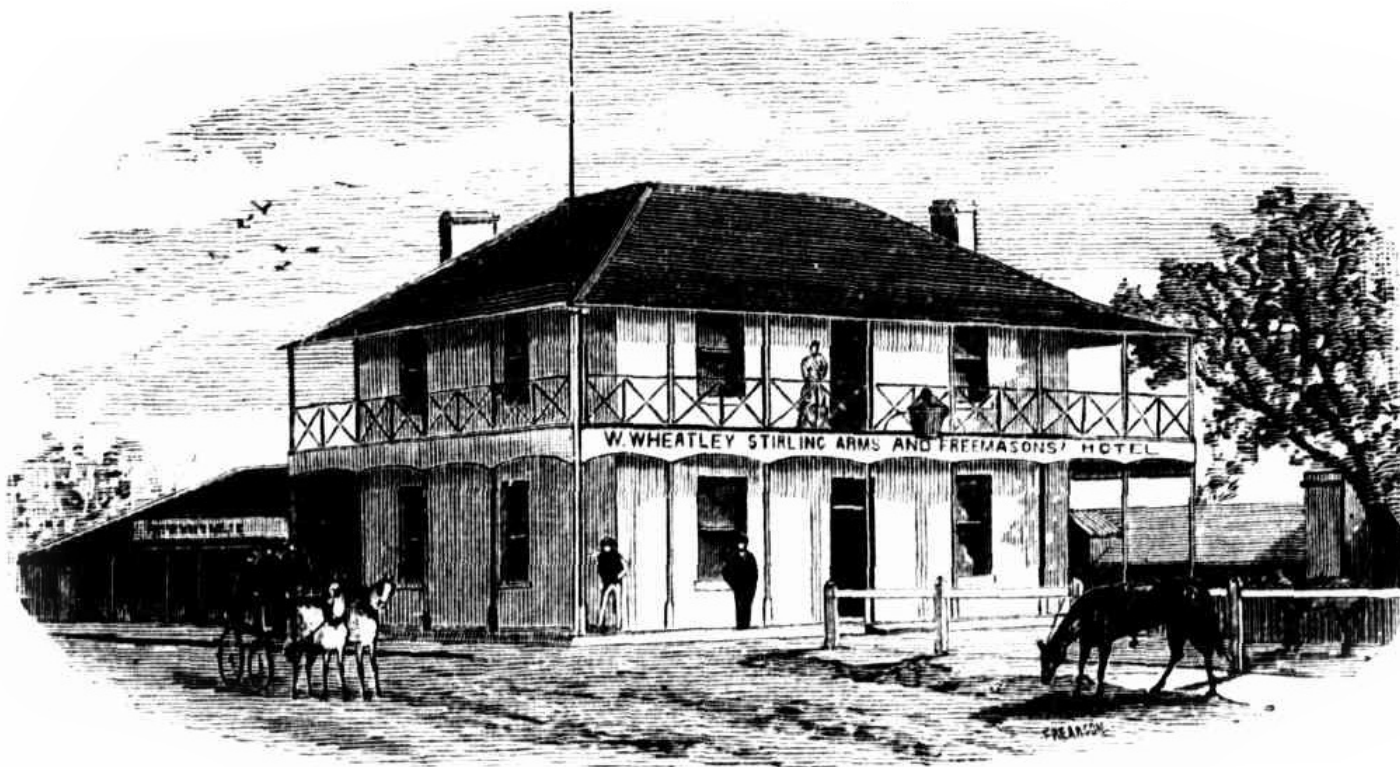


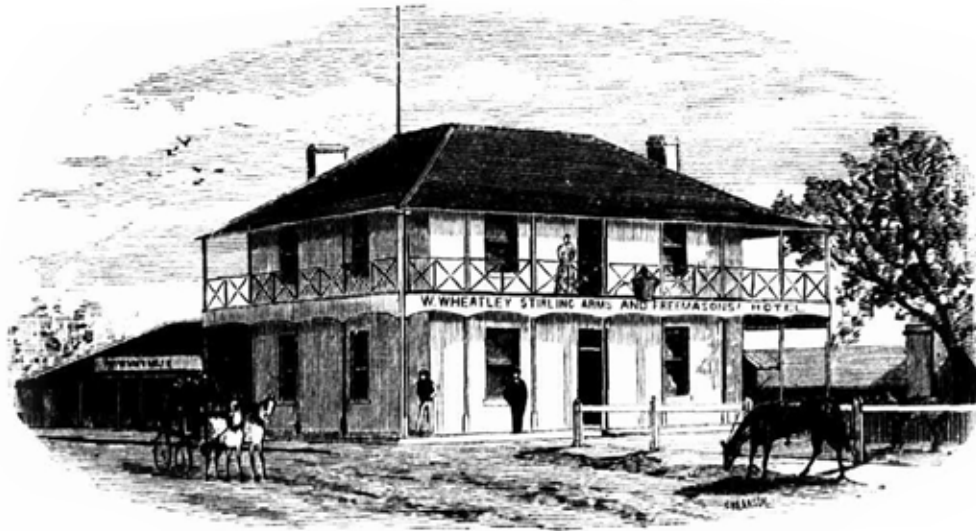
A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE STIRLING ARMS HOTEL

GUILDFORD, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



1852 – 2018

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The Stirling Arms Hotel is the oldest continually licensed hotel in the historic town of Guildford, Western Australia, dating back to 1852. It has undergone many changes over time, and seen numerous publicans and visitors over 166 years.

This photo book has been prepared as a private, unpublished document for Mr. Brendan Craig, licensee of the Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford, WA in September 2018.

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Rear cover: Stirling Arms Hotel logo. Courtesy Brendan Craig

STIRLING ARMS' LICENSEES 1852 – 2018

This history is presented in chronological order of the hotel's licensees.

Charles Glass 1852 - 1855
John Welbourne 1855 - 1857
William Tregoning 1857 - 1863
James Herbert 1863 - 1865
William A. Rummer 1865 - 1869
Harry Percival Lyons 1870 - 1872
Malachi Meagher 1872 - 1877
William Wheatley 1877 - 1886
George Yates 1886 - 1887
Richard and Hannah Clark 1887 - 1896
Donald McDonald 1896 - 1901
Agnes and George Ireland 1901 - 1906
William Waldock 1906 - 1908
Edward Thompson 1908
William Gaddarn 1908
Margaret O'Haire 1908
James Hopkins 1908 - 1909

John Jeffers 1909
Neal McNeil 1909
J.H. Kendall 1909 - 1910
Hannah Cunningham 1910 - 1911
Ellen Carmichael 1911 - 1915
John Comer 1915 - 1916
Louis Claud Monck 1916 - 1921
Ben Hoffman 1921
Harry Haines and Family 1921 - 1966
Thomas Thirsk 1966 - 1975
William (Billy) Walker 1975 - 1983
T Moroni 1984 - 1998
Wayne Holmes and Heather Pritchard 1998 - 2003
Francis (Frank) Lunney 2003 - 2005
Donald Ryan 2005 - 2011
Nick Yurisich 2012 - 2017
Brendan Craig 2017 – Present

HISTORIC GUILDFORD



Sutherland's Town Plan of Guildford 1829.
Courtesy SROWA Cons 3868 item 169

In the 1840s, Governor Hampton determined to divide the central Church Square and created Mangles Street (now known as James Street). Meadow Street was created in the 1829 plan and ran north to south from the Public Landing Place in the north, now the site of Barkers Bridge, to the Commonage in the south, now known as the Kings Meadow Polo Ground. The land on which the Stirling Arms is located was subdivided from the Church Square and sold to local carpenter, builder and police officer, John Welbourne, in August 1850.

The historic town of Guildford is the most intact town of first colonial settlement in Western Australia and possibly Australia. The town was one of the first three established in the Swan River colony in 1829, together with Perth and Fremantle. It is located on a peninsula of high land at the confluence of the Swan and Helena Rivers. The town could not expand beyond its riverine boundaries which flood in winter. The original 1829 town plan is still clearly discernible today with its grid street plan and central square. Guildford was to become a part town for hinterland agricultural areas and a commercial centre of significance.



Chauncy's Plan of Guildford Town site as marked on the ground in 1842.
Courtesy SROWA Cons 3868 item 172

JOHN WELBOURNE 1855 - 1857



Plan of Crown Properties on the Convict Reserve, Meadow Street, Guildford. Image courtesy SROWA. Cons 3850, Item 25c



Image of James Street, Guildford c. 1873, showing later plans for railway and location of buildings. The Stirling Arms is identified as 'Hotel'. Plan shows the large hotel forecourt and adjacent Wood Butcher's Shop. Image reproduced courtesy SROWA, Western Australian Railways - 1 Eastern Line, 1873. Cons 1649, Item 399



Plan of Crown Properties on the Convict Reserve, Meadow Street, Guildford. Image courtesy SLWA. Cons 3850, Item 25a

Welbourne came out to the Swan River Colony in 1829 on the Marquis of Anglesea and was employed as a carpenter and builder by government and private enterprise. He was a member of the Guildford Town Trust in 1845, appointed Police Constable 1841-1849, was local postmaster in 1852 and undertaker from the 1860s-1870s. Welbourne died in 1892, a noted citizen who had taken an active role in the Guildford community for 63 years.

When Welbourne purchased Guildford Town Lot 142 in 1851, the east side of Meadow Street was as yet undeveloped but it was reserved for a Convict Depot and Government purposes. The Stirling Arms was to be centrally located in the Convict/Government Precinct. Work commenced on the Royal Engineer's home in 1852, the Convict Depot and Commissariat Store and Quarters in 1853-4, Mechanic's Institute Hall in 1865 and Courthouse in 1866. By 1855 Welbourne's new Stirling Arms Hotel was centrally located in the convict precinct.

JOHN WELBOURNE 1855 - 1857

Victoria by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith &c &c &c To all to whom these Presents shall come greeting Know Ye that We of our especial Grace certain knowledge and mere motion have given and granted and we do by these Presents for us our heirs and successors in consideration of the sum of Three Pounds Ten shillings paid to the satisfaction of our Governor of Western Australia Sir and Grand Juror John Welbourne of Guildford W.A. that piece or parcel of land called "Guildford Building Lot 142" containing by admeasurement two acres more or less, bounded on the North by four chains of same street, on the East by five chains of Meadow Street, on the South by the North boundary of Lot 142, and on the West by the West boundary of Lot 142, measuring four chains, and on the West by the East boundary of Lot 142 measuring five chains in length — together with all Rights Commodities Privileges and Appurtenances whatsoever thereto relating or in any way appertaining to have and to hold the said Piece or Parcel of land and all and singular the Premises hereby granted, with their Appurtenances unto the said John Welbourne his heirs and assigns forever, he and they enjoying and paying for the same to us our heirs and successors one eighth penny of yearly rent on the Twenty-fifth day of March in each year or as soon thereafter at the same shall be lawfully demanded — Provided nevertheless that it shall not any time within twenty-one years from the date of these Presents be lawful for us our heirs and successors or for any person or persons acting on that behalf by or under their authority to resume and enter upon possession of any part of the same Piece or Parcel of Ground which it may at any time by us our heirs or successors be resumed necessary to resume for making roads bridges drains sewers drains or other works of public utility or convenience, and such Lands resumed to hold for us our heirs and successors as of us or of their former estate; so nevertheless that no such resumption be made without compensation of any part of the same piece or parcel of ground upon which any improvements or improvement shall have been made by the said John Welbourne his heirs and assigns and we as hereby save and reserve to us our heirs and successors all mines of gold silver and other precious metals in or under the said piece or parcel of ground hereby granted, with full liberty at all times to search and dig for and carry away the same and for that purpose to enter upon the said piece or parcel of ground, or any part thereof.

In Witness whereof we have caused our trusty and well beloved Charles FitzGerald Esquire Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Colony to affix to these Presents the Seal of our said Colony.

Witness this Tenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and fifty one in the presence of the Executive Council.

(Signed) Charles FitzGerald

Grant Application for GTL 142, John Welbourne, 06.05.1851.
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REGISTER BOOK.
Vol. 11. Fol. 278
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
Certificate of Title under "The Transfer of Land Act, 1874."

John Welbourne of Guildford, Builder

do hereby certify that the person named in the foregoing Certificate of Title is in full possession of the land therein described, subject to the circumstances of any mortgage or other interest therein.

parcel of land which in the Town of Guildford is bounded on the North by four chains of same street, on the East by five chains of Meadow Street, on the South by the North boundary of Lot 142, and on the West by the West boundary of Lot 142, measuring four chains, and on the West by the East boundary of Lot 142 measuring five chains in length — together with all Rights Commodities Privileges and Appurtenances whatsoever thereto relating or in any way appertaining to have and to hold the said Piece or Parcel of land and all and singular the Premises hereby granted, with their Appurtenances unto the said John Welbourne his heirs and assigns forever, he and they enjoying and paying for the same to us our heirs and successors one eighth penny of yearly rent on the Twenty-fifth day of March in each year or as soon thereafter at the same shall be lawfully demanded — Provided nevertheless that it shall not any time within twenty-one years from the date of these Presents be lawful for us our heirs and successors or for any person or persons acting on that behalf by or under their authority to resume and enter upon possession of any part of the same Piece or Parcel of Ground which it may at any time by us our heirs or successors be resumed necessary to resume for making roads bridges drains sewers drains or other works of public utility or convenience, and such Lands resumed to hold for us our heirs and successors as of us or of their former estate; so nevertheless that no such resumption be made without compensation of any part of the same piece or parcel of ground upon which any improvements or improvement shall have been made by the said John Welbourne his heirs and assigns and we as hereby save and reserve to us our heirs and successors all mines of gold silver and other precious metals in or under the said piece or parcel of ground hereby granted, with full liberty at all times to search and dig for and carry away the same and for that purpose to enter upon the said piece or parcel of ground, or any part thereof.

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Certificate of Title GTL 142. Vol. 2 Fol.275, 28.08.1977.
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Charles Fitzgerald arrived in WA as its fourth governor in 1847, when the settlement was in an economic depression. He investigated and supported the introduction of convicts into the colony in 1850. To further aid economic stimulation and land acquisition, he sold off excess public land. Stirling Square was halved and part of the southern section (GTL 144) was retained for public water supply and watering purposes. Five lots: 140, 141, 142, 143, and 145 were sold. John Welbourne purchased the newly created Guildford Building Lot 142 on May 6th 1851, containing six acres with a four chain frontage to James Street and five chain frontage to Meadow Street.

CHARLES GLASS 1852 - 1855

To Brickmakers.
TENDERS will be received by Mr. J. Welbourne for making and burning 40,000 or 50,000 BRICKS in Guildford, at per thousand. The contractor to find firewood and everything except the clay. The tenders will be opened at Mr. Welbourne's, in Guildford, at 2 o'clock P. M. on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd October next. Guildford, Sept. 9, 1850.

The Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News. 13.09.1850 p2



Flemish Bond Brickwork in Guildford with light header bricks.
Image courtesy Barbara Dundas.

IHEREBY give notice that I intend, at the next sitting of the Magistrates, to apply for a License to keep a Public House in Guildford from the 1st October, 1852.
CHARLES GLASSE

Inquirer. 15.09.1852 p1

"STIRLING ARMS,"
GUILDFORD.
FACING THE PERTH ROAD.
C. GLASS
BEGS to announce that he has opened the above house, with a well selected Stock of WINES, SPIRITS, ALE (both bottled and draught), and PORTER, and trusts by earnest attention to the comforts and wants of Travellers, to secure a share of the public patronage.
Private Sitting Rooms and comfortable Bed Rooms for visitors. Good Stabling.

The Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News. 03.12.1852 p1

Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
[April 2, 1841.
HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the appointment of John Welbourne to be a constable at Guildford in the room of George Syred, resigned.
By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN.

The Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal. 10.04.1841 p4



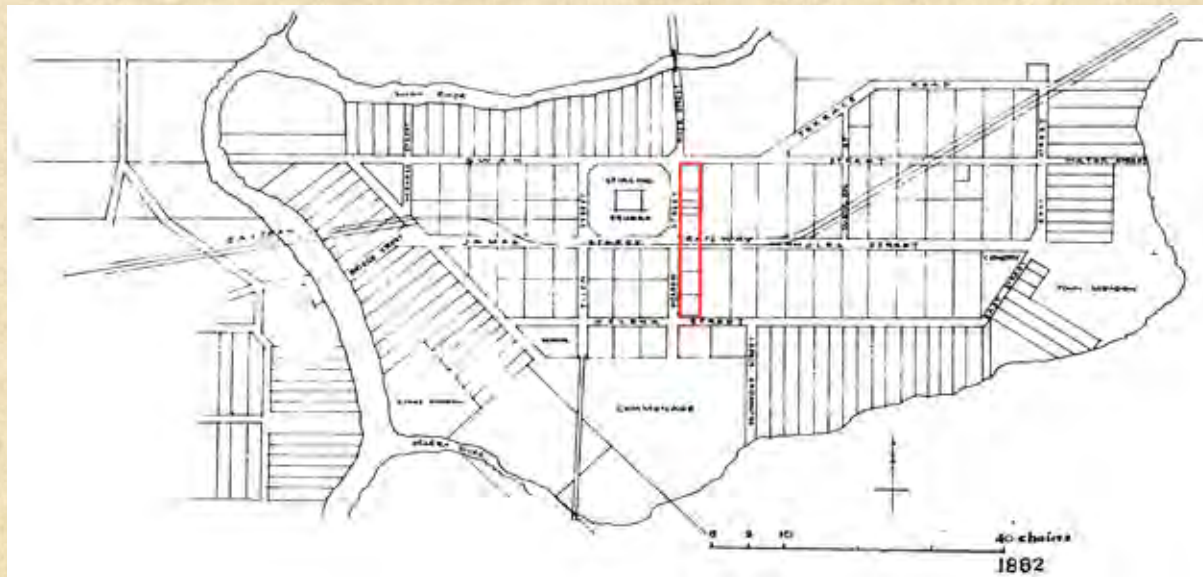
Flemish Bond Brickwork from local clay.
Image courtesy Barbara Dundas.

Welbourne first called for tenders for 40-50,000 bricks in 1850 for his new hotel; building commenced and the hotel was completed and opened in 1852 under Charles Glass as licensee. Glass arrived in the Swan River Colony with his family, as an indentured servant of Lieutenant Slade. He left his employer in 1849 to take up the licence of the Stirling Arms Hotel. After five years he decided to return to the land and purchased a grant near Newcastle (now known as Toodyay). He later found gold in the Yilgarn area and received a government reward.

JOHN WELBOURNE 1855 - 1857



Guildford Courthouse, Police Quarters and Gaol in Meadow Street, north of James Street, Guildford, c. 1870.
Image courtesy SLWA. BL 2586B/19a



Guildford – plan after the railway from Fremantle passed through the town.
Image held by Landgate, Pub. Dept of Lands and Surveys WA. 1882, courtesy SLWA. 35/6/GUIL (1882)

The Stirling Arms Hotel was completed during a period of growth for the Swan River Colony, with the start of convict transportation in 1850. Guildford was established as a base for the Convict Depot work gangs which constructed numerous public buildings (Gaol, Courthouse, Mechanic's Institute Hall), roads and bridges into the country areas of the Swan Valley and to York and Toodyay. With their ticket-of-leave, men could work for private individuals on farms, brick making and building and receive a wage. Drunken behaviour of travellers was one of the prime reasons for establishing a gaol in Guildford in the 1840s. The Convict Depot was established on the east side of Meadow Street in Guildford.

JOHN WELBOURNE 1855 - 1857

**FREEMASONS' HOTEL,
GUILDFORD.**

JOHN WELBOURNE,
Proprietor and Landlord of the
above HOTEL.

IN returning thanks to his numerous,
kind, and liberal friends and a dis-
cerning and gen-erous public for the un-
prece-dented patronage and support be-
stowed upon him since his commencement
of business, begs to acquaint them that he
has recently considerably

ENLARGED and IMPROVED
his Establishment; so that, for comfort
and convenience he is enabled to

DEFY COMPETITION.

J. W. has always on hand the choicest
Wines, the most superior spirits, and the
best Ale and Porter obtainable in Western
Australia.

•• Good beds, and comfortable and
airy bedrooms.

•• Excellent Stabling, and an abun-
dant supply of Hay and Corn.

In conclusion J. W. assures his town
customers, travellers, and country set-
tlers, that he will be backward to none in
entering for their accommodation; and he is
satisfied that all who may honor him with
a call, will find the FREEMASONS' HO-
TEL, for comfort and convenience,
Unrivalled in the Colony.

Guildford, June 24th, 1856.

*The Perth Gazette and Independent
Journal of Politics and News.*
27.06.1856 p2

For Sale,

A HANDSOME London-built PONY
CARRIAGE, almost new. For par-
ticulars apply at the Office of this Journal
or at Mr. Welbourne's Hotel at Guildford.

*The Inquirer and Commercial
News.* 27.02.1856 p1



John Welbourne (left) with John Thomas Woods (right).
Image courtesy SGHS. PH2000.327

John Welbourne took over the management of the newly named Freemasons Hotel in 1855 until a new licensee, William Tregoning, commenced in 1857. Under Welbourne's Proprietary the hotel was also advertised as Stirling Arms and Welbourne's Hotel. Thomas Woods was later to run a butcher's shop located west of the Stirling Arms on GTL 142.

"STIRLING ARMS," GUILDFORD.

THE undersigned, Proprietor of the
above Inn, begs to inform his friends
and the public, and the inhabitants of Guild-
ford, that he has now taken its sole manage-
ment in his own hands and under his own
superintendence, and trusts that by assiduity
to business, and providing, to his utmost,
for both man and horse, to merit the support
of his brother colonists. He assures tra-
vellers, especially, that nothing shall be
wanting on his part to make them comfort-
able.

**•• GOOD WINES, SPIRITS,
ALE, &c.,** will always be met with at
the "Stirling Arms."

Also, Good Stabling

J. WELBOURNE.

Inquirer. 21.03.1855 p4

**Eligible Investment
For Sale.**

**THE LICENSED INN 'STIRLING ARMS
GUILDFORD.**

THIS well known established house con-
sists of two Parlours, Dining Room,
5 bed rooms, Bar, Kitchen, Store, Wash
House, Pantry do., a first rate stable of
19 stalls, Hay loft, Cart shed, and two
lock-up stores, a well of excellent water.
These valuable premises are situated in
the centre of the rising Town of Guild-
ford, having a corner frontage to rear of
the main streets. Title from the Crown.
Half of purchase money may remain on
mortgage. If not sold these premises will
be let to any respectable tenant with en-
try in all January. Fixtures and House-
hold furniture at a valuation.

For particulars apply to Mr John Wel-
bourne
Or
GEORGE SKINNER,
Premantle.

*The Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of
Politics and News.* 06.03.1857 p6

WILLIAM TREGONING 1857 - 1863

STIRLING ARMS.

W. P. TREGONING.

(LATE OF THE YORK HOTEL.)

HAVING succeeded Mr John Welbourne as landlord of the *Stirling Arms*, trusts that he shall meet with the same share of patronage and support from those accustomed to the above Hotel, and from his old friends it has hitherto been his lot to enjoy whilst in the public line.

He trusts that the accomodation afforded at his house will be such as will in no way prove inferior to that met with at any other house in the colony, and will induce all who once visit him again to honor him with their company.

Guildford, April 4, 1857.

"Stirling Arms" Hotel, Guildford.

JOHN WELBOURNE, proprietor of the above long-established House, begs to acquaint his friends and the public generally, and the country settlers in particular, that he has leased the premises to Mr W. P. Tregoning, who, having before been engaged in the same business at York, he feels confident will continue to procure for the "*Stirling Arms*" that credit for respectability and comfort it has hitherto enjoyed.

The accomodation provided for parties favouring the "*Stirling Arms*" with their presence, will, under Mr Tregoning's management, be equal and in many respects superior to any other house in the town, in the way of comfortable bed-rooms and beds, and stabling, and those conveniences so necessary to the comfort of travellers.

The Wines, Spirits, Ales, &c., will in no way be deficient in quality from the supply hitherto afforded, and the genuine superiority of which has caused the house to be noted throughout the colony.

The Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News. 24.04.1857 p5

"WHERE DIDST THOU MEET HIM?"
"AT AN INN WHERE MOST DO CONGREGATE."—Old Play.

"STIRLING ARMS HOTEL,"
GUILDFORD.

W. P. TREGONING,

ANXIOUS to meet the requirements of the Settlers and New Arrivals in Western Australia, in connexion with those inhabitants, of Perth and Fremantle who are desirous of change of air, respectfully inform those, together with his present patrons, that he is now in a position to offer them such accomodation, in consequence of the completion of his new Hotel, as will induce those to favour him with a visit who have hitherto been tenacious of travelling for want of the comforts of a home at their journey's end. This, the proprietor of the "*Stirling Arms*," W. P. Tregoning, can now with confidence offer, and his stock of

WINES, SPIRITS, ALE, PORTER, &c.

He has only to ask the favor of a first visit, to insure a continuance of that patronage which he has not only always received, but will continue by strict attention to the comforts of his visitors, to continually merit.

Gigs and Saddle Horses continually on hire.

Spiders, Shandy Gaff, and Bandy Buff, always to be procured.

The Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News. 15.04.1859 p5

Stirling Arms, Guildford.

THE undersigned formerly of the York Hotel, begs to inform the public that he is now conducting the *Stirling Arms Hotel*, Guildford. He not only solicits the patronage of his predecessor, Mr Welbourne, but also his old customers; and any friends who may call at his house, shall meet with a comfortable and happy reception.

Good aired beds and private apartments for families and customers, with first-rate stabling and groom in attendance.

W. P. TREGONING.

March 23, 1857.

The Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News. 27.03.1857 p2

£50 REWARD.

WHEREAS some evil disposed person or persons lately circulated a most scandalous and slanderous report, concerning W. P. Tregoning, of Guildford, which has greatly injured him in his business, and certain charges having been preferred against W. P. Tregoning by the Police this day, at Guildford, Messrs. Vireash, Brockman, and Hamersley, Justices of the Peace, after a long investigation dismissed the charges. The above reward will be paid to any person who will furnish evidence of the author of the falsehoods, and on his prosecution and conviction.

Stirling Arms, Guildford,
February 28, 1859.

The Inquirer and Commercial News.
02.03.1859 p2

Tregoning continued the name of the Stirling Arms Hotel in 1857. In the 1850s there were already three other hotels in the small town (the Rose and Crown, the Guildford Hotel or Jones Inn and the Devenish Inn or Liverpool Arms). The newly opened bridge across the Swan River at Caversham (1854) opened up new opportunities for the hoteliers of Guildford.

JAMES HERBERT 1863 - 1865



Stirling Arms Hotel c. 1870
Image courtesy SGHS Photographic Collection P549-1

James Herbert took over the licence of the Stirling Arms from Tregoning in 1863. He extended the role of the hotel in the Guildford Community by supplying food for special events such as lunch in the field for the Guildford Cricket Club games and novelties such as portrait photographs.

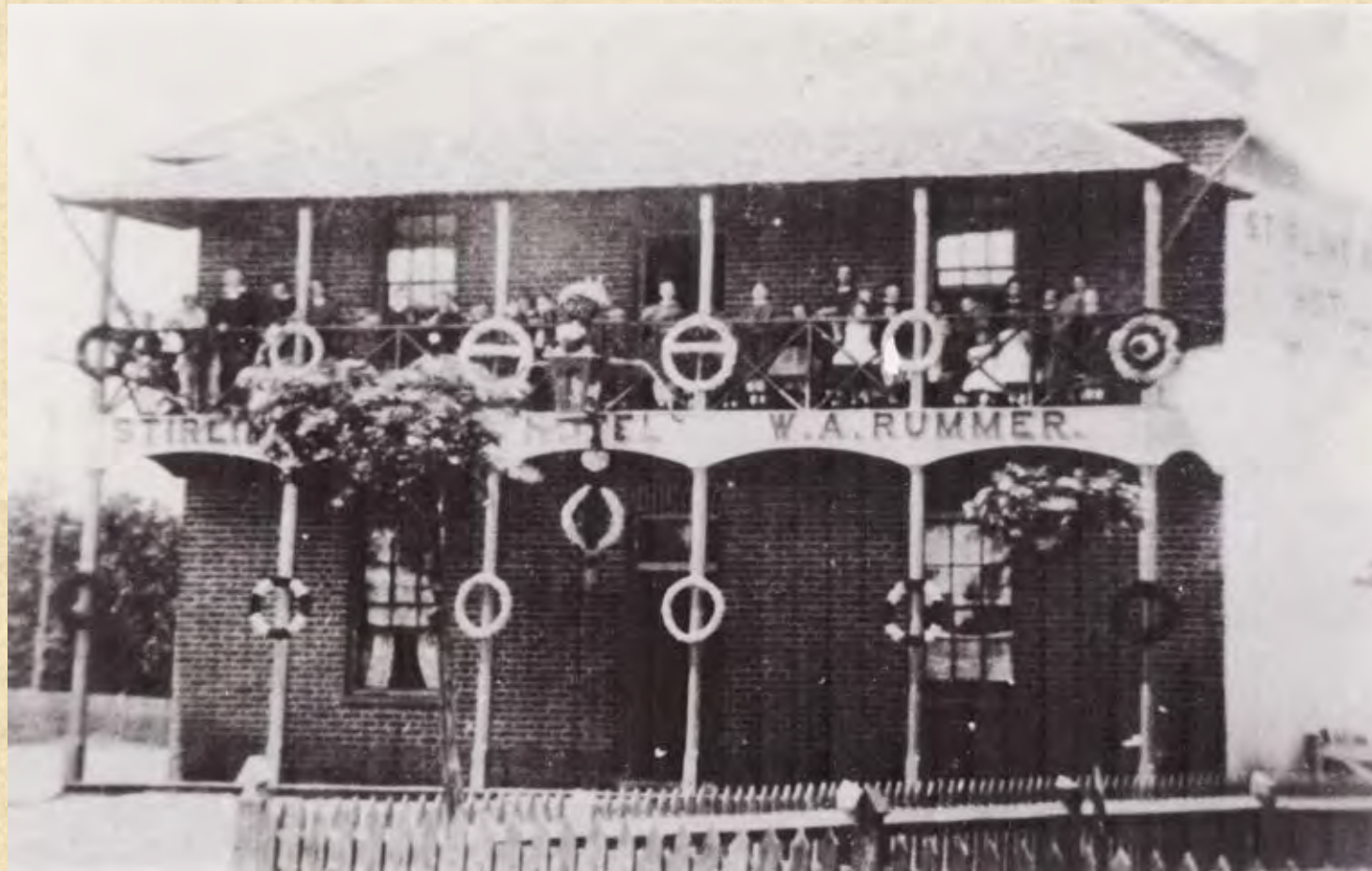
Guildford.
CRICKET.—A Cricket Match came off at Guildford on Friday, the 25th September, between Eleven of the Perth and Eleven of the Guildford Cricket Clubs. We give the particulars below. The day was remarkably fine, and there was a large attendance of spectators, who, from their plaudits at a good hit or a successful stroke of fielding, appeared to enter thoroughly into the spirit of the game. The wickets were pitched at half past 10, on the ground which has lately been prepared in the square. The two first innings having been brought to a close, the players adjourned at 2 o'clock to a first-rate lunch, provided on the ground by Mr. Herbert, of the Stirling Arms Hotel, who maintained his well-earned reputation as a successful caterer. After lunch play was resumed, and was kept up with great spirit until about half past 4, when the last wicket fell. The play on both sides was very steady, and although the result shows unfavourably for the Guildford Eleven, yet, had it not been for the misfortune of two or three of their best players in the second innings having had to retire with very small scores, it was the opinion of many old cricketers among the lookers-on that the difference between the scores would not have been so great. Where all did their best, it would be invidious specially to name any individuals, but we may be allowed to notice the bowling of Mr. D. Annear, and the fielding of Mr. Graves, long-stop, on the Guildford side, who elicited general admiration. On the side of Perth, Messrs. G. Knight and A. Mitchell, by their successful batting, contributed very largely to the score. Mr. J. Chipper for Perth, and Mr. H. Brockman for Guildford, officiated as umpires.

The West Australian Times.
01.10.1863 p3

Photography.
W. BINGEMANN (from South Australia) will take likenesses, in superior style, at Herbert's, Stirling Arms, Guildford, for one week.
Portraits taken in dull weather as perfect as in fine weather.

The West Australian Times.
12.05.1864 p2

WILLIAM A. RUMMER 1865 - 1869



The Stirling Arms under Rummer c. 1860s.
Image courtesy SGHS. P421-1

William A. Rummer moved from his Assembly Room/Freemasons Hotel in Fremantle, having been declared insolvent. He took up the licence of the Stirling Arms and Freemasons Hotel in Guildford in November 1865 from Herbert, who moved down to Fremantle. Rummer successfully ran the Stirling Arms from 1865-1869. He was an experienced publican, who did much to raise the profile of this hotel, including hosting lunches for cricket matches, and brewing his own house ale.

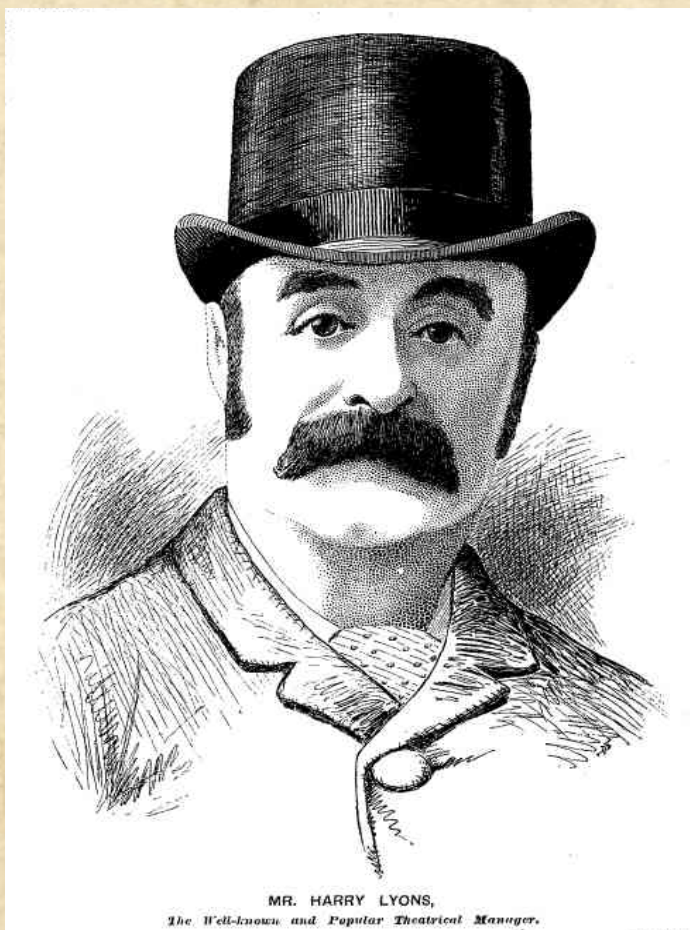
**STIRLING ARMS HOTEL,
GUILDFORD.**
W. A. RUMMER begs to return thanks for the kind patronage he has enjoyed during the time he has been proprietor of the above Hotel, and to assure the public that the support he has received has not fallen short of his anticipations.
W. A. R. has made arrangements in his business for BREWING, and is prepared to supply the best
HARVEST BEER,
in any quantity throughout the season. To customers taking 15 gallons and upwards they will only be charged
EIGHTEENPENCE A-GALLON.
The Best Wines, Spirits, Ale and Porter, always on hand.
Commodious and well-ventilated stables, and large yards and sheds for bullocks. An Ostler always in attendance.
Guildford, 1st October, 1866.

*The Inquirer and Commercial
News. 03.10.1866 p2*

**STIRLING ARMS HOTEL,
GUILDFORD.**
W. A. RUMMER begs to return thanks for the kind patronage he has enjoyed during the time he has been proprietor of the above Hotel, and to assure the public that the support he has received has not fallen short of his anticipations.
W. A. R. has made arrangements in his business for BREWING, and is prepared to supply the best
HOME-BREWED ALE,
in any quantity throughout the season. To customers taking 15 gallons and upwards they will only be charged
EIGHTEENPENCE A-GALLON.
The Best Wines, Spirits, Ale and Porter, always on hand.
Commodious and well-ventilated stables, and large yards and sheds for bullocks. An Ostler always in attendance.
Guildford, 1st June, 1867.

*The Inquirer and Commercial
News. 10.07.1867 p1*

HARRY PERCIVAL LYONS 1870 - 1872



Mr Harry Lyons.
Melbourne Punch. 31.10.1889 p4

STIRLING ARMS HOTEL.
GUILDFORD.
H. P. LYONS,
PROPRIETOR.
FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION
FOR VISITORS.
Wedding Parties and Tourists
attended to,
on the Shortest Notice.
COMMODIOUS STABLING LOOSE BOXES,
AND
ATTENTIVE OSTLER
Hay, Corn, and Chaff, always on
hand.
N.B.—The York Coach leaves this
Hotel twice a week.
Mr. DeLeech's Royal Mail starts from
this Hotel for Perth every morning at 8
o'clock

The Herald (Fremantle). 25.11.1871 p1

GUILDFORD.
ST. PATRICK'S DAY, MARCH 17.
GRAND Open Air Fête at the
Stirling Arms Hotel,
FREE TO THE PUBLIC!
The following talented artistes have
been engaged, namely,
MR. JOHN LAURIE,
who will appear in his great sensa-
tional performance on the CORDE
VOLANTE, or Slack Rope, the first
time in Guildford.
MR. JABEX LUPRIOL,
on his Swinging Trapeze, or
HIGH IN THE AIR;
And the West Australian Prodigy,
The Child of Wonder,
in his great BENDING ACT and
Drawing Room Entertainment.
Don't Forget—Free to the Public.

The Inquirer and Commercial News.
09.03.1870 p3

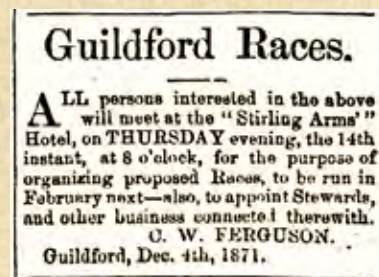
In 1870 the Stirling Arms received its most unusual publican by the name of Harry Percival Lyons. Mr Lyons and his Rocky Mountain Troupe of performing acrobats arrived in Western Australia in 1869. They were a travelling troupe of considerable fame and a rarity in terms of the high standard of acrobatic performance they gave to West Australian audiences. It was with some surprise, particularly for the people of Guildford, that H.P. Lyons took up the licence of the Stirling Arms Hotel in 1870. He introduced a new era of entertainment and excitement into Western Australia and Guildford. One may wonder why Lyons stopped for a few years in Guildford on his international circuit, perhaps to give his troupe a rest or maybe to seek additional partners from his Guildford base.

HARRY PERCIVAL LYONS 1870 - 1872

H.P. Lyons was keen to engage more than just the local community in his hotel business, he advertised as having first class accommodation for tourists, hosting weddings and providing accommodation for wedding parties. He organised a fireworks display in Stirling Square, pony races, and Boxing Day Sports. In 1871, Lyons teamed up with Wieland to form the Wieland and Lyons Circus. The hotel was now a place for events and gave his circus business a base much needed to reform on a larger scale and to promote his agency. The rear of the hotel grounds were used for training a performing pony named Fairy, and as a general circus. The first exhibition of the Wieland and Lyons Circus was in October 1872, when he joined with The Royal Victorian Circus Troupe, in the largest tent ever seen in WA. The circus performed in Perth, Fremantle, Guildford, Newcastle (now known as Toodyay), Northam and York.



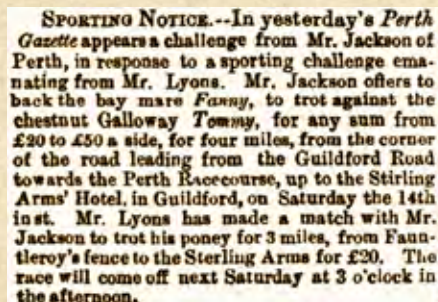
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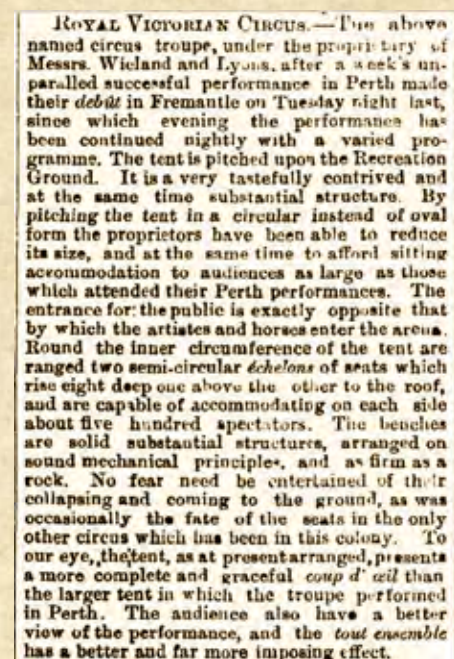
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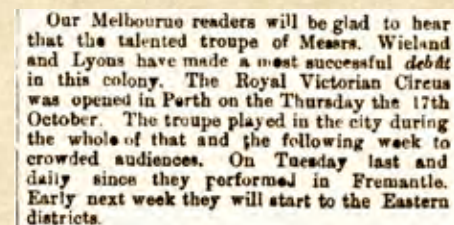
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The Herald (Fremantle). 02.11.1872 p3



The Herald (Fremantle). 02.11.1872 p3

HARRY PERCIVAL LYONS 1870 - 1872

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION.
Monday, 30th Dec.,
AT 11 O'CLOCK.
 AT THE
STIRLING ARMS HOTEL,
GUILDFORD.

LIONEL SAMSON & SON,
 Have received instructions from Mr. H. P. Lyons, to sell at the "Stirling Arms," Guildford, on MONDAY, 30th DEC., at 11 O'CLOCK, the whole of his Valuable Furniture, &c., &c., &c., Comprising:—

CHAIRS, Tables, Sideboards, Cheffoniers, Bedsteads, Chests Drawers, Stair-Carpeting, Sporting Engravings, Curtains, Hearth-Rugs, Fenders and Irons, Towel-Horses, Dinner, Tea and Breakfast Services, Glassware, Toilet Sets, Beds and Bedding, Lamps, Clocks, Table Covers, Electro-plated Spoons, Forks, Candlesticks, &c., Books, Water-Coolers, Garden Tools.

ALSO,—
 A very Handsome PIANO in Rosewood Case, by Blackman.

AS WELL AS
 Beer Engines, Spirit Casks, and a quantity of necessary articles used in the Hotel business.

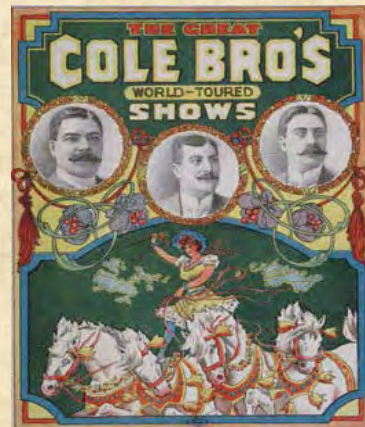
Also will be offered at the same time, a strong and useful FOUR WHEEL "EXPRESS" WAGONETTE, Manufactured in Melbourne.

TERMS AT TIME OF SALE.

The Herald (Fremantle).
 21.12.1872 p2

A LAUGHABLE event occurred in Fremantle at the other evening's performance of the Victorian Circus troupe. One of the performers, Mr. Wallace, impersonating a drunken Irishman, came through the public entrance and fell, or rolled into the cirque just as the clown was cantering round on horseback. The Serjeant of Police, naturally thinking he was interrupting the performance pounced on him like a cat on a mouse, and with the assistance of a constable, to use Mr. Wallace's own expression, *skull-dragged* him outside the tent. His remonstrances for a long time failed to convince the police of his sobriety and connection with the troupe. We think the officers scarcely believed their own eyes when they saw the *artiste* standing on horseback, and gradually divesting himself of various disguises, until at length he appeared like a gaudy butterfly from a mummy chrysalis, in the full glory of tinsel, spangles and tights.

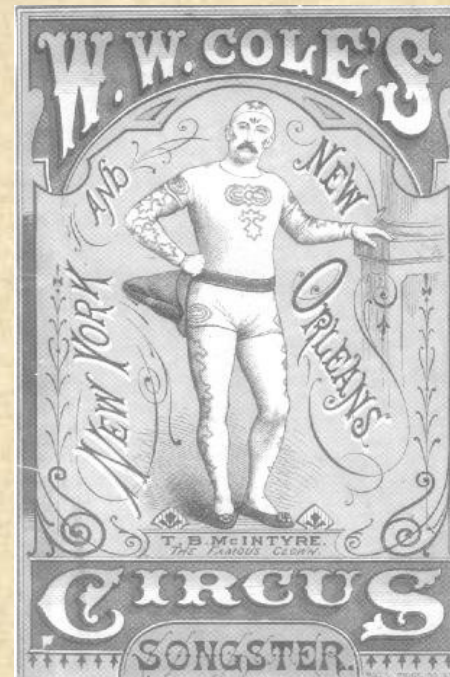
The Herald (Fremantle).
 02.11.1872 p3



Cole Bro's Poster.
 Image source unknown.

WIELAND AND LYONS' CIRCUS.—Mr. Lyons has succeeded in securing, at rather high prices a very fine stud of horses, which are being trained by Mr. Bartine in a temporary cirque on the grounds of the "Sterling Arms Hotel," Guildford. Among the stud is a beautiful Pegu poney, "The West Australian Fairy" about 30 inches high which is being taught a great number of tricks, and promises from its beauty and docility to become a wonder, and a very great favorite with all who may have the pleasure of seeing her. Mr. Bartine who has had great experience as a trainer, states that when the training of the poney is completed, she will be the cleverest little thing ever exhibited to the public.

The Herald (Fremantle). 21.09.1872 p3



W.W. Cole's Circus Poster.
 Image source unknown.

WAITARA
WED. NOV. 16
 TRAVELLING BY SPECIAL TRAIN

ST. LEONS CIRCUS

20 New Acts this Season, 20
ODESSA BROS.

DELORIES KEY JAMB. BOWLER
MAUDIE, The Trained MULE
KY-YIA TRIO FIVE MONKEYS
ST. LEON'S ACROBATS
 Master Marquis King THE FINEST HORSEMAN
CONCHITA THE LADDER PLATE
HONEY TRIO THE FINEST
GOLDA THE FINEST
THE FINEST

St. Leons Circus Waitara 16.11.1921.
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We must not omit to mention Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lyons farewell benefit. No such entrepreneur for popular amusement has ever visited this colony, and it must be satisfactory to him to think that he carries away with him not only the spare cash, but the best wishes of a very extensive circle of friends and customers as mine host of the Stirling Arms.

The Perth Gazette and West
 Australian Times. 29.11.1872 p3

The successful debut of the Wieland and Lyons Circus heralded the opportunity for Lyons to move on to greater achievements in the eastern colonies. In 1872 he sold the licence of the Stirling Arms Hotel and all associated possessions and furnishings. By 1877 he was internationally renowned, having taken his troupe through New Zealand; now was his opportunity to act as agent for the great circus performers and the name of H.P. Lyons was linked with the greatest performers and circuses in the world.

HARRY PERCIVAL LYONS 1870 - 1872



Blondin crossing Niagra on a tightrope.
Image source unknown.



Blondin carrying gentleman on tightrope.
Image courtesy Blondin Memorial Trust
<https://www.blondinmemorialtrust.com/>



Sketch of Blondin cooking an omelette on a tightrope.
Australian Town and Country Journal.
15.08.1874 p28



Blondin portrait.
Image courtesy Blondin Memorial Trust
<https://www.blondinmemorialtrust.com/>

Lyons was most famous as an agent for the renowned tightrope walker, Charles Blondin, and rode on his back across Niagra Falls in the USA. He promoted many companies, both circus and opera, including The Cole's New Orleans Circus, The Lyons Tourist and Pleasure Party, Johns Circus, St. Leons Circus (later known as Abbings and Stebbings), Ms. Rosalie Melville's Opera, he partnered with Gaylord, Fryer and Fitzgeralds Circus in the USA, and brought out to Australia amongst the many entertainers, Fryers Circus and Equescarriculum, Carter the Magician, and burlesque entertaining such as Isle of Beauty.

MR. HARRY LYONS.

INTERVIEW WITH FRANK THORNTON'S MANAGER.

Mr. Harry P. Lyons, manager for Mr. Frank Thornton's company (which is to take up the running at the Theatre Royal, Perth, at the conclusion of the present Royal Comic Opera season), arrived in the city yesterday, and was interviewed last evening by a representative of "The Daily News." To deal in detail with the "adventures by flood and field" of a veteran showman, whose experiences cover a period of forty-five years, is no easy task, so that the main points must of necessity only be touched upon in this interview. In appearance, "H. P.," as he is fondly called, is one of those smiling, pleasant-faced, dapper little gentlemen that never seem to grow older. The story is told of how an old Sydney identity, on being recently introduced to Harry Lyons, shook him heartily by the hand and said, "Pleased to meet you. I knew your father well. I saw Blondin carry your dad on his back across the rope in Calcutta." "Did you?" smilingly retorted Harry; "then I'm my dad"—for it was H. P. who negotiated the journey on the back of "The Hero of Niagara."

Harry Lyons is a Tasmanian native, and drew his first theatrical salary by playing "the black inn"—that is, Topsy—to Anna Maria Quinn's Eva; in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," at the Sydney Lyceum, in 1856. In 1859 he was manager for Fred Young and Dominic's Comedy Company, and then took up circus management, after which he managed Charles Thatcher, "the poet laureate of the goldfields"; Billy Barlow, "the blue-tailed fly"; and, in 1869, was a pioneer showman in Western Australia with a troupe called "The Rocky Mountain Wonders, or the Marvels of Peru." It will be an item of news, at least to the rising generation of Western Australia, to know that Harry Lyons opened the present Town-hall, Perth. He did so with a first-class show of local amateurs. He has had much in the way of travel, and was wrecked off Java with Blondin, whom, in 1874, he managed through his memorable Australian tour. Indeed, so pleased was Blondin that he returned to Australia, when Harry Lyons was again at the helm.

"H. P.," when our representative saw him yesterday, was wearing a massive gold watch, a presentation from Blondin, (who died about five years ago in London).

The Daily News (Perth).
27.06.1903 p1

MALACHI MEAGHER 1872 - 1877

The Wines, Beer, & Spirit Sale Act, 1872.

To the Worshipful the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the district of Swan, in Western Australia.

I MALACHI REIDY MEAGHER, publican, married, now residing at the Guildford Hotel, in the town of Guildford, do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden for this district, for a Publican's General License for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors in the house and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situated in Stirling Square, Guildford, containing 5 sitting and 5 bedrooms, exclusive of those required by the family, is reated of John Welbourn, and at present occupied by Mr. Henry P. Lyons, under the sign of the "Stirling Arms Hotel," and which I intend to keep as an inn or public-house.

I have held a Publican's General License for nearly 4 years.

Given under my hand this 18th day of October, 1872.

M. R. MEAGHER.

The Perth Gazette and West Australian Times. 22.11.1872 p2

Guildford Hotel to Let.

THE undersigned having taken the Stirling Arms, is prepared to entertain applications from persons desirous of renting

THE GUILDFORD HOTEL, with a lease for five years guaranteed. Furniture and fixtures to be taken at valuation. **M.R. MEAGHER.** Guildford, 1st Oct., 1872.

The Inquirer and Commercial News. 16.10.1872 p1

During the evening the Band of the Guildford Volunteers played several airs under the leadership of the Bandmaster, Mr. Taylor. His Excellency was received by the Guildford Rifle Volunteer Corps, who mustered well, under the command of Sub-Lieutenant S. Gardiner. There was an excellent spread, which reflected the highest credit upon the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Meagher, of the Stirling Arms. Covers were laid for 50 persons, that number of tickets having been sold; there were not, however, more than 35 persons present.

The Inquirer and Commercial News. 29.11.1876 Supplement p1



Malachi Meagher.
Image courtesy Allan Campbell as published in Carter, J., Bassendean: A Social History 1829-1979 p59

Colourful publican Malachi (Miall) Reidy Meagher took over the licence of the Stirling Arms from 1872-1877. Meagher had been a civil engineer in Ireland. He was convicted of forging and uttering an order at the central London Law Courts in 1857 and given a sentence of transportation and penal servitude for eight years. He disembarked at Fremantle per HMS Sultana, as a convict in 1859. He received a Special Recommendation for his good conduct by the Superintendent Surgeon of the Swan River Colony and he was granted four months remission from his sentence. Meagher was granted his ticket-of-leave from 1860-1863. When he received his conditional pardon in 1863 he became a free man. He married in 1862 and subsequently leased the Sandalford Estate and later Bassendean Estate. He took up the licence of the old Guildford Hotel in East Guildford in 1870 and, with his wife, provided a welcoming hostelry. He transferred his licence from the Guildford Hotel to the Stirling Arms in 1872. Three of his nine children were born at the Stirling Arms Hotel.

Large Sale of Furniture, Carriages, and Horses.

JAMES MORRISON

Has received instructions from Mr. M. R. Meagher, (who is giving up business in Guildford) to sell by auction at **THE STIRLING ARMS HOTEL, Guildford, on**

Tuesday, October 16th, and following days.

the whole of his valuable effects, consisting of:—

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE: Sofas, Couches, Easy Chairs, Leather and Morocco ditto, Book-Cases, Cheffoniers, Tables, (large and small), Clocks, Pictures, Antique Side Table, Musical Box, Piano by Boosey and Sons, Oil Paintings, Beds (double and single), Mattresses, Bedding of all sorts, Looking Glasses, Music Stand, ditto Stool and Music, Chandelier, Swing Lamp, Kerosene ditto, Brackets, Oil Cloth, Matting, Carpets, Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers, Side boards, and other articles too numerous to particularise.

ELECTRO-PLATE WARE: Large and small Forks; Egg, Salt, Mustard, Tea, Dessert, and Table Spoons; Cruet Stands (Electro-Plate and Silver), Handsome Tea and Coffee Service, Ladies, Fish Slices, Toast Racks, Knife Rests, Goblets, Sugar Tongs, Drinking Cup (silver), Candlesticks, with glass shades.

GLASS: Decanters, Glasses, Champagne, Emerald, Hock, Ruby, Claret, Port and Sherry, Tumblers, Claret, Jugs, Jelly and Custard Glasses, Cut Glass, Dish, &c., &c.

CROCKERY: Bedroom Sets, Dessert Services, Dinner and Breakfast Sets, Centre Pieces.

COOKING UTENSILS: All required for a first-class Hotel.

BAR FURNITURE: Beer Engine, Soda Water Machine, Pewters, Soda and Beer Glasses, Kegs, Show Bottles, &c., Billiard Table (complete), Bagatelle Board and Balls, Spirit Stand.

CARRIAGES: 1 Hooded double seated Buggy, 1 single-seated Buggy, and one 2-wheeled Sociable.

HARNESS: Double and Single Sets, Tandem, Saddles, Bridles, &c.

HORSES: Several broken in to saddle and double and single harness; child's pony

CATTLE: A few Milch Cows.

POULTRY: Turkeys, Ducks, and Fowls.

BATH ROOM: Shower Bath, Hip ditto, Lounges, &c.

For further particulars see printed catalogues obtainable at Mr. Meagher's, or the Auctioneer's.

TERMS LIBERAL.

LUNCHEON PROVIDED.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock each day.

JAMES MORRISON,

Auctioneer.

16.10.77.

The West Australian Times. 09.10.1877 p3

MALACHI MEAGHER 1872 - 1877



View from Stirling Arms Hotel c. 1870 showing Warders Cottage, Convict Depot, Mechanic's Institute Hall, Old Gaol and Clocktower on the Courthouse roof.

Image courtesy SLWA. 747B/2

An educated man, he took up prominent civil roles in the community as a member of the Guildford Municipal Council (1871-1876) and Chair in 1876. He was on the Swan Board of Education (1874-1876) and the Swan Roads Board (1871-1877 and 1885-1890). Meagher was noted for assisting friends in trouble by leasing properties, paying debts and outstanding bills for them etc. He also supported local social clubs such as the Swan Farmer's and Tradesmen's Society by hosting dinners and functions at his hotels.

SWAN FARMERS AND TRADESMEN'S SOCIETY.
ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

A public dinner, under the auspices of the above Society, was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Guildford, on Thursday evening last. The caterer on the occasion was Mr. Meagher, of the Stirling Arms hotel, and the cuisine fully maintained the reputation for excellence which that hotel has worthily attained. Between thirty and forty sat down to dinner. Mr. B. D. Hardey, the President of the Society occupied the chair, supported on his right by His Excellency the Governor, Dr. Waylen, and Lieut. Hamersley, and on his left by the Hon. the Commandant (Col. Harveist), Mr. Gull, J.P. and the Rev. G. H. Sweeting. The vice-presidents were Mr. James Morrison and Mr. F. B. Shenstone Flindell. Among the company, in addition to the gentlemen already named, were the Hon. the Attorney General; Mr. J. H. Thomas (Director of Public Works); Mr. O. Burt (Private Secretary); Mr. Glyde M.L.C.; Mr. T. Burgess, M.L.C.; Dr. Elliott; Mr. Majir Loque; Mr. E. Brockman; Mr. Fairbairn, R.M.; Mr. Lacey, and others. His Excellency the Governor on arriving at Guildford was received by the local corps of Volunteers, under Lieut. Hamersley; and the band of the company played at intervals during the dinner.

The Western Australian Times.
28.11.1876 p2

CHAIRMEN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL	
1871	GEO. JOHNSON
1873	JAS. MORRISON
1875	S. J. SPURLING
1876	M. R. MEAGHER
1877	T. JECKS
1878	F. B. S. FLINDELL
1879	DR. C. H. ELLIOTT
1880	J. MORRISON
1881	W. G. JOHNSON
1885	WALTER PADBURY

Guildford Municipal Council Honour Board, Guildford Library, City of Swan.
Image courtesy Rachel Squire.

WILLIAM WHEATLEY 1877 - 1886

Application for a Publican's General License.

To the Worshipful the Justices of the Peace of the Swan District in the Colony of Western Australia.

I WILLIAM WHEATLEY, married, now residing at Guildford in the Swan District do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the next Licensing Meeting for this district for a Publican's General License for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors in the house and appurtenances thereunto belonging situated at Guildford, in Mangles and Meadow Streets, containing four bedrooms three sitting rooms, bar, parlor, tap rooms &c., my own property, and which I intend to keep as an inn or Public House, to be known as the "Stirling Arms and Freemason's Hotel."

I have held a Publican's General License before for two years.

Given under my hand this 10th day of November 1877.

W. WHEATLEY.

The Western Australian Times.
30.11.1877 p3

NOTICE TO BUILDERS.

Tenders, addressed to Mr. Wheatley, will be received up to NOON on WEDNESDAY, 22nd Feb., from parties willing to execute certain additions and alterations to the Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford.

Plans and Specifications may be seen on application to Mr. Wheatley, on the premises, or to the undersigned, Fremantle.

Not bound to accept the lowest or any offer.
JAMES MANNING.

Fremantle, Feb. 14, 1882.

The West Australian. 21.02.1882 p3

FATAL ACCIDENT.—It is distressing under any circumstances to have to record the occurrence of an accident resulting in the loss of human life, but more distressing still when we have to deplore such an accident as occurred in Guildford on Tuesday last. It appears that a poor widow woman, named Prenter, on that day met her death by drowning, in a well situate at the rear of the Stirling Arms hotel. The deceased had for some time past been subject to fits, and in the morning of the day in question had been moving about the "Stirling Arms" in an apparently somewhat absent manner. While in the kitchen of the hotel she was seized with a fit, and fell with her head in the fire, from which perilous position she was rescued by the landlord, Mr. Wheatley, who happened to be on the spot. She shortly after stated she was going to the well, and her little daughter appears to have watched her lower the bucket, and, suddenly missing her mother, gave the alarm, whereupon Mr. Wheatley as quickly as possible lowered a grappling iron, and raised the lifeless body of the unfortunate woman from the bottom of the well, which contained about twenty-three feet of water at the time. It is supposed that she fell into the well during a fit, and must have remained below the surface for five or six minutes. An inquest on the body was held yesterday morning before Mr. James Morrison, J.P., and the funeral took place in the afternoon. By this untimely circumstance some four or five children are left orphaned.

The Western Australian Times.
20.09.1878 p2

Before the Police Magistrate and Mr. R. Wynne, J. P.

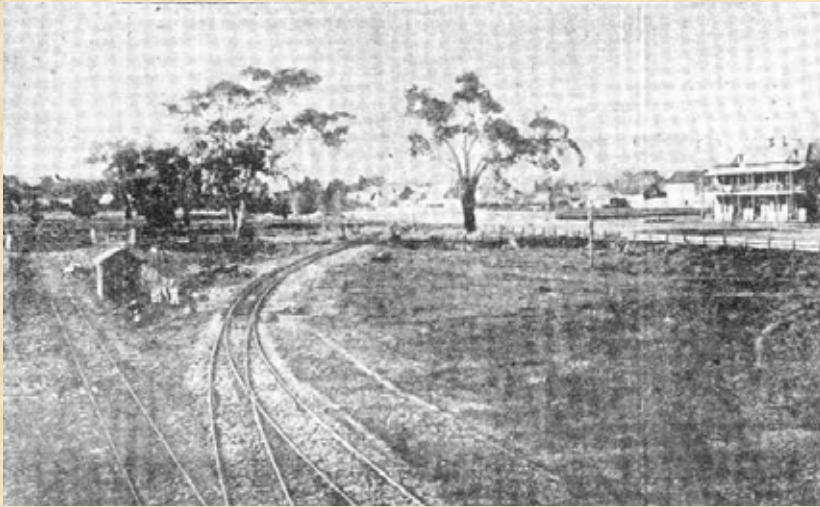
ASSAULTING A NEWS BOY.

William Wheatley, proprietor of the Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford, was charged with assaulting and beating Edward Carson, a lad twelve years of age, on the evening of the 12th of October last. The particulars of the case are as follows: Carson had been engaged as a runner for the sale of the *Daily News* in Guildford, and on the evening in question had received sixty copies of the paper, some of which were for delivery to regular subscribers and the remainder for sale in the town. Very few copies of the paper had been disposed of before Carson and his brother reached Wheatley's, where they were met by the landlord, who after a brief conversation with the lads snatched the papers from them and retired to an adjoining room, where, it was alleged, that they were burnt by Wheatley. Mr. George Leake appeared for the defendant, and Mr. Horace Stirling, one of the proprietors of the *Daily News*, was present on behalf of the lad Carson, who deposed that on the 12th of October he was employed to sell the *Daily News*, and that he, with his brother, received sixty copies of that journal by the train from Perth on the evening of that day. They delivered and sold ten copies before reaching Wheatley's. Mr. Wheatley came up to him, took hold of his arm, and snatched all the papers from him; William, his younger brother, was close by; a man named John Williams took hold of his arms and held them while Wheatley took the papers from him; Wheatley then went into an adjoining room and burnt the papers.

The Daily News. 10.11.1882 p3

Meagher's licence was transferred to William Wheatley, who held it from 1877-1886. This was a period of great change in Guildford, as the railway from Fremantle was extended to a terminus in the townsite. In this time Wheatley extended and improved the Stirling Arms with unspecified additions and alterations to his hotel.

WILLIAM WHEATLEY 1877 - 1886



View from Guildford Railway Station late 1880s showing the railway curving east onto James Street. Note: Guildford Hotel to right.
The Daily News. 03.10.1950 p9



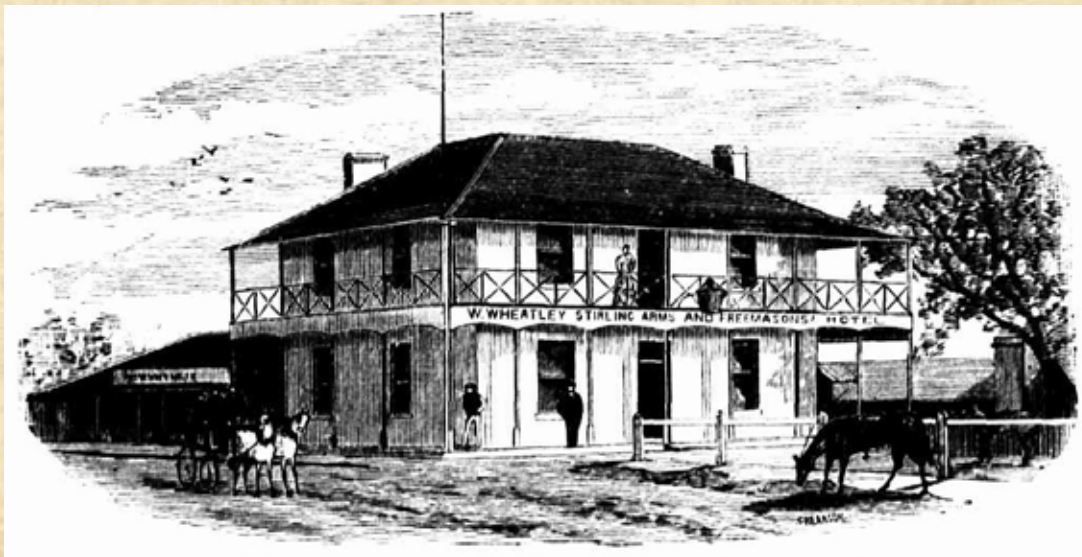
Image showing James Street looking west from Meadow Street intersection showing railway down the centre of the road.
Australian Town and Country Journal. 01.06.1895 p32



1881 plan showing the railway located down James Street and the planned railway through south of Stirling Square.
Image courtesy SROWA. Cons 3868, Item 176

The railway was originally planned to be extended through Stirling Square en route eastward. The good citizens of Guildford, and a number of resident politicians, had a specific Act of Parliament passed to prevent this occurring. This Act was to prevent the Railway Commissioner damaging the town square by having the railway cut through it; instead the railway was recommended to pass down the centre of Mangles Street (James Street) and right past the Stirling Arms Hotel.

WILLIAM WHEATLEY 1877 - 1886



Advertising sketch of the Stirling Arms Hotel in 1885.
The Pictorial Australian. 01.11.1885 p194

—I observe that the energetic and popular host of the Stirling Arms and Freemasons' Hotel is adding some very desirable improvements to the building, which cannot but prove of great convenience and comfort to his numerous visitors and customers, when completed.

The Inquirer and Commercial News. 21.08.1878 p3

DEATHS.
WHEATLEY.—At Guildford, March 20, 1886, at 3:30 o'clock, **MATILDA**, the beloved wife of Mr. W. Wheatley, aged 53 years. The funeral will leave her late residence, the "Stirling Arms and Freemasons' Hotel," at 10 o'clock on the 27th instant.

The Daily News. 26.03.1886 p4

Wheatley advertised his commodious stable with a yard for 50 teams and cottage for teamsters in 1879, and in 1884 it was advertised as having 12 rooms excluding the bar, bar parlour and tap rooms. The WCs and bathrooms were advertised as being upstairs. His wife's failing health resulted in Wheatley advertising the hotel for sale in 1884, she died two years later in May 1886 and he retired and sold his licence.

Stirling Arms and Freemasons' Hotel, Guildford.

RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS.

MR. WILLIAM WHEATLEY begs to announce to the public of Guildford, the Swan and Eastern Districts, and the colony generally, that he has resumed business in the

STIRLING ARMS,

and embraces the opportunity of now thanking them heartily for the support accorded to him while under the sign of the "Liverpool Arms." He can confidently assure them that having made important improvements and renovated the whole premises, that the new sign

Stirling Arms and Freemasons' Hotel

will be replete with all the comforts and necessities of a first-class House second to none.

Visiting families, wedding parties, and those desirous of enjoying country air, need only to be reminded that the supervision of their special wishes will be attended to by Mrs. W.

The Hotel will be furnished with wines, cordials, spirits and beers of the most approved and favourite brands.

A commodious Stable, with a supply of good fodder always on hand, and the proprietor is determined to have for the convenience of those favoring him only the best and obliging of ostlers. A Large Yard capable of holding 50 teams, with a good well of water, and a cottage for the accommodation of teamsters, making a desirable *Baiting-place* is provided *free of cost* to all who choose to avail themselves of a long-felt necessity in this town.

Guildford, Nov. 16, 1877.

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The Herald (Fremantle).
02.02.1878 p1

Swan District Agricultural Society, Annual Ploughing Match.

THE Annual Ploughing Match of the above Society will be held on **WEDNESDAY**, the 24th instant, (weather permitting) on the Preston Flat. Teams to be on the ground by 9 am.

	1st.	2nd	3rd.
Wheel Ploughs, prizes	... £4	£3	£2
Swing do.	... £4	£3	£2

The usual **DINNER** will be at the 'Stirling Arms and Freemasons' Hotel, Guildford, at 3 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d.

C. C. FAUNTLEBOY.

The West Australian.
19.08.1881 p3

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18th, AT 3 P.M.

JAMES MORRISON has received instructions to offer for sale by Public Auction at the W. A. Land Exchange, Hay-street, Perth, at the above time, that well-known property
THE STIRLING ARMS AND FREEMASONS' HOTEL, GUILDFORD.

This snug Hotel has been well known and favorably known to the public for nearly 40 years, and has always enjoyed the cream of up-country business.

The house and stable yards are all that can be desired. There are 12 rooms exclusive of bar, bar-parlour, and tap-room (all of which were painted lately); verandahs and balconies round the sides of the house; bathhouse and W. C. upstairs. Stabling for 20 horses. Baiting yards of 1 rood 24 perches, divided into paved stockyards; upon same is a two-roomed cottage, also one of the best wells in Guildford.

Total frontage of property—Meadow-street, 4 chains; James-street, 1 chain 74 links.

The above property is a good investment, being close to the cricket and recreation grounds.

The **FIXTURES** will be sold with the above lot. The furniture and other movables can either be taken by the purchaser at a valuation or will be sold by auction on a day to be named.

The reason for selling is Mrs. Wheatley's failing health.

For further particulars, apply to Mr. W. WHEATLEY on the premises, or to

JAMES MORRISON,
Stock and Station Agent,

July 10.

The Daily News. 16.06.1884 p3

GOLDEN YEARS IN GUILDFORD 1886 - 1897

TO THE WORSHIPFUL THE JUSTICES
OF THE PEACE, ACTING IN AND
FOR THE DISTRICT OF THE SWAN
IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

I GEORGE YATES, Publican, married,
now residing at the "Stirling Arms and
Freemason's Hotel" in the town of Guildford,
do hereby give notice that it is my intention to
apply at the next Licensing Meeting to be
holden for this district for a PUBLICAN'S
GENERAL LICENSE for the sale of liquor in the
above-mentioned house and appurtenances
thereunto belonging, situated at Stirling-square,
in the town of Guildford, and containing 5 bed-
rooms and 6 sitting-rooms, exclusive of those
required by my own family, rented by Messrs
Harwood & Smith, of Perth, and now occupied
by myself and licensed under the above sign—
"The Stirling Arms and Freemason's Hotel,"
and which I intend to keep as an Inn or Public
House.

I have held a license as transferee for the
above house for two months.

Given under my hand this 12th day of
November, 1886. GEORGE YATES.

WE, the undersigned householders, residing
within the town of Guildford, do hereby certify
that the above George Yates, of the "Stirling
Arms," Guildford, is a person of good fame
and reputation, and fit and proper to be
licensed to keep an Inn or Public House for
the sale of liquor therein.

Witness our hands this 12th day of Novem-
ber, 1886.

R. FURLONG.
W. B. WOOD.
ROBERT WILSON.
J. WELLMAN.
W. COOPER.
F. J. READ.

The West Australian. 18.11.1886 p2



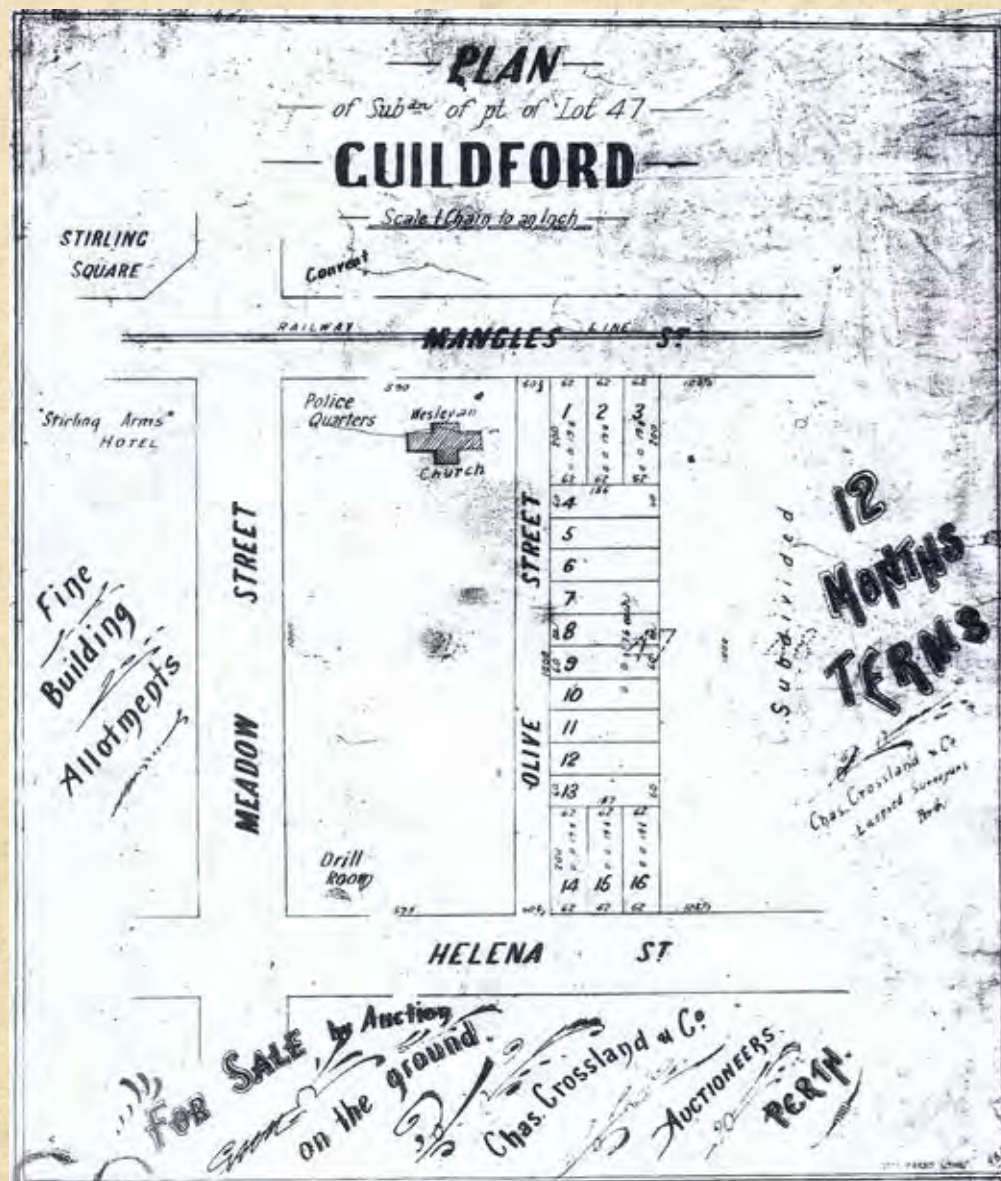
*The first Guildford Railway Station. c. 1882.
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*Guildford Hotel and Vaudeville theatre in 1897.
Western Mail. 10.12.1897 p127*

The decade between 1886 and 1897 was a period of growth in WA with gold discoveries, a growing population and new subdivisions throughout the town of Guildford. George Yates took up the licence of the Stirling Arms Hotel in 1886. Wheatley had some difficulty selling the hotel as the new Guildford Hotel on Ellen Street (now known as Johnson Street) was constructed opposite the Guildford Railway Station. In 1897 Hiscox built a large state of the art theatre. With three hotels operating in Guildford, competition for customers was fierce and difficult for the two older hotels – the Stirling Arms and the Rose and Crown.

GEORGE YATES 1886 - 1887



Plan of subdivision of part of lot 47, Guildford, bounded by Meadow, Helena, Mangles (James), and Olive streets, by C. Crossland & Co Auctioneer.
Image courtesy SLWA. BL b4636879 (Call No55/16/53)

On the 7th inst., at the Greenough licensing meeting, the wayside hotel for the Walkaway Hotel was transferred from Robert Bennie to Thomas Purdie. And at Guildford, on Tuesday last, the license held by George Yates, for the Stirling Arms and Freemasons' Hotel, was transferred to Richard Clark.

The Daily News. 17.03.1887 p3

APPLICATION FOR A PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENSE.

To the Worshipful the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the district of Guildford in Western Australia.

I, **RICHARD CLARK**, married, now residing at Stirling Arms and Freemasons Hotel in the Town of Guildford, do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the next Licensing Meeting, to be holden for this district, for a Publican's General License for the sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors, in the house and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated at the junction of Mangle and Meadow Streets containing six sitting rooms and four bed rooms exclusive of those required by my family, rented from Messrs. Harwood and Smith and now licensed under the sign of Stirling Arms and Freemasons Hotel and which I intend to keep as an Inn or Public House.

I have held a license transferred from George Yates since the 15th March, 1887.

Given under my hand this Tenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven.

RICHARD CLARK.

HOUSEHOLDERS' CERTIFICATE FOR A PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENSE.

We, the undersigned, householders, residing within the Town of Guildford, do hereby certify that the above Richard Clark, of Guildford, is a person of good fame and reputation, and fit and proper to be licensed to keep an Inn or Public House for the sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors therein.

Witness our hands this Tenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven.

**ISAAC WOODS
RICHARD SCRIVENER
C. PEREIRA
FRED J. READ
W. COOPER.**

The West Australian. 21.05.1887 p2

Yates described his Stirling Arms Hotel as having five bedrooms and six sitting rooms, exclusive of those used by his family. His new landlord was Mssrs. Harwood and Smith for the Lions Brewery Company of Perth, Wheatley having sold the premises. Yates sold his lease in March 1887 to Richard Clark who became the new licensee for the Stirling Arms.

RICHARD AND HANNAH CLARK 1887 - 1896



Stirling Arms under Richard Clark c. 1895.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.
When the MUNICIPAL DUCK POND near my Hotel is completed I shall be pleased to receive Ducks or other Swimming Tribe to furnish the same as a SPORT RESORT.
RICHARD CLARK,
Stirling Arms.
Guildford, August 28, 1891.

The Daily News. 28.08.1891 p3

CHALLENGE. — WOODS DANDY
against W. Buckingham's JACK the RIPPER, one Mile, on the Canning Race Course, on Race Day, for Ten Pounds (£10).
R. CLARK,
Stirling Arms.
3491

The Daily News. 12.12.1891 p3

DEATH.
CLARK.—At the Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford, R. CLARK, on January 3rd. Aged 33 years. Leaving a wife and three children to mourn their loss.

The West Australian. 09.01.1896 p4

APPLICATION FOR A PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENSE.
To the Worshipful the Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the district of Guildford, in Western Australia.
I, HANNAH CLARK, now residing at Guildford, occupant of the "Stirling Arms Hotel," Guildford, and widow and administratrix of Richard Clark, late of same place, licensee of said hotel, deceased, in the town of Guildford, do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden for this district for a Publican's General License for the sale of liquor, in the house and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated at Guildford, known as the Stirling Arms Hotel, containing two sitting-rooms and nine bedrooms, exclusive of those required by my family, which hotel is rented from the Swan Brewery Company, and is occupied and conducted by me under the license thereof granted to Richard Clark aforesaid, dated the 16th day of December, 1895, and which I intend to keep as an Inn or Public House. I was never previously licensed.
Given under my hand this 14th day of March, 1896.
HANNAH CLARK.
HOUSEHOLDERS' CERTIFICATE FOR A PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENSE.
We, the undersigned householders residing within the town of Guildford, do hereby certify that the above named Hannah Clark, of Guildford, widow and administratrix of Richard Clark, deceased, late licensee of the Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford, is a person of good fame and reputation, and fit and proper to be licensed to keep an Inn or Public House for the sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors the aforesaid.
Witness our hand this 14th day of March, 1896.
W. B. Wood
Fred J. Reed
Stephen J. Sainsbury
B. J. Wilson
Isaac Wood.

The West Australian.
15.05.1896 p8

TO BUILDERS AND IRONWORKERS.
TENDERS are invited until noon of WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, for NEW ROOF and REPAIRS to Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford.
Specifications &c., can be seen at the office of the Architect.
The lowest, or any tender not necessarily accepted.
J. TALBOT HOBBS,
Architect, &c.
Perth, August 23, 1890.

The West Australian. 28.08.1890 p2

Clark and his wife held the licence for nine years and were popular publicans, however Richard died, aged just 33 years in January 1896, leaving a wife and three children. Mrs Hannah Clark successfully applied to have the licence changed to her name and continued running the hostelry. In 1890 the Swan Brewery bought out the Lion Brewery and other properties, including the Stirling Arms Hotel in Guildford. That same year, further improvements were made to the hotel, including new roofing iron, perhaps to facilitate the sale.

DONALD McDONALD 1896 - 1901



Train passing through Guildford, carrying water pipes for the Mundaring water supply scheme c. 1905.
Image courtesy SLWA. 1797B

APPLICATION FOR A PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENSE.

To the Worshipful the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the district of Swan in Western Australia.

I, DONALD ALEXANDER McDONALD, married, now residing at Guildford, in the town of Guildford, hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the next Licensing Meeting to be held for this district for a Publican's General License for the sale of liquor, in the house and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated at Guildford, containing three sitting-rooms and eight bedrooms, exclusive of those required by the family, rented from Swan Brewery Company, occupied by the undersigned, and licensed under the name of the Stirling Arms Hotel, and which I intend to keep as an Inn or Public House. I have held a transfer of the above license.

Given under my hand this 17th day of November, 1896.

D. A. McDONALD.

HOUSEHOLDERS' CERTIFICATE FOR A PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENSE.

We, the undersigned householders, residing within the town of Guildford, do hereby certify that the above DONALD ALEXANDER McDONALD, of Guildford, is a person of good fame and reputation, and fit and proper to be licensed to keep an inn or public house for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors therein.

Witness our hands this 17th day of November, 1896.

J. M. Hubbard
W. B. Wood
R. J. Wilson
Fred. J. Read
G. C. King.

The West Australian.
21.11.1896 p10

Donald McDonald was granted a publican's licence on December 12th 1896. In 1897 the railway line through Guildford was duplicated and relocated from down the centre of James Street to the southern section of Stirling Square, enabling safer and less disturbed transit for visitors and residents. A new railway station and cattle sheds were built opposite Hiscox's Guildford Hotel, giving this hotel a strategic advantage. The State Government of the time agreed to beautify the town with plantings of sugar gum trees. These trees still line the streets of Guildford today, forming the largest formal planting in Australia.

AGNES AND GEORGE IRELAND 1901 - 1906

APPLICATION FOR A PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENSE.

To the Worshipful the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the District of Swan, in Western Australia.

I, AGNES IRELAND, married woman, now residing at The Stirling Arms and Freemasons' Hotel, Guildford, in the District of Swan, do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply, at the next Licensing Meeting to be held for this district, for a Publican's General License for the sale of liquor in the house and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situated at James-street, Guildford, containing eight bedrooms and three sitting-rooms, exclusive of those required by myself and family, now licensed, and known as The Stirling Arms and Freemasons' Hotel, occupied by myself, and which I intend to keep as an inn or public house. I have held a license.

Given under my hand this 18th day of August, 1899.

AGNES IRELAND.

HOUSEHOLDERS' CERTIFICATE FOR A PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENSE.

We, the undersigned householders, residing within the District of Swan, do hereby certify that the above Agnes Ireland, of The Stirling Arms and Freemasons' Hotel, Guildford, is a person of good fame and reputation, and fit and proper to be licensed to keep an inn or public house for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors therein.

Witness our hands this 18th day of August, 1899.

Isaac Wood.
Fredk. Billett.
J. H. Tindale.
J. Liddelow.
W. F. Guppy.

The West Australian.
19.08.1899 p1

BILLIARDS.

An exhibition game of billiards was played on Wednesday evening last at the Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford, between F. Lindrum (the boy champion) and Harry Taylor, the latter receiving 100 start in 600 up. At the outset the play appeared to be very one-sided, as the game was called Taylor 233, Lindrum 101. However, after the interval the boy, by very consistent play, gradually overhauled his opponent and passed him at 500. After very careful play on both sides Taylor eventually won by 5 points. The best breaks were:—Lindrum, 53, 49, 45, 38; Taylor, 40, 48, 30, 31.

The West Australian.
10.03.1905 p6



Stirling Arms under Agnes Ireland.
Western Mail. 25.12.1902 p43

The Stirling Arms Hotel licence was transferred in 1901 to Agnes Ireland as proprietress and was listed in 1904 as under the name of George William Ireland. This couple ran the hotel as a popular business until the death of Agnes in 1906 when the hotel licence was sold. A billiard table was acquired and demonstrations and games were popular under their lease.

WILLIAM WALDOCK 1906 - 1908

EDWARD THOMPSON 1908

WILLIAM GADDARN 1908

W. WALDOCK
Has taken over the
**Stirling - Arms
Hotel,
GUILDFORD.**
Best Brands Liquors Stocked.
BEER AT PERTH PRICES.

The Swan Express. 03.11.1906 p2

It will be noticed by reference to an advertisement appearing in another part of this issue, that the Stirling Arms' Hotel, Guildford, has been taken over by Mr W. Waldock. Since taking charge he has reduced the price of beer, and adopted the same standard as that of Perth.

The Swan Express. 03.11.1906 p2

LICENSING NOTICES
A APPLICATION for a PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE.
To the Worshipful the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the District of Swan, in Western Australia.
I, THOMAS EDWARD THOMPSON, Hotel Manager, married, now residing at the Stirling Arms Hotel, in the town of Guildford, do hereby give notice that it is my intention to APPLY at the next Licensing Meeting to be held for this district for a Publican's General Licence for the sale of liquor in the house and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated at the corner of James and Meadow streets, Guildford, and being part of Guildford Town Lot 142, and containing five sitting rooms and seven bedrooms, exclusive of those required by the family, owned by the Swan Brewery Company, Limited, and occupied by me as manager for the said Company, and licensed as a Public-house under the sign of "The Stirling Arms Hotel," and which I intend to keep as an Inn or Public-house. I have held a licence for six years of the Railway Hotel, Kalgoorlie. I now hold the licence of the said hotel under transfer from William Waldock.
Given under my hand this 13th day of November, 1907.
THOMAS EDWARD THOMPSON.
HOUSEHOLDERS' CERTIFICATE for a PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE.
We, the undersigned householders, residing within the town of Guildford, do hereby certify that the above Thomas Edward Thompson, of Guildford, is a person of good fame and reputation, and fit and proper to be licensed to keep an Inn or Public-house for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors therein.
Witness our hands this 13th day of November, 1907.
A. S. Beaumont.
A. W. Reading.
S. B. Devenish.
W. H. Fuller.
T. H. Parsons.
STONE and BURT, Solicitors for the Applicant.

The West Australian.
20.11.1907 p2

A APPLICATION for a PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE.
To the Worshipful the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the District of Swan, in Western Australia.
I, WILLIAM DAVIES GADDARN, Hotelkeeper, single, now residing at The Stirling Arms Hotel, in the town of Guildford, do hereby give Notice that it is my intention to APPLY at the next Licensing Meeting to be held for this District for a PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE for the Sale of Liquor, in the House and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated at the corner of James and Meadow Streets, Guildford, and being part of Guildford Town Lot 142, and containing 5 sitting rooms and 7 bedrooms, exclusive of those required by the family, rented by me from The Swan Brewery Company, Limited, and occupied by me and licensed as a Public House under the sign of "The Stirling Arms Hotel," and which I intend to keep as an Inn or Public House. I now hold the Licence of the said Hotel under Transfer from Thomas Edward Thompson.
Given under my hand this 13th day of February, 1908.
W. D. GADDARN.
HOUSEHOLDERS' CERTIFICATE for a PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE.
We, the undersigned householders, residing within the town of Guildford do hereby certify that the above WILLIAM DAVIES GADDARN, of Guildford, is a person of good fame and reputation, and fit and proper to be licensed to keep an Inn or Public House for the Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors therein.
Witness our hands this 13th day of February, 1908.
W. B. Wood.
Geo. Fargher.
J. T. Ellis.
A. W. Reading.
W. Everingham.
STONE and BURT, Solicitors for the Applicant.

The West Australian.
20.02.1908 p3

Transfers.
The following transfers were granted:
Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford, from E. Thompson to W. D. Gaddarn; Woodbridge Hotel from J. H. Carroll to John Goldworthy; Railway Hotel, Midland Junction, to J. Metzke; Helena Vale Hotel from Chas Brewer to E. W. Harrison.

The Swan Express. 21.03.1908 p3

LICENSEE MISSING
ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE.
PERTH, 9 a.m.
William Gaddarn, the licensee of the Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford, was charged to-day with absenting himself for four weeks without leave. The defendant did not appear. It was stated that he was out of the State. The police sergeant mentioned that the penalty was nothing less than forfeiture of license and the case was adjourned to allow the chairman of the Licensing Bench to adjudicate.

The Evening Star. 26.08.1908 p3

The early years of the 1900s were challenging for the publicans of hotels in Guildford, as George Hiscox poured money into his Guildford Hotel, the licensees of the other hotels struggled to provide the best service they could in ageing buildings. These challenges were reflected in the changing and short-term publicans at the Stirling Arms Hotel, with some of not good repute. Following Mrs Ireland's death in May 1906, the licence was transferred to William Waldock in 1906. In 1908, it was transferred to Edward (Teddy) Thompson. Thompson was heavily involved in racing, gambling and had a successful betting business, this seems to have had priority over the running of the hotel. His staff were unhappy and complained of being poorly paid. The licence was transferred to William Gaddarn in 1908, later he was charged with absenting himself from the hotel for 18 days and had his licence cancelled in August that year.

MARGARET O'HAIRE 1908

JAMES HOPKINS 1908 - 1909

APPLICATION for a PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE.

To the Worshipful the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the District of Swan, in Western Australia,

I, MARGARET O'HAIRE, widow, now residing at Guildford, in the Swan district of Western Australia, do hereby give notice that it is my intention to APPLY at the next Licensing Meeting, to be holden for this district, for a PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE for the sale of Liquor, in the house and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situated at the corner of James and Meadow streets, Guildford, and known as the Stirling Arms and Premasons' Hotel, and containing five sitting-rooms and twelve bedrooms, exclusive of those required by my family, dining-room, drawing-room, kitchen, etc., and rented from the Swan Brewery Company, Limited, now under application for transfer to me, and now licensed under the name of the Stirling Arms and Premasons' Hotel, and which I intend to keep as an inn or public-house. I have not been before licensed.

Given under my hand this 31st day of August, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

MARGARET O'HAIRE,

HOUSEHOLDERS' CERTIFICATE for a PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE.

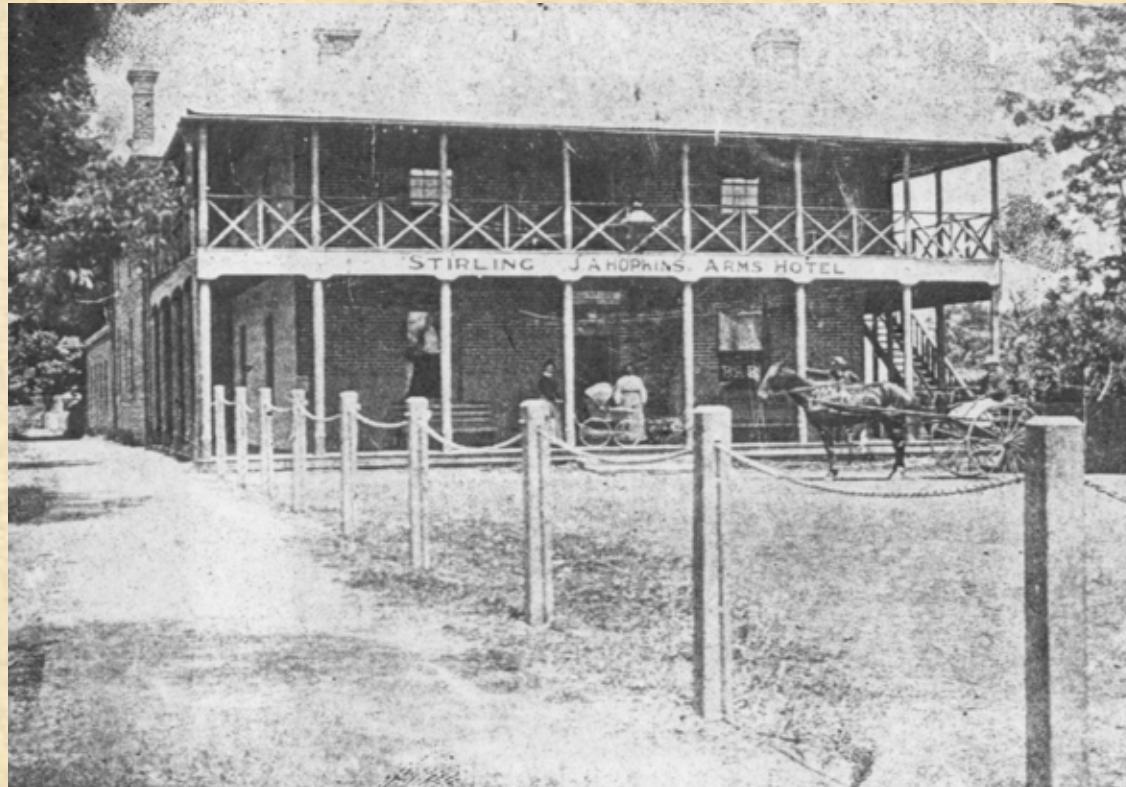
We, the undersigned householders, residing within the Swan district, of West Australia, at Guildford, do hereby certify that the above Margaret O'Haire, of Guildford, widow, is a person of good fame and reputation, and fit and proper to be licensed to keep an inn or public-house for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors therein.

Witness our hands this 31st day of August, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

Alfred Martin,
P. F. Dunn,
W. F. Guppy,
J. T. Woods,
Geo. Fargeter,
R. A. Carmichael.

DOWNING and DOWNING, Motr's Chambers, St. George's Terrace, Perth, Solicitors for the Applicant.

The Daily News.
28.08.1908 p4



Stirling Arms under Hopkins 1909.
Image courtesy SGHS. P162

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

J. A. HOPKINS EXAMINED.

Before Mr. Registrar Moseley, James Albert Hopkins was examined yesterday in bankruptcy.

Messrs. James and Darbyshire appeared for Mr. J. P. L. Brown, a creditor.

In reply to the Official Receiver the debtor said the figures supplied to the Court showed liabilities amounting to £1,200. The statement was substantially correct. He first found himself in difficulties four years ago, and he attributed his position to going into public life, which led to neglect of his business as an auctioneer and estate agent at Boulder. He was Mayor of Boulder for two years, and much of his time was devoted to public matters, but very few of his present liabilities were in connection with his Boulder business. When he left Boulder in 1904 he was financially sound, his surplus assets being between £700 and £800. This was chiefly book debts. He brought from Boulder about £300 in cash.

For some time he worked for his brother, drawing £3 weekly, and he made outside commissions. At present he was managing the Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford, but otherwise had no interest in the business. He could not make any offer of compromise, and denied that he had approached any creditor with that object. It was true he hoped for assistance from relatives at Warialda, New South Wales. So far he had been unable to find the books relating to his former business, and feared they had been destroyed.

The examination was further adjourned until the 24th inst.

The West Australian.
20.11.1908 p3

Margaret O'Haire took over the Stirling Arms Hotel in September 1908 before transferring the licence to James Albert Hopkins, who became bankrupt during his period of management.

JOHN JEFFERS 1909

NEAL MCNEIL 1909

J.H. KENDALL 1909 - 1910

APPLICATION FOR A PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENSE.

To the Worshipful the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the District of Swan, in Western Australia.

I, JOHN PATRICK JEFFERS, publican, now residing at the Stirling Arms Hotel, in the town of Guildford, do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the next Licensing Meeting, to be holden for this District, for a Publican's General License for the sale of Liquor in the house and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate at the corner of James and Meadow Streets, Guildford, being part of Guildford Town Lot 142 containing five sitting rooms and seven bedrooms exclusive of those required by the family rented from the Swan Brewery Company, Limited, and occupied by me and licensed as a Public House, under the sign of the "Stirling Arms Hotel," and which I intend to keep as an Inn or Public House. I now hold the License under Transfer from Margaret G'Haire.

Given under my hand this 13th day of February, one thousand nine hundred and nine.

JOHN PATRICK JEFFERS.

HOUSEHOLDERS' CERTIFICATE FOR A GENERAL PUBLICAN'S LICENSE.

WE, the undersigned, householders, residing within the town of Guildford, do hereby certify that the above John Patrick Jeffers, of Guildford, is a person of good fame and reputation, and fit and proper to be licensed to keep an Inn or Public House for the sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors therein.

Witness our hands this 13th day of February, one thousand nine hundred and nine.

Gregory I. C. Gill
Isaac Wood
John T. Ellis
Geo. Fargeter
W. W. Davies.

STONE & BURT,
Solicitors for the Applicant.

The Swan Express.
20.02.1909 p3

PUBLIC NOTICES.

ALL PERSONS OWING MONEY to the STIRLING ARMS HOTEL, Guildford, are WARNED against PAYING any MONEY whatever to Mr. J. P. JEFFERS, the present Licensee, for DEBTS contracted prior to December 19, 1908.

Mr. Jeffers did not buy the Book Debts, and has no right, title, or interest in any debts made prior to that date. I have not collected any money owing to the said Jeffers, and defy him to prove otherwise.

J. A. HOPKINS.

ALL DEBTS owing at the STIRLING ARMS HOTEL, Guildford, are to be PAID to J. P. JEFFERS, and not to the late manager, Mr. Hopkins.

The West Australian.
01.02.1909 p5

SWAN LICENSING COURT

The following transfers of publicans' general licenses were granted at the sitting of the Swan Licensing Court held at Midland Junction on Tuesday:

Spring Park Hotel, Midland Junction, from R. U. Wilson to Walter Derbyshire; Commercial Hotel, Midland Junction, from T. S. Warner to Wm H. Thompson; Midland Junction Hotel, Midland Junction, to Thomas Grahame; Rose and Crown Hotel, Guildford, from executors estate Carmichael (deceased) to Ellen Carmichael; Stirling Arms' Hotel, Guildford, from J. P. Jeffers to Neil McNeill; Ascot Hotel, Belmont, from E. Griffin to Jessie Pakeman; Bayswater Hotel, Bayswater, from Thomas Feyer to G. Skinner; Moora Hotel, Moora, from J. Durack to John Frederick Vaughan; Commercial Hotel, Moora, from G. H. Holmes to Welbourne Keatley Lamzed; Wayside house and billiard table license — Forrest Arms Hotel from Thos R. Bazeley to Michael de Pedro.

The Swan Express.
11.06.1909 p4

LICENSING PROSECUTIONS

In the Midland Junction Court on Tuesday Neal McNeill, whose licence for the Stirling Arms Hotel had been cancelled at the sitting of the Licensing Bench the previous week, was charged with having exposed for sale at the hotel spirit which had been adulterated by the addition of water. He was fined £2 with £3 15s. 6d. costs.

H. Hummerston was charged with having had whisky and brandy in bottles the labels of which wrongly described the contents. The defendant pleaded guilty, but explained that the spirit was drawn off from the cask into the first bottles that came handy, and it was then intended to transfer it into the decanters for sale. A fine of £2 with £2 5s. 6d. costs was imposed.

In the Licensing Court this week an application was granted for the transfer of the licence of the Stirling Arms Hotel from Neal McNeill to J. H. Kendall.

The Swan Express.
17.12.1909 p3

SWAN LICENSING COURT

The quarterly sitting of the Swan Licensing Bench was held at Midland Junction on Monday, when the following transfers were granted: Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford, to J. H. Kendall; Commercial Hotel, Midland Junction, to Wm. Paige; Woodbridge Hotel, East Guildford, to Joseph Bush; Sawyer's Valley Hotel, to G. F. Rhodes. A billiard table licence was granted to M. H. Grahame, Lion Mill.

The Swan Express.
11.03.1910 p4

Hopkins sold the lease of the Stirling Arms to John Jeffers in March 1909. In June 1909, Neal McNeil took over the publican's licence. However, he was convicted of adulterating brandy and had his licence cancelled under the Excise Act in December 1909. The publican's licence was transferred to J.H. Kendall, who held this licence for 12 months before selling it to Mrs Carmichael in 1910.

HANNAH CUNNINGHAM 1910 - 1911

ELLEN CARMICHAEL 1911 - 1915

APPLICATION for a PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE.

To the Worshipful the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the District of Swan, in Western Australia.

I, **HANNAH ELIZABETH CUNNINGHAM**, widow, now residing at Guildford, in the District of Swan, do hereby give notice that it is my intention to **APPLY** at the next Licensing Meeting to be held for this District for a **PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE** for the sale of liquor, in the house and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated at the corner of James and Meadow streets, Guildford, containing nine sitting-rooms and 11 bedrooms, exclusive of those required by the family, rented of the Swan Brewery Company, Limited, and occupied by me, now licensed under the sign of the Stirling Arms Hotel, and which I intend to keep as an inn or public-house. I have not previously held a licence. I hold the present licence under transfer from John H. Kendall.

Given under my hand this 18th day of November, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

H. E. CUNNINGHAM.

HOUSEHOLDERS' CERTIFICATE for a PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE.

We, the undersigned, householders, residing within the district of Swan, do hereby certify that the above **Hannah Elizabeth Cunningham**, of Guildford, is a person of good fame and reputation, and fit and proper to be licensed to keep an inn or public-house for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors therein.

Witness our hands this 18th day of November, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

**W. Criddle.
Isaac Wood.
James Power.
A. W. Reading.
A. Booley.**

STONE and BURT, Solicitors for the Applicant.

The West Australian.
24.11.1910 p2

APPLICATION for a PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE.

To the Worshipful the Justices of the Peace Acting in and for the District of Swan, in Western Australia.

I, **ELLEN ELIZABETH CARMICHAEL**, Hotelkeeper, widow, now residing at Guildford, in the District of Swan, do hereby give notice that it is my intention to **APPLY** at the next Licensing Meeting to be held for this District for a **PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE** for the sale of liquor in the house and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated at the corner of James and Meadow streets, Guildford, containing 9 sitting-rooms and 11 bedrooms, exclusive of those required by the family, rented of the Swan Brewery Company, Limited, and occupied by me, now licensed under the sign of the Stirling Arms Hotel, and which I intend to keep as an inn or public-house. I hold the present licence under transfer from Hannah Elizabeth Cunningham.

Given under my hand this 14th day of February, 1911.

E. C. CARMICHAEL.

HOUSEHOLDERS' CERTIFICATE for a PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE.

We, the undersigned householders, residing within the District of Swan, do hereby certify that the above **E. E. Carmichael**, of Guildford, is a person of good fame and reputation and fit and proper to be licensed to keep an inn or public-house for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors therein.

Witness our hands this 14th day of February, 1911.

**James Howell.
W. Criddle.
J. W. Clark.
T. L. Keegan.
Isaac Wood.**

STONE and BURT, Solicitors for the Applicant.

The West Australian.
18.02.1911 p8

Stirling Arms, Guildford.—The granting of a provisional certificate to **Hannah E. Cunningham** for the Stirling Arms Hotel was opposed on the ground that the reputed applicant was only the cook, and that the actual licensee was **Mrs Carmichael**. For **Mrs Carmichael** it was explained that she proposed leaving for a trip, and wished **Mrs Cunningham** to manage the hotel in her absence. Objection was withdrawn on the understanding that the transfer to **Mrs Carmichael** would be made.

The licences for the Railway Hotel, the Parkville Hotel, and the Gingin Hotel were granted conditionally on the owners making certain improvements to the premises.

The Swan Express.
09.12.1910 p3

TO BUILDERS.

TENDERS are invited and will be received up to noon on Monday, November 4, for **BRICK ADDITIONS** to the Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford, for the Swan Brewery Co. Plans and all further particulars, together with tender forms to be obtained at our office.

**EALES and COHEN, Architects,
Forrest Chambers, Perth; and Bunbury.**

The West Australian. 29.10.1912 p1

Building Permits.—Approval was given to the plans submitted for a dwelling-house in Hubert-st, and for additions to the Stirling Arms Hotel. These for additions to **Mr. T. King's** shop in East-st were held over for further information.

The West Australian. 23.12.1912 p5

STIRLING ARMS HOTEL.

One of the popular resorts in Guildford is the Stirling Arms Hotel where **Mrs. Carmichael** presides over the menage. The building stands well back from the road as was the custom of the good old days, where the homely inn was the common meeting place of those who foregathered from far and near. Long before the railway came to Guildford, when the town was the flourishing market place of the producing districts further back, the Stirling Arms was one of the leading hostels of the State. Over half a century ago the hotel was kept by a gentleman named **Rummer**—which, in a time when the product of Jamaica was the popular beverage, was not inappropriate. Though, relatively, its ancient glory has somewhat departed, the present popularity of the Stirling Arms Hotel and its proprietress is a not unworthy legacy of the past. There is extensive stabling at the rear, and the quality of the liquors dispensed at the hotel is of the highest; the proprietress giving her personal attention to this branch of the business.

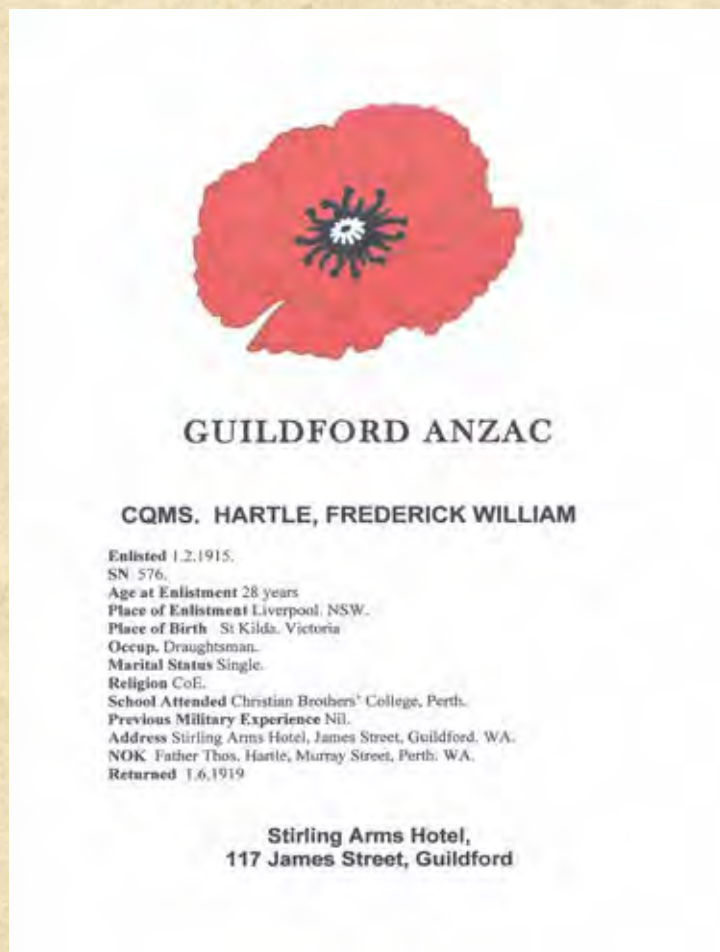
The Swan Express. 20.12.1912 p12

On Saturday last a collision occurred at the railway crossing opposite the Guildford post-office between a motor bicycle ridden by **Ben Ford**, of the Metropolitan Dental Company, Perth, and an ordinary bicycle ridden by **Bert Pratt**, of Midland Junction. Both were injured to some extent, and they were conveyed to the Stirling Arms Hotel, where an examination was made by **Dr Rowan**. He found that **Pratt's** injuries were not serious, but **Ford** had sustained a concussion of the brain. The latter was removed to Perth, where he is making satisfactory headway.

The Swan Express. 26.09.1913 p6

In December 1910 Mrs Carmichael applied for a provisional licence of the Stirling Arms in the name of her cook, Mrs Hannah E. Cunningham, as she was to be away on a trip. The licence was granted on agreement that it would be transferred to her name upon her return. Mrs Carmichael was deemed a publican of good repute, having previously worked at the Rose and Crown Hotel. Under Mrs E.E. Carmichael, the Stirling Arms Hotel again became a place of note. Tragically a young man in her employ was killed by a kicking horse, the deceased's father was Chaplain to the King of England and his brother a Consul in India. Mrs Carmichael successfully tendered for the publicans booth at the Guildford Easter Carnival. Brick alterations and extensions to the hotel were undertaken under architects Eales and Cohen of Perth in 1912. These extensions doubled the size of the hotel building.

GUILDFORD DURING WORLD WAR I



*Guildford Anzac Certificate.
 Image courtesy Guildford Association*



*Breaking in a horse at the 10th Light Horse regiment camp, Guildford, 1915.
 Image courtesy SLWA. 6494B*



*The 38th Battery, the Royal Australian Artillery are welcomed to Guildford and their new headquarters in 1913.
 Western Mail. 07.11.1913 p31*

During the First World War, Guildford was a hive of activity as it became a military base. The 10th Light Horse was formed there, as well as the Headquarters of the Royal Australian Artillery WA, 13th Field Engineers and others associated with the Army Service Corp and Remount Depot. Guildford again became a boom town with hotel rooms and boarding houses filled to capacity with visitors from the country towns or eastern states, many seeking to enlist in the armed services. One such soldier was Frederick William Hartle, a 28 year old tothersider who worked in Perth as a draughtsman and resided at the Stirling Arms Hotel when he first registered on the Nominal Roll of the Australian Infantry Forces. Hartle moved east and enlisted with the 17th Battalion in NSW, he fought in Gallipoli and on the Western Front, disembarking in NSW in 1919 and then returning to WA.

JOHN COMER 1915 - 1916

LOUIS CLAUD MONCK 1916 - 1921



Proposed additions and new frontages to the Guildford Hotel [technical drawing]. By Powell and Cameron Architects, Perth, 1914, permission Cameron Chisholm Nicol. Image courtesy SLWA. BL. b20631674

THE LICENSING ACT 1911.
(Section 54.)
APPLICATION for TRANSFER.
To the Licensing Court for the Guildford District.

I, **ELLEN ELIZABETH CARMICHAEL**, being the licensee of the Stirling Arms Hotel at Guildford, do hereby make APPLICATION for a TRANSFER of the rights and privileges of the PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE held by me in respect of the said premises to **JOHN COMER**, of York-road, Midland Junction, and I, the said John Comer, do hereby concur in such application, and request that the said transfer may be made.

Dated this 16th day of July, 1915.

ELLEN E. CARMICHAEL.
Signature of proposed Transferor.
JOHN COMER.
Signature of proposed Transferee.

The Daily News. 15.07.1915 p1

LICENSING NOTICES.
THE LICENSING ACT 1911.
(Section 54.)
APPLICATION for TRANSFER.
To the Licensing Court for the Guildford District.

I, **JOHN COMER**, being the licensee of the Stirling Arms Hotel, at Guildford, do hereby make APPLICATION for a TRANSFER of the rights and privileges of the PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE held by me in respect of the said premises to **LOUIS CLAUDE MONCK**, Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford, and I, the said Louis Claude Monck, do hereby concur in such application, and request that the said transfer may be made.

Dated this twentieth day of April, 1916.

JOHN COMER.
Signature of proposed Transferor.
LOUIS C. MONCK.
Signature of proposed Transferee.
NICHOLSON and HENSMAN, Barristers Chambers, Perth, Solicitors for Parties.

The Daily News.
25.04.1916 p1

PROPOSED HOTEL FOR WEST GUILDFORD.

MEETING OF PROTEST.

A public meeting to protest against the proposed transfer of the publican's licence from the Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford, to the corner of Kenny-st., West Guildford, will be held in the Road Board Hall at West Guildford, on Wednesday next at 3 p.m.

The Swan Express. 22.08.1919 p2

PROPOSED HOTEL FOR WEST GUILDFORD

BY TRANSFER OF STIRLING ARMS LICENCE.

KEEN INTEREST AROUSED.

The application for the transfer of the licence of the Stirling Arms Hotel from Guildford to West Guildford, which will come before the licensing bench at Midland Junction next Tuesday at 10 a.m., has excited much interest and not a little hostility in West Guildford. Petitions pro and con have been freely circulated and largely signed. Indeed, so seductive have been the arts of the canvassers that it is stated that in some instances the same people have signed both. The matter has been before the road board, which expressed no opinion on the merits of the application; it has also formed the subject of discussion at a residents' meeting of protest, which unequivocally condemned the proposed transfer. The next stage is the licensing court hearing.

The Swan Express.
29.08.1919 p4

HOTEL LICENCE.

TRANSFER REFUSED.

An application for the transfer of the licence of the Stirling Arms Hotel at Guildford to a site at West Guildford, which has been the subject of much controversy at the latter suburb during the past two or three weeks, came before the Guildford Licensing Bench, sitting in the Midland Junction Courthouse, yesterday. The Bench was occupied by Mr. Dowley, P.M., and Messrs. W. R. Crook and P. Sampson, J's.P. Sir Walter James, K.C., appeared for the applicant, L. C. Monck, and Mr. Ackland for residents of West Guildford who opposed the transfer. Inspector O'Halloran opposed the transfer on behalf of the police.

L. C. Monck, the applicant, said he held the licence for the Stirling Arms Hotel at Guildford. He had travelled over the West Guildford district every day lately, and he estimated that there were about 700 adults within a radius of three-quarters of a mile of the site of the proposed hotel. There were 36 adult residents in favour of the application. In reply to Mr. Ackland, the witness said he was making the application on behalf of the Swan Brewery. Harry Barnard said he had been a resident of West Guildford for 14 years. For eight years he was a member of the road board, and for two years chairman. He estimated there were about 800 adults within a radius of three-quarters of a mile of the proposed site, and the reasonable requirements of the district justified the granting of a licence. He visited about 200 houses to ascertain if the wishes of the people, and obtained the signatures of 105 persons who were in favour of the application. To Inspector O'Halloran the witness said the Guildford Hotel was about a mile and a half from the proposed site in West Guildford.

Henry Berry said he had lived in West Guildford for over three years, and was a member of the West Guildford Road Board. He went to a number of representative men in the district within the neighbourhood of the proposed site, and amongst those who signed a petition against the transfer were two justices of the peace, seven road board members, and the secretary, and ministers of the various religious bodies. The witness also read the text of a resolution of protest against the transfer carried at a public meeting of residents held a few days previously.

Emma Clay, Agnes Johnson, W. H. H. Aulse, and Helen A. Berry each presented a petition against the transfer, the signatures in the aggregate numbering 560.

Rev. R. Lawrence deposed that the site of the proposed hotel was in close proximity to the Anglican Church and the site for a proposed school. There was a day school now within 300 steps of it, and people from the north side of the district would be unable to get to church without passing close by the proposed hotel.

The Bench refused the application, and the applicant was ordered to pay £5 5s. to cover the costs of Mr. Ackland's clients.

The West Australian.
03.09.1919 p8

John Comer acquired the publican's licence for the Stirling Arms in 1915 and held it for nearly two years, when the licence was transferred to Louis Claude Monck. In 1919 Monck, on behalf of the Swan Brewery, applied for a transfer of the Stirling Arms Hotel licence to a proposed hotel in West Guildford. The Stirling Arms at this time was struggling to be a viable business with competition from the newly renovated and extended Guildford Hotel. This proposal was met with grievances by both the West Guildford and Guildford residents. The West Guildford residents were concerned at the location of the proposed hotel on the corner of Kenny Street. The Guildford residents were concerned at the possible closure of an old and noted community facility. On September 3rd 1919 the Licensing Court refused the transfer of licence and Monck continued as publican of the Stirling Arms.

BEN HOFFMAN 1921



Guildford War Memorial 2017. The memorial was designed and sculpted by Pietro Porcelli, its foundation stone was laid by General Birdwood and it was unveiled in September 1920. Image courtesy Barbara Dundas.

T O B U I L D E R S.

TENDERS are invited until noon of Friday, May 7, for the erection and completion of extensive TWO-STORY BRICK ADDITIONS and ALTERATIONS to Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford, for the Swan Brewery Company, Ltd.

Plans, specifications, and conditions of contract may be seen at our offices, Weld Chambers.

No Tender necessarily accepted.

HOBBS, SMITH, and FORBES,
Architects,
St. George's-terrace,
Perth.

April 25, 1920.

The West Australian. 26.04.1920 p1

THE IDEAL VILLAGE HOSTELRY.

The Stirling Arms
GUILDFORD.

BEN HOFFMAN as Mine Host.
Happy Comfort in Everything.

Mirror. 13.08.1921 p3

THE LICENSING ACT, 1911.
(Section 54.)

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER.
To the Licensing Court for the Guildford District.

I, LOUIS CLAUDE MONCK being the licensee of the Stirling Arms Hotel at James-street Guildford, do hereby make application for a TRANSFER of the Rights and Privileges of the PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE held by me in respect of the said premises to BEN HOFFMAN of Robinson-avenue, Perth, and I the said Ben Hoffman do hereby concur in such application and request that the said transfer may be made.

Dated this 26th day of April, 1921.

L. C. MONCK,
Signature of proposed Transferor.

B. HOFFMAN,
Signature of proposed Transferee.

MORRIS CRAWCOUR, A.M.P.
Buildings, St. George's-terrace, Perth,
Solicitor for the said Ben Hoffman.

The Daily News. 27.04.1921 p7

THE LICENSING ACT, 1911.
(Section 54.)

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER.
To the Licensing Court for the Guildford District.

I, BEN HOFFMAN, being the licensee of the Stirling Arms Hotel, at James-street, Guildford, do hereby make APPLICATION for a TRANSFER of the rights and privileges of the PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCES held by me in respect of the said premises to HARRY HAINES, of Number 8 Colombo-street, Victoria Park, and I, the said Harry Haines, do hereby concur in such application, and request that the said transfer may be made.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1921.

B. HOFFMAN,
Signature of proposed Transferor.

HARRY HAINES,
Signature of proposed Transferee.

MORRIS CRAWCOUR, A.M.P. Buildings, St. George's-terrace, Perth, Solicitor for the Applicants.

The Daily News. 24.11.1921 p7

In this period, 1919-1920, Guildford mourned its lost and injured soldiers. The people of Guildford constructed the War Memorial in 1920 and were presented with a War Trophy Howitzer Gun in October 1921. The Swan Brewery decided to further upgrade the Stirling Arms Hotel buildings with extensive brick two storey additions by architects Hobbs, Smith and Forbes. In 1921 Ben (Boris) Hoffman took over the role of licensee of the Stirling Arms. Under him the hotel was described by the Licensing Court as well conducted. In November that year a transfer of licence was sought by Harry Haines.

HARRY HAINES AND FAMILY 1921 - 1966

BE SURE and CALL at
STIRLING ARMS HOTEL
 JAMES-ST., GUILDFORD.
H. HAINES, Host.
THE HOME OF SPORTS.

Westralian Worker. 06.10.1922 p2

FOOTBALL.
 Members of the Guildford Football Club are reminded that the annual meeting will be held to-morrow, at the Stirling Arms Hotel. Members and intending members are requested to attend.

The West Australian. 08.02.1923 p9

MIDLAND JUNCTION.
 (Tuesday.—Before Mr. A. Schroeder, Special Magistrate, and Mr. T. M. Clune, J.P.)
Charges Under Licensing Act.—Harry Haines (79), licensee of the Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford, was fined the minimum penalty of £10, with 3/ costs, for having had his premises open for the sale of liquor on Sunday, October 5. Three men were each fined £2, with 3/ costs, for having been found drinking on the premises on that date, and eight men who pleaded guilty to having been found on the premises were each fined £2, with 3/ costs.

The West Australian. 15.10.1941 p2

THE LICENSING ACT, 1911. APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER. To the Licensing Court for the Guildford district. I Gladys May Haines, being the licensee of the Stirling Arms Hotel, do hereby make application for a transfer of the rights and privileges of the Publican's General Licence held by me in respect of the said premises to James Haines, of the Stirling Arms Hotel, and I, the said James Haines, do hereby concur in such application and request that the said transfer may be made. Dated this 14th day of November, 1945. G. M. HAINES, Signature of Proposed Transferor. J. HAINES, Signature of Proposed Transferee. Stone, James and Co Solicitors for the Applicant.

The West Australian. 16.11.1945 p1

Other Work.
 For sewerage installations and alterations at the Guildford Hotel and the Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford, for the Swan Brewery Co. Ltd., Mr. A. S. Turner's tenders of £358 and £777, respectively, were accepted through the architects (Messrs. Hobbs and Winnings).

The West Australian. 08.03.1941 p16

Mrs G. N. H. Haynes, of Stirling Arms Hotel, sold herself £2000 winning ticket in the lottery—and a "near miss" prize. It was the third time in two years that a resident of the hotel had won first prize.

The Daily News. 22.01.1945 p9

HAINES.—On November 30, 1942, at his residence, Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford, Harry, the dearly loved husband of Gladys Haines, beloved father of Harry, Bonnie, Norman, Lorna (Mrs Hagen), James, Richard and Charles; aged 80 years.

The West Australian. 01.12.1942 p1



1948 Map of Guildford.

Image courtesy Landgate (2017). Guildford MIS84_14_4380



Guildford Council Chambers and Town Hall in 1940.

Image courtesy Midland Local History Collection, Midland Public Library. Source: West Australian Newspaper c. 1940

Harry Haines had successfully run the Railway Hotel in Midland and was a popular and respected publican. He ran the Stirling Arms Hotel from 1921-1942, giving the longest period of stability for any publican at this hotel. Haines strongly advocated and supported sporting organisations, advertising his hotel as The Home of Sports. His staff were loyal to him and he engaged considerable local support from the community, be it sporting meetings or weddings. Haines' generous nature saw the hotel donating to many charities, fundraisers, also prize trophies to various local sporting clubs. He was noted to have helped many a lane dog over the stile. Equally, Haines pushed his boundaries and was fined at times for offering drinks on Sunday or providing a place for betting. When Harry Haines died in 1942, his wife and son continued the family pub. His son, Charles, continued the hotel in the family name from 1949-1966. The Stirling Arms Hotel under the Haines' was run as a family pub, it did not attempt to attract tourists but focused on the loyalty to the local community. In 1937, the Guildford Municipal Council constructed new Council Chambers and a Town Hall on the opposite corner on Meadow Street, increasing both the visibility and patronage of the Stirling Arms.

GUILDFORD DURING WORLD WAR II

Guildford Airport Was War Secret

Many people arrive at or leave from Guildford airport each day and many others just visit there, but few realise its size and importance.

Guildford airport was a wartime addition to Western Australia's flying facilities and because of that details of it could not then be published.

The airport was built mainly because Maylands airport was useless as far as the bigger types of aircraft were concerned and during winter months was always in danger of being flooded. South Guildford, about eight miles from the city, was the most suitable site. Department of Civil Aviation officers planned the port and preliminary survey work was under way when war began.

The construction of runways began early in 1942 and by the end of the year R.A.A.F. aircraft were using the first runway. The second strip was completed shortly afterwards.

There were also plans for civil hangars and administrative buildings. Work on these began in July the following year.

R.A.A.F. camouflage experts were determined to take advantage of the undeveloped site and during 1943 a market gardener carried on as usual in the heart of the works. He supplied the R.A.A.F. there with vegetables.

Then a flight control tower with a rotating beacon was needed. The most suitable place for this was the market garden.

At the end of 1945 the tower was completed. Since then the gardener has been inoperative, although his sprinklers and remains of a garden are still there.

Now there are plans for the extension of Guildford airport. A third runway is to be constructed. More buildings are to be erected.

The present landing strips are longer than any others in Australia.



The Daily News. 06.07.1946 p10

The Haines family saw their son join the RAAF, serve overseas and return. They shared the pains and anxieties of many of their patrons in this war time period.

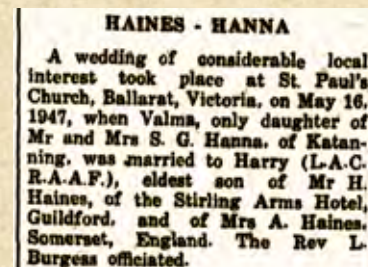
Guildford continued as a military base during WWII. The whole town was again involved in a war effort with children collecting rushes, and the Red Cross functions in the Mechanics Hall. The town donated scrap iron including iron lace work from homes and WWI Trophy Howitzer for scrap. The Federal Government commissioned land in South Guildford for an Air Force base. Guildford Grammar School was also requisitioned for a Military Hospital for American servicemen, whilst students were relocated to the country.

A number of families and schools relocated away from the Perth metropolitan area following the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbour (07.12.1941), Darwin (20.02.1942) and Broome (03.03.1942). US servicemen from the Pacific moved into the Guildford Grammar School grounds and the school chapel roofs were painted with red crosses. There were 26 incidents at the Guildford Military Air Base between 1942-1944 and four incidents involving air to ground crashes.



5th Station Hospital, United States Army, Guildford, Western Australia, 25 July 1942.

Image courtesy SLWA. BA2586



Great Southern Herald.
13.06.1947 p5



5th Station Hospital, United States Army, Guildford, Western Australia, 25 July 1942.

Image courtesy SLWA. BA2586

THOMAS THIRSK 1966 - 1975

WILLIAM (BILLY) WALKER 1975 - 1983

GOLF

At the Nineteenth

TOM THIRSK, popular hotel manager, ex-boxer and current golfer, tells this story:

He was out in a foursome at a metropolitan links when one of the caddies found a brand new ball just off the fairway. All players in the vicinity being unable to lay just claim to it the ball was put up to auction. Tom ran the bidding up to 3/6 and the ball was knocked down to him, a bargain at the price. While the caddy pocketed the cash Tom opened his bag to put away his purchase and discovered that the brand new ball bought for 5/ in the clubhouse at lunch time had vanished. Was 8/6 a fair price? Tom wants to know.

Western Mail. 09.08.1951
p25



Stirling Arms in 1969.
Image courtesy SLWA Battye Photographic Collection 113147PD



William (Billy) Walker.
Image courtesy Swan Districts Football Club

When Thomas Thirsk took over the Stirling Arms Hotel in 1966, the town was in decline, the population was ageing and competition between the town's four hotels reduced business viability. It was not until William (Billy) Walker, Swan Districts football hero took over the hotel and developed direct links between the hotel and football club, that the business again became invigorated. Walker held the licence of the Stirling Arms from 1975 to 1983. He installed a drive-in sales area and new lounge facilities. Walker represented the Swan Districts Football Club in the Western Australian National Football League (WANFL) and was the winner of the 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1970 Sandover Medals. A bottle shop was added to the front of the Stirling Arms and a TAB building to the west, changing the form and character of the building. During this period the hotel was known as a sportsmen's hotel and a meeting place for Swan Districts Football Club members and supporters.

TONY MORONI 1984 - 1998

WAYNE HOLMES AND HEATHER PRITCHARD 1998 - 2003

FRANCIS (FRANK) LUNNEY 2003 - 2005

DONALD RYAN 2005 - 2011

NICK YURISICH 2012 - 2017



*Drive-in bottle shop c. 1987.
Image courtesy SGHS. P636*

Between 1984 and 2011 the Stirling Arms Hotel experienced difficult years. The Rose and Crown, Guildford Hotel and Woodbridge Tavern underwent extensive restoration and refurbishment and provided considerable competition. With growing interest in the historic town of Guildford, these hotels attracted both local and outside patronage. The TAB attached to the Stirling Arms Hotel did little to provide the extra customer base needed and was converted into a lounge area for the hotel. The Swan Districts Football Club developed their own bar and club facilities and the patronage at the Stirling Arms dwindled despite the best efforts of the publicans. Holmes and Pritchard held the licence between 1998-2003 when it was transferred to the Lunneys from 2003-2005. Antisocial behaviour and street drinking became a considerable problem in 2009-2011, resulting in the publican receiving heavy fines and severe licensing conditions being placed on the hotel management. In 2009 the Guildford Hotel burnt down and this increased patronage for a period.

In 2012 Nick Yurisich, from an old Guildford family, took over the hotel licence and worked to place the hotel back into the recognised town history, as the Stirling Arms is the hotel with the longest continual licence in Guildford. Yurisich worked with community groups and sought to develop a family-friendly environment. The restored Guildford Hotel reopened in 2017 and it attracted a new patronage.

BRENDAN CRAIG 2017 - PRESENT



Team photo.
Image courtesy Brendan Craig.
Photographer: Chris Kershaw.



King Suite.
Image courtesy Brendan Craig.
Photographer: Chris Kershaw.



Presentation of Anzac Plaque by
Guildford Association President to
Brendan Craig.
Photographer: David Baylis –
Community News.

Brendan Craig acquired the Stirling Arms Hotel licence in April 2017 and commenced a program of renovation, improvement of facilities and a marketing strategy to increase his patronage by extending into tourist and functions while still providing dining to a local market.

Brendan saw the need and potential in the local Guildford community for an additional style of hotel. He purchased the Stirling Arms in April 2017, with a plan to bring it forward in time and yet acknowledge a glamorous bygone era. With a background as an Executive Chef, Food & Beverage Manager and Hotel Group General Manager, he set to task and worked hard on an extensive refurbishment of the bottle shop, accommodation suites, fully self-contained apartments, lounge bar, beer garden and restaurant. Brendan worked closely with renowned local interior designer, Fiona Hutchinson of Design Build 101. Fiona's brief was to transform the run-down hotel into a 1920s Gatsby Glamour theme. She sourced the furnishings and fittings to give a past luxury, glamour and ambience to surprise guests, whilst still offering modern day comforts. Brendan's aim was to achieve a new experience to impact the local hotel scene and the industry in general.

BRENDAN CRAIG 2017 - PRESENT



1852 Lounge Bar entrance.
Image courtesy Brendan Craig.
Photographer: Chris Kershaw.



Prohibition Bistro Bar.
Image courtesy Brendan Craig.
Photographer: Chris Kershaw.



1852 Lounge Bar.
Image courtesy Brendan Craig.
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Apartment Lounge room.
Image courtesy Brendan Craig.
Photographer: Chris Kershaw.



King Suite with balcony.
Image courtesy Brendan Craig.
Photographer: Chris Kershaw.



Apartment Lounge room.
Image courtesy Brendan Craig.
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