

**John Costello**  
**40<sup>th</sup> Foot**  
**Enrolled Pensioner Force (Swan River Colony)**

***Born***

c1818 Freshford, County Kilkenny, Ireland

***Died***

29 July 1902, Bunbury, Western Australia, Age 87

**Service Details<sup>i</sup>**

40<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

***Attested for Service***

21 May 1836

***Age on Attestation***

18rys

***Service No***

952

***Trade***

Labourer

***Service Abroad***

East Indies – 4 years 3 months

Scinde, Beloochistan, Afghanistan – 3 year 11 months

***Medal Entitlement***

“ Granted the medal inscribed Candahar, Ghunzee, Cabul Medal 1842 for second Afghan campaign”

“ Granted a bronze star for Maharajpoor”

***Discharged***

15 August 1845 due to impaired vision.

***Character and Conduct***

Very Good

***Surname Variants:***

Costelloe,

Note in margin on service record – “This man says his name is spelt “Costello”



## Enrolled Pensioner Force

Source: 'The Veterans' FH Broomhall

Faced by heavy demands on the Regular Army for garrisons, the British Government adopted the idea to recruit a force to be used primarily to serve as guards in convict ships, and on arrival in the Colonies, to carry out the military duties which would otherwise have been the responsibility of the Regular Army.

They were to be soldiers who had been discharged from military service. They had served in the previous twenty years in Britain's wars who on discharge were awarded pensions for long service & good conduct, for wounds or for meritorious service.

Staff officers in charge of pension pay offices all over the country were instructed to make it known to their pensioners the conditions of re-enlistment and to forward to the War Office the names of all candidates for the new unit.

Convict transportation began to the Swan River Colony in Western Australia in 1850.

Between 1850 and 1868, the members of the Enrolled Pensioner Force arrived on convict ships, which transported almost 10,000 prisoners from gaols of the United Kingdom to the Swan River Colony. Many remained as settlers after their military duties were finished.

Of an average age of 40 they were strong and healthy, well disciplined, loyal and of good conduct. Spread though the thinly populated districts, they were a welcome addition to the labour force as warders, police, postmen, tradesmen or agricultural labourers.

After arrival they could choose to continue on military duty until the next convict ship brought a new contingent of Enrolled Pensioners, or, obtain their discharge, remaining as settlers when, however, they could be called upon to uphold the civil authority in an emergency. After serving 7 years in the Enrolled Pensioner Force they were eligible for a free land grant of 10 to 33 acres.

Conditions under which Enrolled Pensioners were recruited included.

- Free passage for themselves, their wives and children
- Employment on military pay for a periods of six months from the date of enlistment
- Liability to attend exercises twelve days each year
- Liability to serve in defence of the Colony or when called out for the preservation of public peace
- Land grants after seven years service in the Enrolled Pensioner Force

They served from 1850, but the need for this force declined after convict transportation ceased in 1868, leading to reductions of their numbers and final disbandment in 1880.

## Swan River Colony

John Costello arrived at the Swan River Colony when he was 32 years of age, on 24 October 1850 aboard the Convict transport 'Hashemy'. He is recorded as single arriving alone.

### **Convict Transport "Hashemy"**

523 ton barque was built in Calcutta in 1817.

It was employed as a convict transport and left Portland, England on 22 July 1850 bound for the Swan River Colony.

She carried the second of 37 shipments of male convicts destined for Western Australia.

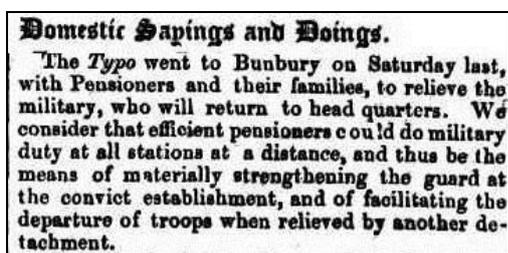
The voyage took 95 days and arrived in Fremantle on 25 October 1850 with 131 passengers and 100 convicts.

Of the 131 passengers, 32 were pensioner guards and their families

### **Bunbury**

In May 1851, Costello is one of seven pensioners who volunteer to relieve the post garrison by the Bunbury detachment of the 99<sup>th</sup> foot at settlement of Australind in 1851.

Their arrival is recorded in the 'Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News' Friday 27 June 1851



**Domestic Sayings and Doings.**  
The *Typo* went to Bunbury on Saturday last, with Pensioners and their families, to relieve the military, who will return to head quarters. We consider that efficient pensioners could do military duty at all stations at a distance, and thus be the means of materially strengthening the guard at the convict establishment, and of facilitating the departure of troops when relieved by another detachment.

It is recorded they had stipulated when offering their services that they be allowed to take up barracks in the district until they built their cottages on their own allotments. The pensioners would be expected to parade every Sunday and the sergeant in charge would transmit a fortnightly report regarding their state and activities. In seeking confirmation of this arrangement the pensioners did not seek pay, only six months free rations until they could crop their ground.

The home authorities agreed to these conditions as it was desirable to establish Pensioner villages if possible at all the outstations which had required regular military detachments, thus releasing all of the regular troops as well as encouraging a source of labour for settlers.

The land grants were to be of one acre each. Those volunteering for duty in Bunbury in May 1851 were<sup>ii</sup>

Lance Sergeant William White, 99<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Corporal John Baskerville, East India Company

Private Patrick Lee, 41<sup>st</sup> Regiment

Private Patrick Carroll, East India Company

**Private John Costello, 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment**

Private James Connors, East India Company

Private John Pratt, 21<sup>st</sup> Regiment

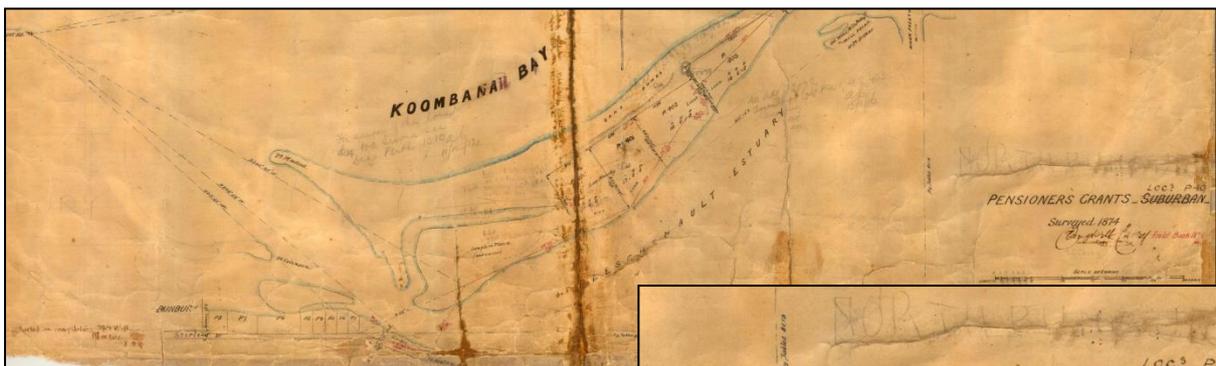
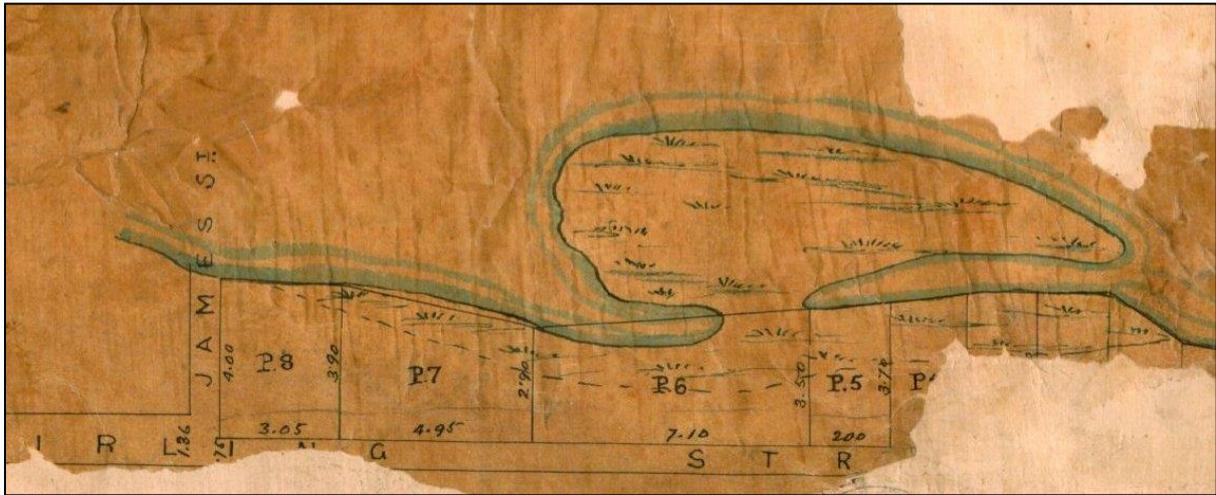
**Pensioner Allotments – Bunbury**

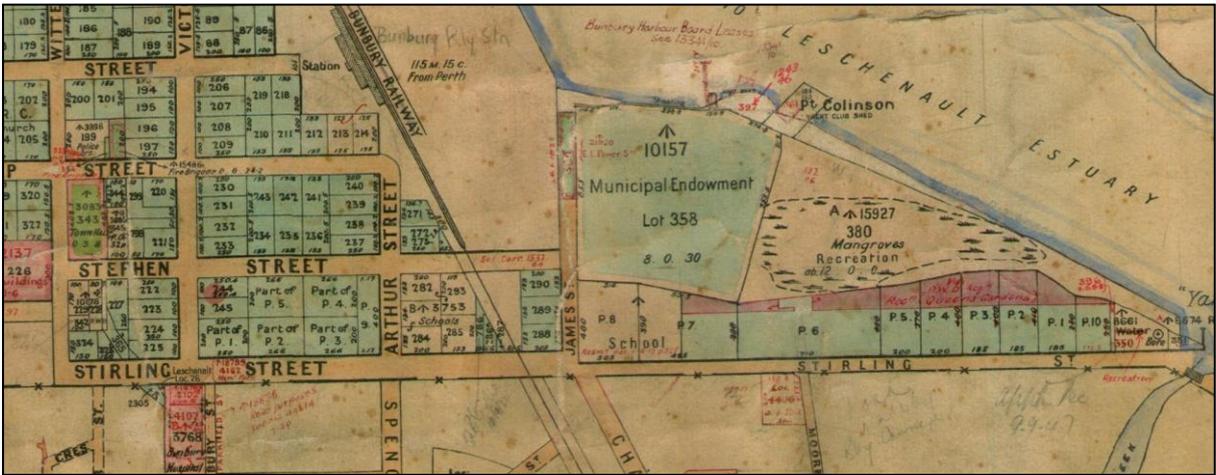
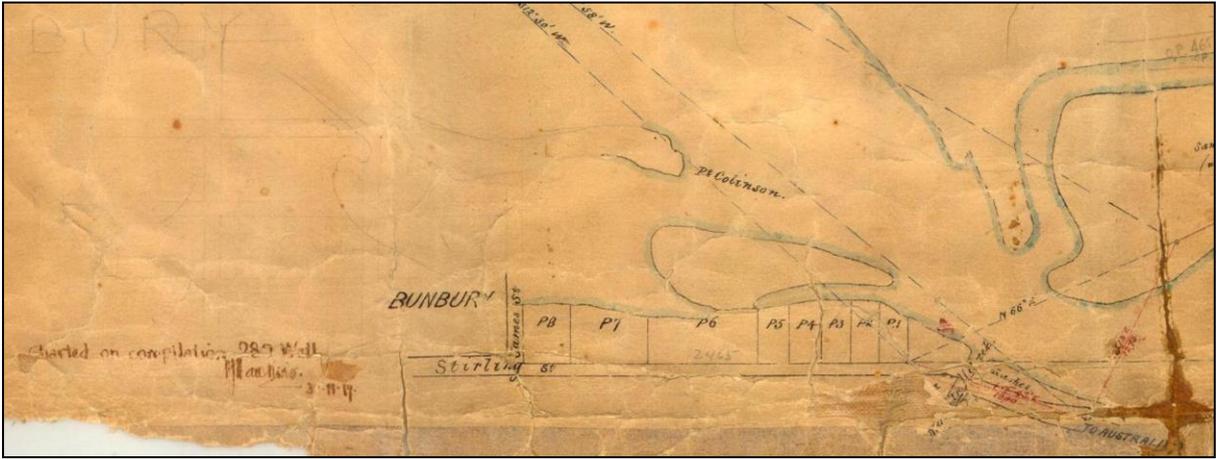
Stirling Street, Bunbury formed the northern boundary of Governor Stirling's grant Location 26 of 100,000 acres. The street was first developed during the 1850s when several lots were granted to the Enrolled Pensioner Guards.

The Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News Fri 11 Jul 1851

**Assistant Surveyor A. Gregory will proceed early next week to the Leschenault district to lay out allotments in the townsite of Bunbury about to be taken up by Government for the Pensioners already, and about to be, located there.**

John Costello was allocated allotment P7 in 1858 <sup>iii</sup>





Plan dated 1947 Showing lots P8 & part P7 allocated for school.



Return of Deeds of Grants in Fee simple of Town Allotments.

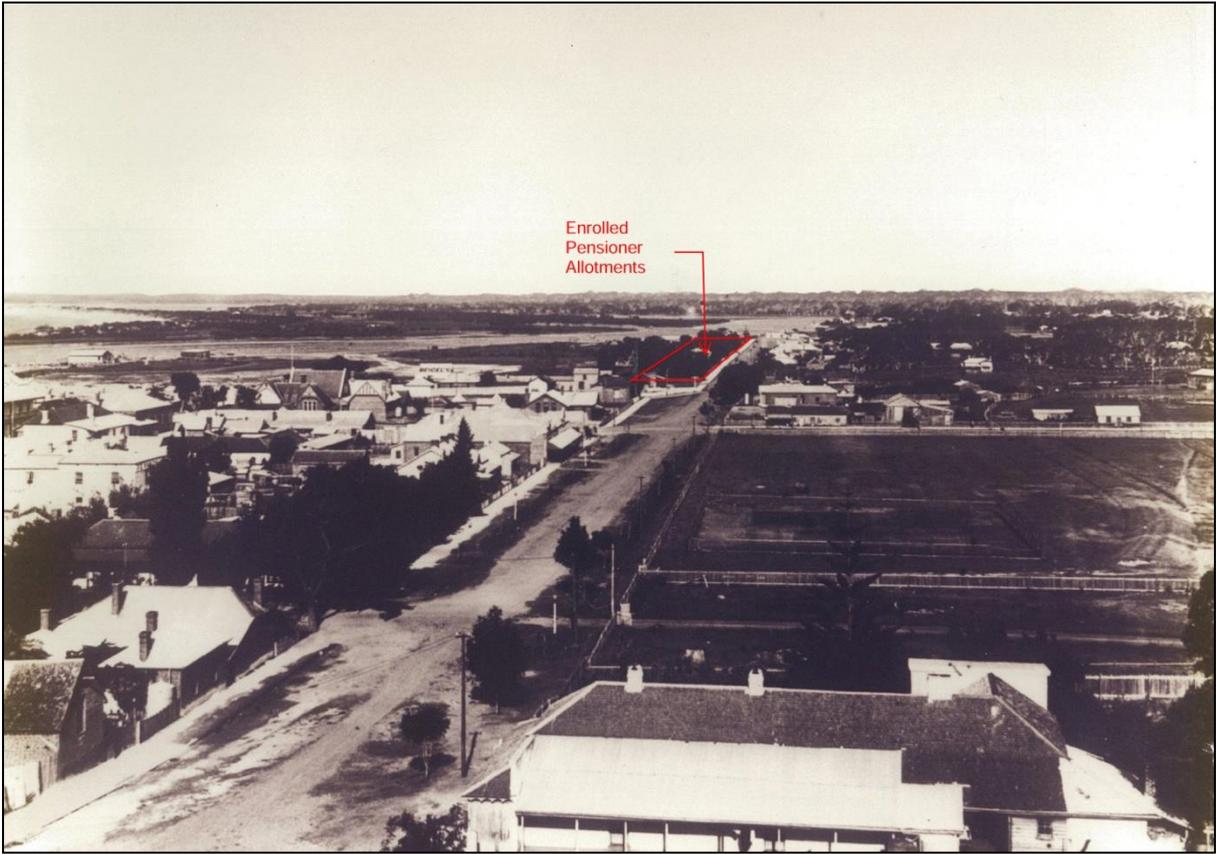
Issued from the office of the Colonial Secretary, during the Quarter ended the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1858.

No. of Deed	Names of Grantee.	No. of Lot	Town near or in which situated	Whether granted by purchase, Improvements effected or otherwise	Remarks
1599	George Haysom	96	Perth	Purchase	
1600	Do	95	Do	Do	
1601	Do	93	Do	Do	
1602	Do	94	Do	Do	
1603	W. M. Morgan	39	Fremantle	Improvements	
1604	Do	307	Do	Do	
1605	A. Muir & Sons	142	Albany	Purchase	
1606	D. N. Scott	51	Geraldton	Do	
1607	Chas. Byrd	4	Kejoording sub.	Do	
1608	Do	27	Do	Do	
1609	Geo. Skinner	5	Geraldton	Do	
1610	Thos. Herbert	6	Do	Do	
1611	W. F. Meeds	99, 80, 81, 82	Perth sub. lots	Do	
1612	Owen Connors	P. 1.	North Fremantle	Granted	Military services - Perth cover lots
1613	W. Michalson	P. 2	Do	Do	Do
1614	Pat. Kurke	P. 6	Do	Do	Do
1615	M. Moran	P. 9	Do	Do	Do
1616	Garret Mc Cann	P. 11	Do	Do	Do
1617	James Connors	P. 8	Numbury	Do	Do
1618	John Castelloe	P. 7	Do	Do	Do
1619	John Raskerville	P. 6	Do	Do	Do
1620	Pat. See	P. 5	Do	Do	Do
1621	John Pratt	P. 4	Do	Do	Do
1622	Pat. Carroll	P. 3	Do	Do	Do
1623	W. White	P. 1.	Do	Do	Do
1624	Lord Bishop of Perth.	239, 240, 241, 242	Do	Do	In consideration of the purchase of lots 9, 95 & 96

Follow Deeds

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Perth 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1859

*[Signature]*  
pro Colonial Secretary



Looking East along Stirling Street Bunbury c1900, The Pensioner Guard allotments commencing Lot P8 at the dogleg in the distance and continuing on the left side of Stirling Street.

Below: the view today.





Only surviving example of an Enrolled Pensioner Cottage in Western Australia  
1 Surrey Street, Bassendean, Perth  
Built 1857 as the allocated cost of 15 pounds

## Family

Costello arrived in the colony alone. He married Ann Berrigan (date unknown at his stage) and had 3 children.

It is apparent that both John and Ann were devout Irish Catholics having high regard for the schooling of their children. Sending both of their daughters to Perth for Catholic education with the Sisters of Mercy.

### **Son: John Costello jnr**

Born in Bunbury 1853

### **Daughter: Ellen Costello (Reverend Mother Angela)**

Born in Bunbury 1855

Moved to Dardanup to teach from 1871 – 1877.

Entered Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, Perth, 20 January 1878.

Professed on 8 September 1880.

In charge of Subiaco Boys Orphanage from May 1883 - November 1896.

Ellen Costello became Mother Angela, the first Australian born superior of the Sisters of Mercy in any of the colonies.

Appointed the first Mother Superior of the Bunbury Convent 1897

Died: 4 October 1930, Bunbury



*Thomas Little Memorial Hall, Dardanup*

*(Formerly the 'Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception' - Rededicated after extensive building renovations in 1979 in memory of Thomas Little).*

Thomas Little, was a local landowner who sponsored Irish Catholic settlement in the Dardanup area.

The church land and materials were donated by Thomas Little in 1852 for construction of a church and monastery, similar to St Benedicts Monastery of Subiaco and New Norcia. Building began in 1854.

A School was opened on 15 September 15 1857 at the expense of Mr Little.

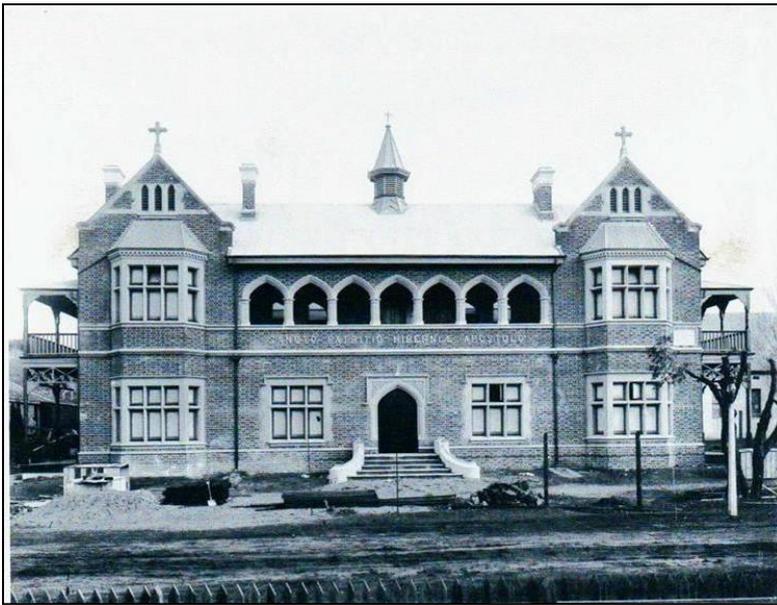
The church was the first Roman Catholic Church to be built in Western Australia.

### THE NEW MOTHER SUPERIOR

In a conversation with Bishop Gibney our representative gleaned a few particulars. It was, he said, an evidence of the advance of Bunbury that we had now an institution independent of any other house. Heretofore the existence of the temporary convent had been dependent on the Perth institution. Now it was raised to the position of an established house. A number of sisters had been allotted to Bunbury to take charge of the institution, consisting of four professed nuns and two novices. The superioress, or reverend mother, is a native of Bunbury, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Costello of Stirling-street, and is the first colonial-born nun ever raised to the dignity of superioress in any of the colonies. She had been for 14 years in charge of the boy's orphanage, Subirco, and during that time had conducted that institution most successfully. During her management of the orphanage 308 boys have been sent out of the institution to occupations in various parts of the country and have given entire satisfaction to their employers, many, indeed, having become established in business for themselves. She left 82 boys in the orphanage when the control of that institution was given over to the Christian Brothers.

**COSTELLO.**—On October 4, the Rev. Mother Angela, after a short illness of pneumonia, the dearly beloved daughter (Ellen) of the late John and Anne Costello, of the old Whiteford, Bunbury, and beloved aunt of Ellen (Mrs. Bert. Hay, Lindsay-street, Perth), Mary A. (Mrs. Gaston, Goldfields), William (Albany), Eugene (Perth, 16th Battalion), Martin (Midland Junction), 46th Battalion, and Frank (Toodyay), 25th Battalion, born in Bunbury on August 21, 1855, died in the Convent of Mercy, Bunbury, on October 4, 1889; entered Convent of Mercy, Victoria Square, Perth, on January 26, 1878, and was professed on September 8, 1880; in charge of Subirco Boys' Orphanage from May, 1882, till November, 1896.  
Rest in peace.

Sisters of Mercy Convent, Bunbury – Built 1897



**Daughter: Mary Costello**

Born in Bunbury 1862

Student - Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, Perth

Died: 16 February 1876 - Drowned in Lake Monger, Subiaco aged 14

Buried: East Perth Cemetery

The Herald 26 February 1876

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## Public Life

John Costello led an active public life contributing to the advancement of his adopted home of Bunbury for much of his life.

He was elected to Bunbury's first Municipal Council in 1871 and remained until retiring in 1880. Obituaries record him being a member of the preceding town trust.

Inquirer and Commercial News 13 December 1871

**BUNBURY.**  
*From our own Correspondent.*

The Wellington, Nelson, and Murray Agricultural Society's annual show of stock and produce took place on Wednesday, the 29th ult., and may be pronounced to have been on the whole as successful as any show for many years back. The sheep exhibited were inferior to those shown in former seasons; and the fact of the progressive deterioration in the breed of sheep in this district would show that the runs are ill-adapted for their support. The festivities after the show were enlivened by the presence of several visitors from Perth, many of whom, passengers by the Bridgetown from Fremantle, arrived on Wednesday, just after the fair was closed.

Our election of Chairman and Councillors for the Municipal Council passed off without excitement. Mr. W. Spencer was elected Chairman, and Messrs. Mitchell, Hay, Costello, Keene, L. S. Eliot, and H. Thompson, Councillors; Messrs. Eadie and Forrest, Auditors; and Mr. L. S. Eliot, Treasurer.

Things have relapsed into what now appears to be their normal condition—a state of dullness so dull as to be almost one of stagnation.

Inquirer and Commercial News 17 March 1880

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**BUNBURY MUNICIPALITY.**—It is notified that Mr. William Spencer has been elected a Councillor of the Municipality of Bunbury, vice Mr. J. Costello, resigned.

**BUNBURY.**

**ELECTION OF EDUCATION BOARD FOR  
THE WELLINGTON DISTRICT.**

The election of five members for this Board, took place on Wednesday last, 8th November, and passed off with the most perfect order, though—as will be seen by the result of the polling—the contest was severe, and the interest evinced quite equal to that of an election of a member of council.

Ten gentlemen were nominated as candidates, viz. :—

Mr. J. H. Lovegrove, Medical Officer, Bunbury; Mr. W. Forrest, Leschenault Mill; Rev. J. Withers, Established Church; Rev. A. Buchanan, Congregational do.; Rev. H. Brady, Roman Catholic do.; Mr. R. H. Rose, J. P., Rosanel; Mr. J. Costello, Bunbury; Mr. J. C. Carey, do.; Mr. W. Spencer, do.; Mr. J. Maguire, Dardanup.

The final state of the poll as declared by the Returning Officer, was as follows:—

Mr. J. H. Lovegrove .....	153
Rev. A. Buchanan.....	133
H. Brady.....	132
Mr. W. Forrest .....	113
Rev. J. Withers.....	112
Mr. R. H. Rose.....	110
" W. Spencer .....	109
" J. Costello.....	107
" J. C. Carey .....	92
" J. Maguire .....	3

The five first named gentlemen, were accordingly declared duly elected members of the Board of Education for the district of Wellington.

John Costello held employment in positions of responsibility and trust. He is recorded as being the Lighthouse Keeper and Tide Waiter & Landing Waiter (customs officer).

He is recorded in various period news articles as an active member of the local Catholic community.

## Death

Died: 29 July 1902, Bunbury, Western Australia

Buried: Old Roman Catholic Cemetery, Bunbury (Cemetery closed in 1950 and now reclaimed by sand dunes)

Bunbury Herald 29 July 1902

*Early on Tuesday morning the death call was responded to by John Costello, an old gentleman of 84 years of age, the oldest of the pensioners now left in Bunbury.*

*For a great number of years Mr Costello and his wife have resided in one of the pensioners cottages on the White Road, and they were highly esteemed by all. Mr Costello was an old soldier, being a private in the 42<sup>nd</sup> (sic) Foot, and he was a participant in the famous march from Candahar to Cabul in 1839. He also saw active service in the black years of 1841-2, when Sir William McNaghten was struggling desperately with Akbur Khan. Mr Costello was fond of relating the incidents connected with the mutiny. In India and ... he had personally many narrow escapes there was no doubt. He had something like contempt for present day fighting, declaring it was free from the risks and hardships to which the soldiers of three or four decades ago had to submit.*

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*He leaves a wife, one son and one daughter to mourn their loss. The daughter is the Mother Superior of the Roman Catholic Convent, Bunbury.*

*The funeral of the deceased took place this afternoon, and very properly it was a military one. A large number of members of the Bunbury Rifle Volunteer Corps, under command of Capt. Woodrow, and many members of the South West Mounted Infantry under command Capt Moore, attended. The procession was headed by the infantry marching in open order with arms reversed, then came the S.W.M. Infantry (dismounted), then the Band in full strength playing a solemn and stately march. The hearse was flanked on either side with members of the Hibernian Society and followed by Cpts Woodrow and Moore, the immediate relatives of the deceased, and a large following of civilians. The remains were interred in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, the final ceremony being performed by Father Broidy. The funeral arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr W Brittain.*

Bunbury Herald 29 July 1902

thing in legislation. Mr H. Farrell supported the measure in an excellent logical speech; the Rev Chapman effectively approved of the bill, and Mr R. Lord (Treasurer), and Mr A. Munro (Mines), gave solid reasons for their endorsement of the bill. Mr Macdonald and Mr Ramsay stoutly opposed the bill, declaring it to be unnecessary and harmful. The adjournment of the debate was moved by Mr N. J. Moore, and shortly after the House rose. An excellent debate is anticipated on the subject which the Bill introduces. During the evening the Premier laid on the table a "Bill relating to Municipalities," and the second reading was made an order of the day for Tuesday next.

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**B**EREAVEMENT NOTICE

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Signed a petition 1877 regarding discrimination against ex-penitents.

d. 29.7.1902, arr. 24.10.1850 per Hashemy as an Enrolled Pensioner Guard.

m. Ann BERRIGAN.

Chd. John b. 1853, Ellen, Mary b.1862 d. 1876.

Formerly Pte. 40th Regt.

This family listed at Bunbury 5.1854 by Salvado.

31.12.1858 granted Lot P.7.

Lighthouse keeper Bunbury 1867 & tidewater 1873. RC

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*A History of the Enrolled Pensioner Force in Western Australia, 1850-1880* F.H. Broomhall

Costello, John

Private 40<sup>th</sup> Regt

10 May 1851 Wished to occupy barracks at Bunbury with his family until he can complete a cottage of own (CSO 221 p96)

31 Dec 1851 Allocated & occupied land at Bunbury. Lot No. unknown (CSO 554 p2392a)

31 Dec 1858 Granted Pensioners lot P.7 at Bunbury for military service with E.P.F (CO 18/109)

1870-71 Shown as Cooper in customs Dept, Bunbury (Blue Book 1870-81)

1892 In receipt of a pension of 8/8/- per annum

Lighthouse Keeper Bunbury

Witnessed will of Joseph Webb 9<sup>th</sup> May 1871 of Bunbury

Will made 12<sup>th</sup> May 1902, died 29<sup>th</sup> July 1902. Wife Ann (lot P7) grandson Martin son of William John.

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<sup>i</sup> WO97-0560 Royal Hospital Chelsea: Soldiers Service Documents

<sup>ii</sup> CO 18/50 21 May 1851

<sup>iii</sup> CO 18/81 31 Dec 1953