



◆ MRS. TYERS points to a picture of her daughters, taken about the turn of the century.

## Mrs. Tyers Can Recall Much Of Our History

A NAME that will certainly figure on the roll of the old WA colonists, now being prepared by the WA Historical Society, will be that of Mrs. Bridget Tyers (85 next March), of Myers-st., Tuart Hill.

Her birthplace in the Old Barracks, now the Public Works Department, at the top of St. George's-ter. was a room on the third floor.

Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's son, looked out the window of that room during his visit to Perth in 1869 for who was then acclaimed to be one of the finest views of Perth.

It was three years later, on March 15, 1872, that Bridget McNamara was born. Ten months later her parents left the Barracks.

Her father, John McNamara, was born in 1854, and when he was 17 he advanced his age and joined the 66th Regiment of Foot.

Years of war followed, and young McNamara saw extended service in the Crimean War.

## GUARDED CONVICTS

On board, he was one of a party of ex-soldiers that mounted guard over a big cargo of convicts during the three-month voyage from Plymouth around the Cape. A daughter was born to the McNamaras during the voyage.

When they landed at Fremantle he was once again claimed for duty because of his Army experience, and formed one of a company of ex-servicemen.

This force, among other duties, mounted constant guard at Government House.

Mr. McNamara took up land in Fitzgerald-st., and opened a dairy and vegetable garden there.

After some years there, Mr. and Mrs. McNamara returned to the Barracks, where they spent most of their last years.

Bridget married in 1893, two months after her father's death. She went up to the Goldfields with her husband, Mr. Tyers, in 1900, and they lived in Boulder for 27 years.

Among many people who afterwards rose to world celebrity after living there was Eileen Joyce, who gave high promise, even at seven years. She was often at the Tyers home in Boulder.

Mr. Tyers was a baker, and when he left Boulder with his wife and family he went to Narrogin and conducted a business for 14 years. Mr. Tyers died some years ago.

There are now 21 children calling Mrs. Tyers "Gran," and 15 great grandchildren.