, T.J. Connor and his family arrived in Melbourne on 1 October 1859, the day Flying Buck won the Champions' Race.

The Argus 21 Nov 1860

Nearly a thousand persons met yesterday afternoon on the Richmond Cricket Ground, to witness the trials of the pedestrian powers of the best runners in the cricket clubs of Melbourne and its vicinity. The believers in " Muscular Christianity" showed in force, and manifested great interest on the occasion. The competitors, as they came to the scratch, were scanned observingly by the spectators, and their positions in the races were noted with as much care as though they had been champion nags running for the credit of their respective countries. The sports were altogether highly successful, and no one appeared to doubt that the handicaps were fair, and that the best at their respective allowances won throughout the afternoon. The first race was in heats of 250 yards each, and 24 cricketers were entered. The terms were, that 12 should start

for each of the two first heats, and the winners of each of these to run off for the first and second prizes ; the first a trophy worth five guineas, and the second a prize bat. Some of the candidates declined facing the start, and in the first heat the following only ran:-Messrs. Palmer, at scratch ; Harley, 15 yards start ; Templeton, Woolley, and Russell, at 18 yards start; and Shoosmith at 24 yards. Mr. Shoosmith made the running for the first 160 yards, when Mr. Harley, who had been one of the foremost in the ruck, came away, headed Shoosmith in the next 20 yards, and won easily by three yards. The second heat was contested by Messrs. Wardill, 10 yards start; Watson, 15 yards; R. Ryder, 18 yards; Higgs and Brind, 20 yards ; and **Connor, 25 yards** [*Thomas jun or George?*]. Mr. Ryder led after the first 100 yards, but Mr. Wardill caught him 20 yards from home, and beat him in the finish by about a yard. In the deciding heat between Messrs. Harley and Wardill, the former made the most of his five yards allowance, and increased the space between himself and his competitor until about 50 yards from home, when Wardill made a great effort, and appeared likely to make it a near thing ; but the winner of the first heat, who had evidently saved himself for the finish, let out, and won by about the five yards' advantage he was allowed at the start.

The Argus 2 Jan 1861

VICTORIAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION MATCHES.

THIRD DAY.

Yesterday was the third and last day of the first of what will doubtless now prove a periodical series of national rifle matches. On the whole, we may consider 'the marksmen of Victoria as occupying a fair position as rifle shots ; and, al- though we cannot yet claim to have amongst us men who can score their- seven points at 1,000 yards' out of the same number of shots, we have, doubtless, some who in all probability may at a future day favourably compare with the Ick's, Leece's, and Boss's of England. Sufficient time had not elapsed since the Caledonian match to enable any marked improvement generally to be visible but the shooting of the representatives of several of the companies was decidedly better than on that occasion. The table we publish below will, however, serve to show the shooting of the different competitors, and any one may perceive at a glance what sort of average has been made by each, or whether some peculiar good fortune has raised the score in one match, only to depress it the more in another.

The following is the list of the competitors, &c, in the different matches:

Name Corp etc	Match									
	1	2				3	4	5	6	7
yds	300	300	500	600	Tot	600	200	300	500	600
Connor, T.J. Sgt, Cn	2	2	D	D	-	-	2	3	-	1
Connor T.J. jnr. Cn	-	2	D	D	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connor G.W. Cn	-	2	D	D	-	-	-	-	-	-

Cn = Carlton Rifles

The Argus 30 May to 3 June 1861

T J. CONNOR, Jun , and **GW Connor**, both from Carlton, are mentioned as competing in the Victorian Rifle Association three day competition.

The proceedings of the day were as follows :

Match C.

600 yards, five rounds, By the position, 300 entries. Prizes, £20, £10. Open to Victorian volunteers only, with arms issued by the Government and the Government wax cartridge.

Six Points.- **G.W. Connor, Carlton.** [1st prize] [*George William Connor would have been 19 y.o.*]

The Argus 28 Oct 1861

GOVERNMENT SPRING RIFLE MATCHES

The following matches take place at Sandridge Butts, on Saturday, November 2 :

8 a.m.-Range VI

71. J.[G] W. Connor, Cn.....

1862 Sands and McDougall Melbourne Directory

Thomas James Connor [*and family?*] listed at 33 Rathdowne Street, Carlton

1-4 Jan 1862

First international cricket match between All-England XI and XVIII of Victoria at Melbourne Metropolitan Cricket Ground. All-England won by an innings and 95 runs. [*Thomas senior, Thomas junior and George probably attended given their involvement in the game.*]

The Argus 11 Feb 1862

LIST of the MEMBERS of VOLUNTEER CORPS who, in the annual practice, have already QUALIFIED as MARKSMEN.

The badges distributed this day are to be worn on the left arm, immediately above the loops. The wearing of all other badges to be discontinued from this date. Distributions of badges for the current year will be made early in April, July, and October, but the wearing of all those for the Year 1862 will be discontinued on the first issue for 1863.

By order.

(Signed) C. H. HALL, Captain and Staff Officer

NAMES OF MARKSMEN.

CARLTON V.R.C.

Sergeant T.J. Connor 7

G.W. Connor 7

1863 Sands and McDougall Melbourne Directory

Thomas James Connor listed at a house in Cardigan Street, Carlton, three doors south of the cemetery end on the east side. [*Now a block of flats*].

[BIG GAP HERE]

1865 Sands and McDougall Melbourne Directory

Connor, George W. Confectioner, 285 Elizabeth Street.

The Argus 23 Jul 1866

The Victorian Engineers paraded at their orderly room, on Saturday last, for an inspection, and also to receive His Excellency Brigadier-General Carey, the Officer Administering the Government, who had signified his intention of presenting the **badges for proficiency in military engineering** on this occasion. The General was accompanied by Captain Buchanan, his aid-de-camp, and was received by Colonel W. A. D. Anderson, Lieutenant-Colonel Rede (acting major of brigade), and Captain Burton of the local staff. There was a large muster of the corps, including Captain Parnell, Lieutenant Dall, and Assistant-Surgeon James. After the salute, the following members were called to the front to **receive their badges** :-Lieutenant Dall, Corporals Bartlam and G. Draper, and Sappers Norton, T. Draper, Cumming, Marris, W. Draper, and - Alexander. **Sergeant Connor, of the Carlton Rifles** ; Private Oliver, of the Collingwood Rifles ; and Lieutenant Buchan, of the Collingwood Rifles, **were also called for the same purpose, but were not present.** [*Had George gone to Gippsland by this stage?*] The general, in presenting the badges, complimented the winners on their efficiency in military engineering, and expressed himself highly pleased with the appearance of the men. He was glad, he said, to find the corps becoming like the Royal. Engineers, viz., a scientific corps, and he was proud of the energy displayed by the Victorian Engineers.

The Argus 26 Nov 1866

VICTORIAN VOLUNTEER FORCE.-List of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men who have passed the first Examination for the Military Engineering Badge of 1867-8.

Sergt. G. W. Connor, Carlton rifles. (5th in Order of Merit credit in 2 subjects, 293/360 marks)

[According to his obituary in the Gippsland Standard 3 Jun 1880 Thomas and Ann Connor took up residence at Jack River in the Alberton District on 29 May 1867]

Gippsland Guardian 29 Mar 1867

Lands and Survey Office, Melbourne,

March 4, 1867.

Amending land act, 1865. The

TWELFTH SERIES of AGRICULTURAL AREAS will be proclaimed by the Governor in Council to the OPEN for LEASING as under:—

LAND OFFICE AT PORT ALBERT.

AGRICULTURAL AREA OF DEVON

To be open for leasing on and after Wednesday, the third day of April, 1867, at the Land Office, Port Albert, W. R. Belcher, Esq., Land Officer.

Agricultural area of Devon, parish of Devon, on the west bank of the Tarra River, the east bank of the Jack River, and intersected by the Stony Creek on Bourke's Morass, from eight to twelve miles north westerly from Port Albert; containing for leasing the allotments numbered and lettered as follow.—

Parish Of **Devon**

Allotments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 53a, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 64a, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75.

And delineated on maps deposited and open for inspection at the Crown Lands Office, La Trobe street west Melbourne; the District Survey Offices, Geelong and Sale; the Post Offices Tarraville and Woodside; and the Land Office, Port Albert.

Gippsland Guardian 28 Sep 1867

The Tarra Creek was on Wednesday last overflowing its banks from Wonwron nearly to the township of Tarraville. At Yarram Yarram it was level with the bridge, and flooding the township, the road being in places impassable.

The Albert and Jack rivers are overflowing and flooding the country, more particularly the Jack river, which is a small tributary of the Albert, is now more like a lake for some miles of its course.

The Argus 1 Oct 1868

Emerald-hill. - The sitting magistrates on Wednesday were Mr. P. J. Martin, Mr. Nimmo, and Mr. Rigby. James Dawson was brought up, charged with stealing from the premises of **G. W. Connor, the keeper of a lolly-shop**, close to the Fairbridge, who, after leaving his place for a short time, returned, and found the prisoner, who had broken through the door; being discovered, he bolted, but was caught by some boys. A Mr. Hackett, a bootmaker, gave the man a good character; and as it appeared that he had been drunk, the Bench took a merciful view of the case, and discharged him. —[*NOT George William?*]

Gippsland Guardian 21 Dec 1868

SHIPPING.

Arrived (Port Albert)

Dec 18—Murray, s 178 tons, S. Patrick, from Melbourne. Passengers—Cabin: Mrs. Libberton, Mrs. Christensen and child, Mr. and Mrs. Salmon, Messrs Chadwick. O'Brien, Bodman, **Connor**, Laws; and 12 in the steerage. G.L.S.N. Co, agents. [*Thomas jnr, George, Charles or Arthur?*]

Rate Books 1869

Leased crown land at Jack River, West Riding Alberton. Rates 12/10

Register of Marriages solemnized in the District of South Gippsland in the Colony of Victoria. 1870, Reg No 16.

Marriage July 13th 1870 at St Luke's Church Alberton, between **George William Connor**, bachelor, born Launceston Tasmania, settler, 27 yo of Jack River Station; son of Thomas James Connor, teacher, and Anne (Peake); and **Eliza Newton**, spinster, born Melbourne, 27yo, of Alberton, daughter of Edward Thomas Newton, commission agent and Eliza (Martin).
Minister Rev William Clarke Hose; Witnesses, Henry Denham and Cornelia A Connor.

The Argus 23 Jul 1870

MARRIAGES.

CONNOR-NEWTON.-On the 13th inst, at St. Luke's Church, Alberton, South Gipps Land, by the Rev. W. Clarke Hose, **George William**, second son of Thomas J. Connor, Esq., to **Eliza**, eldest daughter of E. T. Newton, Esq., all of Alberton. No cards.

Australia Marriage Index 1788-1950 (Ancestry.com)

Name:	George William Connor
Spouse Name:	Eliza Newton
Marriage Place:	Victoria
Registration Place:	Victoria
Registration Year:	1870
Registration number:	2607

Rates Book 1870

George Connor leased Crown Pasture land, Jack River, west Riding Alberton. Rates 12/6

Australia Birth Index 1788-1922 (Ancestry.com)

Name:	George Stanley N Connor
Father's Name:	George William Connor
Mother's Name:	Eliza Newton
Birth Place:	Alberton, Victoria 25 Mar 1871
Registration Year:	1871
Registration Place:	Victoria
Registration number:	8

Rates Book 1871

George Connor, squatter, leased Crown Pasture land, Jack River, west Riding Alberton. Rates 12/4

Australia Birth Index 1788-1922 (Ancestry.com)

Name:	Wm Edward Ernest Connor
Father's Name:	George William Connor
Mother's Name:	Eliza Newton
Birth Place:	Alberton, Victoria 7 May 1872
Registration Year:	1872
Registration Place:	Victoria
Registration number:	6503

Rates Book 1872

George Connor, squatter, leased Crown Pasture land, Jack River, west Riding Alberton. Rates 12/-

Gippsland Times 13 May 1873

PALMERSTON COUNTY COURT. 22nd MAY, 1873. CAUSE LIST. -AT COMMON LAW.

James v. G. W. Connor

Same v. T. J. Connor

Same v. Pew

Same V. Dunn .

Same v. Regan

Same v. Martin

Gippsland Times 31 May 1873

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE PALMERSTON COUNTY COURT. Thursday May 22, 1873.

Emma James v. **G. W. Connor**, goods sold, £6 11s 9d. Settled out of court.

Same v. **T. J. Connor**, goods sold, £5 15s 11d. Settled out of court.

Australia Birth Index 1788-1922 (Ancestry.com)

Name:	Georgia Alice Connor
Father's Name:	George William Connor
Mother's Name:	Eliza Newton
Birth Place:	Alberton, Victoria 16 Aug 1873
Registration Year:	1873
Registration Place:	Victoria
Registration number:	13772

Gippsland Times 19 Aug 1873

A Local Land Board was held at Palmerston, on 15th inst., by Captain Pasco, P.M., Mr. Black, Acting District Surveyor; and Mr. E. T. Newton, President. The following applications were recommended :- John Kee, Wm. Miller, Thos. Collins, John Descent, R. A. H. Connor, G. W. Connor, R. Sandy, J. Cockridge, Mary Ann Bodman, Wm. Scott A. H. Appleyard, Elizabeth Lucas, David Duncan, Robert McWhinter, R. Scott, and J. Bettie. There was no appearance for P. Sweeney and Sarah Catchpole, the application of John Macpherson was refused, and that of Thomas Freeman postponed. The application of William Moulden was opposed by Thomas Waite for S. Milton and others, on the ground that if granted the Miltons would be prevented from getting out of their places in winter. A compromise was effected that a road should be reserved and the application was recommended. N. Christenson applied for a piece of land, but being opposed by the Shire Council the application was refused as the allotment in question was the only place for road material in the district: A. F. Gellion's application was objected to by G. W. Connor and C. T. Lucas ; recommended to Connor who had been the means of having the land forfeited. B. Donoghue v. Sweeney, the latter had pegged out 60 acres including a portion surveyed for Donoghue, who stated that he wanted access to a waterhole, and on the suggestion of the board a modification of the survey was agreed to and the land granted to Sweeney.

Gippsland Times 23 Aug 1873

SOUTH GIPPSLAND. Port Albert, 20th August.

The Palmerston Local Land Board met in the court-house on Friday 15th inst. The gentlemen forming the Board were Mr. Black, the District Surveyor, Mr. Pascoe, the Police Magistrate, and Mr. Newton, the President of the Shire Council. A case of singular importance and interest to selectors generally was apparently decided by the Board, which decision seemed to be adverse to the published regulations of the current Land Act, and is consequently very much commented upon. The facts of the case that have already transpired are these: Mr. W. Martin selected an allotment of land at West Alberton containing about 115 acres some three years back, upon which he never resided, or occupied, or in any way improved. Some eight or nine months back Mr. A. Gellion made inquiries at the Land Office at Port Albert whether, in consequence of Martin's non-performance of the conditions of his license, he (Gellion) could re-peg out the land and apply for it in the usual way. Gellion was informed by the land officer that "nothing could be done until it appeared in the Gazette that Martin's license had been revoked or forfeited." On the 11th July, Martin's license was gazetted forfeited. On the 12th July, the following day, Gellion pegged out the land and posted the orthodox notices. On the 16th July, four days afterwards, Gellion gave the usual notice that he had done so to the land officer at Port Albert, and was informed that no previous application had been made for the said Martin's forfeited land. On the 24th July, eight days after Gellion had in due form made his application, another person, a Mr. Connor, the lessee of the Jack Run, gave notice to the land officer that he had also pegged out the said Martin's forfeited land. On the 15th August the Local Land Board had to decide, as it was supposed, which of these two applicants should be recommended to have the land. The Local Board did decide, and their decision is a very remarkable one. The Board decided, in the teeth of the above facts, which are veritably correct, that Connor would be recommended to have the land instead of Gellion, who was the first to inquire about the land, who was the first to peg out the land, and who had faithfully complied with the regulations in every way. Upon Mr. Gellion inquiring of the Board upon what grounds Connor's application was recommended he was informed that Connor had by a written correspondence first called the attention of the Board of Land and Survey to the fact that Martin had not complied with the conditions of his license, and that he (Connor) had as far back as May inst been negotiating with the department for the land; consequently it is assumed that the Board of Lands and Survey had before the sitting of the Local Board decided

that Connor should have the land. There must have been, it is thought, some prevaricated representations made to the Board of lands and Survey, or otherwise how could the department promise the land to Connor three months before Martin's license was gazetted as forfeited. Subsequently, after the local board had risen, it was reported that the district surveyor should say, that he himself did not understand the case, and had, before the sitting of the local board, corresponded with the department for an explanation; and he was understood to say that Connor had got the land because he had informed the Government that Martin had not complied with the conditions of his license. Now, there is something extremely irregular and unwholesome in this case, and it is evidently one that is bolstered up either by sneaking artifice or corrupt favouritism. Any one who is desirous of the distinguished appellation of informer, it appears, is to get any man's license revoked by simply writing to the Board of Lands and Survey, and the said unhappily distinguished individual, the informer, is to be rewarded by the Government for so doing by having the land assured to him, even before the other man's license is gazetted forfeited. Moreover, the informer is to have the land whether he complies with the preliminary regulations or otherwise, and regardless of the local board's recommendation or otherwise. Surely, it is said, the Hon. the Minister of Lands cannot be cognisant of these behind the scenes proceedings, neither, it is inferred, can he have consented to hold forth such a bribe to informers, or would permit the department to perpetrate such a glaring enormity as to put aside and stultify the regulations, he himself compiled and published for the guidance of honest and truthful selectors, in favour of mean, servile, back door informers. The case will not rest as it now stands, inasmuch as the Hon. Minister of Lands has already been petitioned to have a searching investigation into the matter, failing which, the case will be laid before the Legislative Assembly; it being considered that if such underhanded proceedings are permitted, or that every cunning or sneaking informer is to be bribed, and allowed to ride roughshod over the law and the regulations of the Land Act, that no selector will be safe, neither will any applicant be secure, no matter how carefully he may have watched for "regulations," or how carefully and implicitly he may have complied with them.--Ich Dien.

Public Records Office Vic. Wills, Probate and Administration Records 1841-1925. File 11/794

28 Aug 1873

The Last Will and Testament of George William Connor of the Parish of Devon, Farmer

– I, George William Connor of the parish of Devon, farmer, being of sound mind but deeply impressed with the uncertainty of human life, desire to declare my last will and testament – I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife, Eliza, one half of the stock on the station known as the 'Jack Rivulet' – I also give and bequeath to my said wife Eliza one half of my interest in certain land in the parish of Devon South Gippsland, a hundred and twenty acres or thereabout, selected by me and recommended by a Local Land Board at Palmerston on 15th day of August 1873 and one half interest in certain land in the Parish of West Albert – a hundred and six acres or thereabouts- also selected by me and recommended by the aforesaid Local Land Board held at Palmerston as aforesaid on the 15th day of August 1873. The remaining half of each of the aforesaid selections in the Parish of Devon and in the parish of West Albert respectively I give and bequeath to my beloved Father Thomas James Connor of Alberton South Gippsland. My claim of five hundred pounds on my Policy of Life Insurance number 610 in the Australasian Insurance Company I wish to be disposed of in the following manner. One hundred pounds to be reserved for each of my children George Stanley Newton Connor and William Edward Ernest Connor and a female infant un-named Connor born on the 16th day of August 1873 until they arrive at the age of twenty one years respectively. Provided that in case of the death of one of the said children before the age of twenty-one years the sum reserved shall be equally divided between the survivors or in the case of the death of more than one before the said period, the said sum shall be given to the survivor or of all the children before the age above mentioned the said sum shall be for the use and benefit

of my dearly beloved wife Eliza. The said sum of three hundred pounds to be invested in freehold property and the interest thereon to be for the use of my dearly beloved wife Eliza. The remaining portion of the aforesaid five hundred pounds to be used to meet any claim upon the aforesaid life policy and for investment or otherwise for the benefit of my said wife Eliza. It is my desire that the operations upon said land shall be continued until it shall be otherwise determined by all the parties interested. And in the event of any dispute arising in the continuance or otherwise of the operations above mentioned on the aforesaid land the same shall be decided by an arbitration duly appointed. I hereby appoint my dearly beloved wife Eliza to be Executrix and my beloved brother Robert Arthur Henry Connor and my beloved brother in law Alfred John Newton as Executors to this my last will and testament. And in the event of the said Robert Arthur Henry Connor and Alfred John Newton or either of them refusing to act, that my said wife Eliza shall be my sole Executrix. As witness my hand this twenty-eighth day of August in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three ----- George William Connor Testator Signed by the said George William Connor the Testator in the presence of us present at the same time who in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses ----- Edward T. Newton Jnr. Cornelia A. Denham --- Sarah F. Connor

[An original duplicate of this will is held by Doreen Connor, passed down from WEE Connor. It has some large brown stains which, according to WEEC, are due to a flood. Considering that GWC made this will on 28th Aug 1873 and died on 7th Sep 1873, he must have been very ill when he wrote it. AGC 26 May 2012].

Gippsland Times 30 Aug 1873

PEOPLES' COLUMN. A CORRECTION TO THE EDITOR OF THE GIPPSLAND TIMES. Sir,-In your issue of. 23rd inst., your correspondent for Port Albert makes a series of misrepresentations with reference to the selection of a block of land situated on Gellion's' Run on the Albert River, stating that the successful applicant, Mr. George W. Connor, was the lessee of the Jack Rivulet Run,' which is not true, and that he did not peg out the land till July 24th, whereas he pegged out the land on the 14th May, and on the 16th made the usual application to be put in possession. Your correspondent further charges the gentlemen comprising the Land Board with partiality. They have granted the land to Mr. Connor on his proving priority of application. Your correspondent might be a little more careful in writing the reports, as this is not the first occasion on which he has given a grossly one sided report of matters occurring here, which has caused great dissatisfaction from time to time. Trusting you will insert this correction, I am, Sir, yours &c.,' TRUTH. August 26th, 1873.

Register of Deaths in the District of Alberton, Colony of Victoria, 1873, No 5919

On 7th Sept 1873 at Alberton, George William Connor, farmer, aged 30 died of valvular disease of the heart and Bright's disease of the kidneys, and had been ill for three weeks. He was the son of Thomas James and Anne Connor, teachers. Mr. RAH Connor, brother of the deceased was the informant, and the Deputy Registrar, Thomas James Connor (deceased's father) registered the death on 8th Sept. He was buried on 9th Sept at Alberton Cemetery by Rev H. Betts, Church of England, in the presence of ET Newton and Alfred John Newton. He was born in Launceston Tasmania and lived 17 years in Tasmania and 13 years in Victoria. At age 27 he married Eliza Newton at Alberton, South Gippsland and they had three children George Stanley Newton Connor (2y 6m), William Edward Ernest Connor (1y 4m) and Georgia Alice Connor (3 weeks).

The Argus 11 Sep 1873

DEATHS: **CONNOR**.—On the 7th inst., at Seabank, Port Albert, **George William**, second surviving son of Thomas J. Connor, Esq., of Alberton.

Australia Death Index 1787-1985 (Ancestry.com)

Name:	George William Connor
Death Place:	Victoria
Age:	30
Father's Name:	Thomas James
Mother's Name:	Anne
Registration Year:	1873
Registration Place:	Victoria
Registration number:	5919

The Argus 29 Oct 1873

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. Tuesday, Oct. 28.

SELECTION OF ANDREW GELLION.

Mr. MURRAY SMITH called the attention of the Minister of Lands to recent decision of the Palmerston local land board on the application of Andrew Gellion, and asked if that decision would be disallowed ? The hon. member explained that the selection in question, first taken up by one Martin three years ago was forfeited on the 11th July. On the 12th July Gellion pegged it out. **G. W. Connor** opposed him, on the ground that some one else was a prior selector, and eventually Gellion, though his bona fide was not disputed, was deprived of his selection, on the ground that the informer was entitled to the land. The result was that **Connor** was rewarded at the expense of an innocent party, and a bona fide selector. He decided to direct attention to this, because it was a practice which was likely to be very discouraging to selectors.

Mr. CASEY said the facts were not as stated by the hon. member. **Connor** was the first applicant, and that made all the difference. An extract from the proceedings of the local land board which heard the application for these 115 acres on the 15th August, said : "**G. W. Connor** stated that he had pegged out prior to Gellion, and also that he had been the means of procuring the forfeiture of Martin's licence. Connor pegged out on the 14th May, and Gellion on the 12th July. Gellion urged that Martin's licence, not having been revoked till the 7th July, Connor's pegging before that date should not give him a preference over him who had been the first to peg when the land was available. The documentary evidence showed that Connor had moved the department in reference to Martin's licence, and had been the means of procuring its forfeiture. The board was of opinion that Connor had established a claim to the land through his action in bringing the fact of Martin's evasion of the law to the notice of the department, and therefore preferred his application to that of Gellion.'

Mr. MURRAY SMITH said this was exactly what he complained of. He gave notice of his intention to move, next day, that the papers in connexion with this case be laid upon the table of the House.

The Argus 19 Nov 1873

NOTICE is hereby given, that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof, an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the colony of Victoria, in Its Probate jurisdiction, that PROBATE of the LAST WILL and TESTAMENT of **GEORGE WILLIAM CONNOR**, of the parish of Devon, in the district of Gipps Land, in the colony of Victoria, farmer, deceased, may be granted to Eliza Connor, widow of the said deceased, and Robert Arthur Henry Connor and Alfred John Newton, the executrix and executors named in and appointed by the said will.

Dated this 18th day of November, 1873.

W. W. WALDUCK, Market-buildings, Melbourne, proctor for the said executrix and executors.

Rates Books 1873

Executors estate **GW Connor**, 2 blocks of 120 acres each and rates 12/- each.

Public Records Office Vic. Wills, Probate and Administration Records 1841-1925. File 11/794

Estate of **George William Connor**

Assets	£	s	d	Liabilities	£	s	d
One half share or interest in 120 acres of land selected by Testator under Pt 2 of Land Act 1869 in Parish of Devon Gippsland. Recommended 15 Aug 1873. 6 mths rent paid	3	0	0	To amount due to the Australasian Assurance Coy for money advanced Testator on Policy	30	0	0
Improvements consisting of a house of 4 rooms built of wood valued at £40, 25 chains fencing	120	0	0				
One half share or interest in 106 acres of land selected by testator under said Act in the parish of West Albert Gippsland. Recommended 26 Sep 1873. Six mths rent paid. No improvements.	2	13	0				
Furniture	25	0	0				
15 cows £4 each	60	0	0				
15 yearlings £1 each	15	0	0				
10 calves 10/- each	5	0	0				
5 horses £4 each	20	0	0				
4 pigs 25/- each	5	0	0				
Policy of Insurance on the life of the Testator effected in the Australasian Assurance Coy	500	0	0	Balance	725	13	0
	755	13	0		755	13	0

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Estate of **George William Connor** probate granted **5 Feb 1874**

The Argus 6 Feb 1874

SUPREME COURT.

NEW COURT-HOUSE.-THURSDAY, FEB. 6. PROBATES AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

Probates were granted to the wills of the following:**George Wm. Connor**, £700, on the motion of Mr. Webb.

Gippsland Times 21 Apr 1874

APPROVED APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES. -The applications of the undermentioned persons for licenses under section 19 of the Land Act 1800 having been approved, it is notified that the rents and fees may be received by revenue officers at the places named -- Payable at Port Albert : O'Neal, Devon; **G. W. Connor, do**; W. Moulden, do.

Gippsland Times 15 Sep 1874

LAND ACT 1869. SCHEDULE of APPLICATIONS to be heard by the Local Land Board to sit at PALMERSTON on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of September, 1874, at 11 o'clock a.m.: SPECIAL CASES.:

10. J. Gellion - For forfeiture of land licensed to **George Conner, deceased**.

T. W. COOPER, District Surveyor. Survey Office, Sale, 14th September 1874. 7 sep 16

Gippsland Times 29 Sep 1874

PALMERSTON LOCAL LAND BOARD. A Local Land Board, consisting of Captain Pasco, P.M. (chairman), Mr T.W. Cooper, District Surveyor, and the President of the Alberton Shire Council, sat at Palmerston on Wednesday last, when the following applications were dealt with :

J. Gellion applied for forfeiture of land licensed to **Geo. Connor, deceased**. Mr. Gell appeared for Gellion, and Mr. R. A. H. Connor for G. Connor's widow, as executor under his will. R. A. H. Connor stated that his brother died on 7th September, 1873, and that no notice had been received that the case was coming before the Land Board. The Board were of opinion that the executors under G. Connor's will had not taken the action on behalf of his widow that they ought to have done in order to get the selection transferred to her, and recommended that such transfer should be made on application by the executors. The Board then adjourned.

Gippsland Times 17 Mar 1879

THE GAZETTE . The following notifications appear in Friday evening's Government Gazette: THE LAND ACT.

Leases approved.-Payable at Palmerston: John Collins, Woodside; G E. Kuch, A. Driemal, F. H. Driemal, Darriman; Wm. Mouldon, **R. A. H. Connor** (executrix).

Gippsland Times 24 Mar 1879

THE GAZETTE. The following notifications appear in Friday evening's Government Gazette:
..... Leases approved.-E. 'T. Reynolds, Coongulmerang ; 'I. Mann, Tarra Tarra;
Edward Rose, Woranga ; R. Kennedy, Winnindoo; Gen. Scales, Rosedale; Matthew Carr,
Glencoe: E. Cummings, Winnindoo; R. A. H. Connor, executor of the will of Geo. W.
Connor, Yarram Yarram.

Gippsland Times 28 Apr 1879

THE GAZETTE. The following notifications appear in Friday evening's Government Gazette:
..... Applications for Leases Approved.-J. Falls, Meerlieu; A. Varney, C.
Christensen, 'Toongabbie South, ; R. A. H. Connor, executor in the estate of G. W. Connor,
Yarram Yarram ;