

Our only Aussie born Enrolled Pensioner Guard (EPG) John Carrol 1826-1876 was born in Sydney.

He joined the 57th Regiment as a 14yo in Rochester Kent, he was probably the son of a soldier who had been in the colonies. In any event, he soon found himself posted to Gibraltar and spent 15 years of his 24 years in the Army in India, Malta and Canada.

After requesting his discharge, he became an EPG on the 1868 Hougmont (attached) the last of the convict ships and soon found himself working as a shepherd for businessman and pastoralist Lockier Burges Jr.

In 1871, while droving sheep from Nickol Bay in Karratha to Geraldton a trip of 1,000km+, Burges shot and killed an Aboriginal man in a dispute over a stolen saddle. John was a key witness at the trial where Burges was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to five years. Later commuted to 12 months, Governor Weld dismissed the magistrate for failing to charge Burges with the capital charge of murder, convicting him of the lesser charge instead.

Brutal and unjust times especially for Indigenous people.

John returned to Fremantle where in 1876 he was allegedly kicked by an unidentified fellow EPG, the kick killing John.

It is possible that John was married and had children ... if there are any descendants out there ... let us know! See John here:

<https://enrolledpensionerforcewa.org.au/epf-profiles/c/carroll-john/>

<https://enrolledpensionerforcewa.org.au/ships/hougoumont/>

