

## JOHN BENTLEY

**They named a suburb after me!** The Perth suburb of Bentley is named after Enrolled Pensioner Guard (EPG) John Bentley 1825-1871.

John was in-charge of prisoners building the Albany "Block" Road which is now the Albany Highway in 1862-1864. A large camp for the road workers was established in what is now St James. From around 1870, this area was known as Bentley Hill. In 1940 the local road board changed this to Bentley Park. 'Park' was dropped in 1967. Attached are some old photos of the area.

The EPG Group notes Irishman and Crimean War Veteran John Bentley spent 17 years in the army not only at Crimea also 3 years in India. A year after his discharge, newly married, he was on the 1862 York guarding convicts to Western Australia.

After progressing Albany Highway he became a police constable in various locations around WA. Unfortunately, a lung ailment got him and he died in 1871 in the Pensioner Barracks Perth and is buried at East Perth Cemetery – forever memorialised in the suburb of Bentley's name.

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<https://enrolledpensionerforcewa.org.au/epf-profiles/b/bentley-bently-john-28th-regiment/>

