

163 years ago ...time flies

August 19 marks the 163rd Anniversary of the 1859 arrival of the five-year-old convict ship *Sultana* at Fremantle

After 82 days at sea, it docked here with 49 Enrolled Pensioner Guards (EPGs) guarding 224 convicts

The EPGs brought 31 wives, 17 sons and 23 daughters

Our wonderful researcher Jeanette Lee has updated the profiles of the EPGs and family members

If you have an EPG *Sultana* ancestor there is now more detail about them
Of these mostly Irish EPGs, half settled in WA.

If you are interested in the history of WA, some notable people include:

- EPG John McMahon, 47th Regiment (Rgt), Crimean War Veteran, died 1922 at Meckering aged 92 the 2nd last surviving EPG in WA. His original medals are at the Fremantle Army Museum of WA
- In 1867 EPG William Johnston, 28th Rgt shot and killed fellow *Sultana* EPG Andrew Alcock, 4th Rgt, He was sentenced to 6 years prison for manslaughter. Mrs Johnston was then supported with government issued rations - she died 1872 and William lived until 1885, both buried at East Perth Cemetery
- EPG John Cody, 36th Rgt – his wife Margaret was one of the last women hung at the old Perth Gaol and son James a “bushranger” of note. Their stories are published in the excellent “The Shrew and the Horsethief” by Peter J Bridge & Sheryl Milentis available from Hesperian Press

There is plenty of interesting information about these EPGs on our website. Also, a copy of Henry Richardson's surgeon's journal for the voyage is transcribed and included in “A Pleasant Passage” by Fremantle Arts Centre Press 1990 available at many libraries.

See the EPGs of the *Sultana* here, enjoy the additions to this group:

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

McMAHON John 21st Regiment - Sultana
At a Crimean and Indian Mutiny Veterans Event 1909



SOME OF THE CRIMEAN AND INDIAN MUTINY VETERANS WHO ATTENDED THE REVIEW.

Standing: Messrs. H. Passmore, G. Pawison, D. Carty, J. Craig. Sitting: Messrs. C. Hurl, J. Scott, H. T. Rowe, W. Symonds, J. McMahon, R. C. Reichel.

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