

The 61 Enrolled Pensioner Guards (EPGs) not on Convict Ships

STRATHMORE

Not all Enrolled Pensioner Guards (EPGs) came to Western Australia on convict ships. Four EPGs and their families departed London in autumn on 6th October 1870 and arrived Fremantle on the 29th January 1871 in the fierce West Australian summer. Did anyone bring sun-block!??

They came on the Strathmore a barque that later provisioned here and moved on to Singapore in April 1871. The Strathmore's passenger list is on our website – the EPGs have been reviewed:

- Serjeant Frederick Beswick of the 39th Regiment a Crimean War Veteran with many descendants in Western Australia who received a land grant of 20 acres at Willagee Swamp in 1884. What would that be worth today? Fred died in 1891.
- Private Hugh Cameron a Scotsman with the East India Company also with many Western Australian descendants. He too received a land grant in 1883 for service as an EPG, an acre in Perth. Hugh dies in 1892 and is buried in East Perth Cemetery.
- Corporal Joseph Doyle of the Royal Canadian Rifles and other regiments who eventually moves on to South Australia with his family
- Serjeant Patrick Quinn of the Royal Artillery a very unsavoury character

Check them out at <https://enrolledpensionerforcewa.org.au/ships/strathmore/>

Enrolled in WA – in addition to the EPGs who came on the Strathmore 1871 and Naval Brigade 1874 another five Military Men already in WA are counted as members of the Enrolled Force because they were rewarded with a land grant or pension increase or both for this:

- James Cashen 1807-1885, a 20-year veteran of the 13th Regiment, fought in the Afghan Wars, had six kids with wife Amelia Kenny, arrived on the "Bride" in 1867 and was Caretaker at St. George's Hall
- William Ralph George 1827-1899, a 6-year veteran of the Honourable East India Company, possibly awarded the Sutlej Medal, had six kids with wife Elizabeth Saunders, arrived on the 1864 "Clara" as a Warder
- Denis Hevron 1815-1880, a 17-year veteran of the 15th Regiment who saw service in Canada and Ceylon, had nine children with wife Catherine Kernon who he married in Fremantle 1854, Catherine arrived 1853 on the Sabrina, it is not known which ship Denis was on
- Richard Hourigan 1820-1894, a 24-year veteran of the Light Dragoons, he fought in the Crimean War and Indian Mutiny and arrived 1874 in WA before leaving in 1881 and ending his days in Hobart Tasmania
- William Pugh Smith 1826-1884, a 19-year veteran of the 12th Regiment that came to WA in the 1850s, he was discharged here 1864, married Honora Giltman and they had 1 surviving child. William was appointed a prison Warder in 1878 a position he held until the "Big C" got him in 1884.

Check these five men, their families and deeds out at

<https://enrolledpensionerforcewa.org.au/ships/joined-epf-in-western-australia/>

No more Naval Gazing! The Enrolled Pensioner Guard's (EPGs) brilliant Jeanette Lee has reviewed the 52 EPGs on the 1874 Naval Brigade, many of them have had serious upgrades - so it is well worth a look.

The Naval Brigade brought the last of the EPGs to WA without convicts on board.

Check the Naval Brigade's 52 EPGs out at:

<https://enrolledpensionerforcewa.org.au/ships/naval-brigade/>