

**BENDIGO BENEVOLENT ASYLUM
GENERAL RETURN OF CHILDREN IN CARE 1861-1862**

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The Bendigo Benevolent Asylum was established in 1860 to care for the destitute people on the Bendigo Goldfield; not everyone found gold and became rich ! If the father deserted or died the family were often reduced to near starvation and the mother and children would be given a few weeks care in the Asylum. Many of these families would then be given outdoor relief. The Benevolent Asylum was never intended to be an orphanage although a few years later, for a short time, there was an Industrial School established within its boundaries.

SURNAME	GIVEN	AGE	BORN	ADMITTED	PARENTS	REMARKS
BANNETT	Arthur	8 Yrs	Bendigo	27/02/1861	Father Charles deserted, Mother Sarah dead	Delivered to Father 04/04/1861
BANNETT	Henry	10 Yrs	Bendigo	27/02/1861	Father Charles deserted, Mother Sarah dead	Delivered to Father 04/04/1861
BATTY	Robert	4 Yrs	Sandhurst District	06/06/1862	William deserted, Mother Ellen dead	Episcopalian In Asylum 30/07/1862
BATTY	Sarah	8 Yrs	Sandhurst District	06/06/1862	William deserted Mother Ellen dead	Episcopalian In Asylum 30/07/1862
BRIDSON	Annie	3 Yrs	Sandhurst	05/07/1861	Thomas & Ann Both dead	Indep. Transferred to Melbourne Orphanage Asylum 29/07/1861
BRIDSON	Thomas	5 Yrs	Sandhurst	05/07/1861	Thomas & Ann Both dead	Indep. Transferred to Melbourne Orphanage Asylum 29/07/1861
BRIDSON	James	7 Mths	Sandhurst	05/07/1861	Thomas & Ann	Indep. Transferred to Melbourne

					Both dead	Orphanage Asylum 29/07/1861
BRIDSON	William	7 Yrs	Sydney	05/07/1861	Thomas & Ann Both Dead	Indep. Transferred to Melbourne Orphanage Asylum 29/07/1861
CHIDLEY	S.A.	10 Yrs	Adelaide	27/07/1861	Father Richard in Gaol, Mother May dead	Episcopalian. Handed to Father 12/08/1861
CLAXTON	Charlotte	12 Yrs	Melbourne	21/06/1861	John & Sarah both dead	Episcopalian. Found employment 20/07/1861
CLAXTON	Ellen	8 Yrs	Melbourne	21/06/1861	John & Sarah both dead	Episcopalian. Transferred to Melbourne Orphanage Asylum 07/08/1861
COLES	Andrew	6 Yrs	Ballarat	28/04/1862	Father W. Morison Deserted, Mother M. Coles	Episcopalian.
COLLINS	James	5 Wks	Sandhurst District	20/11/1860	Father George, Mother deserted	R/C Left Asylum with Mother Ann 06/05/1861
COLLINS	James	8 Mths	Sandhurst District	16/05/1861	Father George Mather deserted Mother In employment	Died of Dysentery 17/08/1861
COX	Sarah	16 Yrs	Melbourne	21/06/1862	U/K	Episcopalian In Asylum 30/07/1862
DASEY	John	6 Yrs	Sandhurst	31/10/1861	Father u/k, Mother Mary in Asylum	R/C Left with mother 07/11/1861
DILLON	Mary	2 Yrs	Sandhurst District	30/10/1860	Father u/k, Mother Ellen in Asylum	R/C. Left with mother 20/11/1860
DOUNEY / DOWSIN	Esther	4 Yrs	U/K	15/07/1862	U/K	In Asylum 30/07/1862
DOUNEY / DOWSIN	Lucy	2 Yrs	U/K	15/07/1862	U/K	In Asylum 30/07/1862
DOUNEY / DOWSIN	S. Jane	6 Yrs	U/K	15/07/1862	U/K	In Asylum 30/07/1862
DUEL	Alice	5 Yrs	Adelaide	23/05/1862	Father J. Mother u/k Both Dead	Episcopalian. In Asylum 30/07/1862
DUKE	M. A.	6 Yrs	Ballarat	23/11/1861	Father Michael dead, Mother A, in Asylum	Left with Mother 23/06/1861
HARBOUR	John	3.5 Yrs	Melbourne	18/10/1860	John & Ruth Harbour Father deserted	R/C. Left Asylum with mother 13/01/1861
HOUSE	Emma	9 Yrs	Sandhurst	11/06/1862	U/K	Episcopalian. In asylum 30/07/1862
JONES	William	6 Yrs	Sandhurst District	31/10/1861	Father U/K, Mother Matilda Smith Dec	Episcopalian. In Asylum 30/07/1862 (See Smith F.)
KIRKUND	George	6 Yrs	Sandhurst District	21/06/1862	John Kirkund deserted & Mother Ellen Claxton dead	Episcopalian. In Asylum 30/07/1862
KIRKUND	John	3 Yrs	Sandhurst	21/06/1862	John Kirkund deserted &	Episcopalian. In Asylum 30/07/1862

					Mother Ellen Claxton dead	
MELLOU	Elizabeth	6 Yrs	Bendigo	07/02/1861	U/K Both dead	To Melbourne Orphanage Asylum 26/03/1861
O'MEARA	John	2 Yrs	U/K	07/11/1861	Father u/k, dead Mother Sarah in Asylum	R/C. Left with Mother 10/11/1861
O'MEARA	Mary	6 Yrs	U/K	07/11/1861	Father u/k Dead, Mother Sarah in Asylum	R/C Left with Mother 10/11/1861
O'MEARA	Sarah	4 Yrs	U/K	07/11/1861	Father u/k dead, Mother Sarah in Asylum	R/C Left with Mother 10/11/1861
REID	M. Ann	2 Yrs	Goulburn	31/10/1861	Father John in gaol, Mother in Asylum	Episcopalian. Left with Mother 03/12/1861
REID	M. A.	2 Yrs	Goulburn	28/03/1861	Father John in gaol, Mother in Asylum	Left Asylum with Mother 05/08/1861
SMITH	Fred	4 Yrs	Sandhurst District	31/10/1861	Father u/k, Mother Matilda dead	Episcopalian. In Asylum 30/07/1862 (See Jones W .)
THOMPSON	Carol	6 Yrs	Bendigo	06/12/1860	John & Sarah both dead	To Melbourne Orphanage Asylum 26/03/1861
THOMPSON	William	1 Yr	Corcoran Diggings	15/07/1862	William deserted, Mary in Asylum	In Asylum 30/07/1862
TWEED	William	8 Yrs	Ireland	08/05/1862	U/K	R/C. Ran Away 20/05/1862
WHITE	Janet	9 Wks	Sandhurst	23/07/1861	Father U/K, Mother Janet White	Episcopalian.. Left With Mother 03/08/1861