

## EMILY JANE WARBURTON

**E**CONOMIC CONDITIONS IN England were not good in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, so migration to Australia was the topic of the day. Amongst the English migrants was little Emily Jane Warburton, aged one, in the company of her parents, Robert Warburton and his wife Mary (nee Hulme). A search of the assisted and unassisted shipping records of Public Record Office Victoria found only one record of a Mr and Mrs Warburton with a child sailing to Australia between 1839 and 1923. No record specifically mentions Robert Warburton, and those that mention Mary Warburton do not display the age anywhere near our Mary's birth year or show she arrived either alone or with a Warburton male other than Robert. The manifest of the ship *Brevet* shows Mr and Mrs Warburton and a female child on that ship. There is a discrepancy in the ages of Mr and Mrs Warburton and that of Robert and Mary. The manifest has Mr Warburton aged 30, making him born ca. 1824, and Mrs Warburton aged 26, born ca. 1828. Robert was born in 1821 and Mary in 1833. The discrepancy cannot be explained; however, it is more than likely that the ship's manifest refers to our ancestors as it is the only record available. A search of NSW's shipping records found no record of Robert and Mary arriving in that colony.

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**PASSENGERS' LIST.**  
(Referred to in the 6th Section of the Colonial Passengers' Act.)

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LIST of the PASSENGERS who have arrived at this Port of *Melbourne* on the *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* 1854, from *Liverpool* on board the *Brevet* ship, *Robertson* Master, 1279 Tons Register.

	NAMES OF PASSENGERS	AGES								State whether British Subjects or Foreigners
		ADULTS.				CHILDREN.				
		Married.		Single.		14-1.		Infants.		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Number of superficial Feet in Passengers' Deck.	<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Godby &amp; Family</i>	40	36					15		<i>Infant</i>
Greatest number of statute Adults, exclusive of Master, Crew, and Cabin Passengers, the Ship can legally carry.	<i>Mr. J. Christian</i>				42					
	<i>3 Princes</i>				30					
	<i>1 Prince</i>				31					
	<i>Miss Prince</i>				- 25					
	<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Warburton &amp; infant</i>	30	26							1

*Extract from the passenger list of The Brevet showing the Warburtons arriving in Melbourne on 26 June 1854. Their entry is at the bottom*

The Warburton family, as it then was, left its home town of Altrincham and sailed from Liverpool on the ship, *Brevet*, arriving in Melbourne on 26 June 1854 to start

a new life.<sup>1, 2</sup> At that stage, Emily Jane was the only child. Her sibling, Susannah, was born in October 1854, therefore, Mary was pregnant with her during the passage to Australia, which would have made her voyage more uncomfortable than the ‘normal’ roughness of a trip to Australia at that time as outlined in the above chapter.



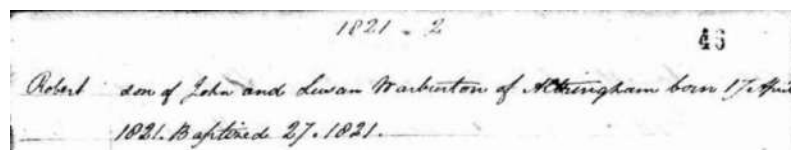
*Married couples' accommodation in steerage, by unknown artist, taken from Illustrated London News, 13 April 1844. Source: Museum Victoria*

Article showing Brevet (sixth line) arriving at Port of Melbourne on 26 June 1854. Maitland Mercury And Hunter River General Advertiser. 7 July 1854

MELBOURNE — ARRIVALS. — JUNE 24 — *Cynthia*, from Newcastle (N.S.W.); *Eblana*, from Liverpool. 25. *Alster*, from California 8th April; *Albert Franklin*, from New York 22nd March; *Glenroy*, from Glasgow 18th March. 26. *Brevet*, from Liverpool; *Kirkman*, Finlay, from Greenock; *William Barry Brown*, from Morpeth.

## The early Warburtons

**E**MILY JANE'S PARENTS married on 10 June 1852 in the Established Church, Bowdon in the county of Chester.<sup>3</sup> Her father Robert, was born on 17 April 1821 at Cheshire England.



*Record of Robert's birth and baptism<sup>4</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> It is mentioned in Mary Hogan's hand-written notes that Robert Warburton came out on the *Golden Era* in June 1854. A search of the Victorian Public Records Office records does not show any R Warburtons coming to Australia on that ship


<sup>2</sup> See Appendix 5 for a description of Altrincham

<sup>3</sup> The Established Church was a creature of the *Schism Act* 1714 (13 Ann., c.7). This was an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain that stipulated that anyone who wished to keep a public or private school, or act as tutor, must first be granted a licence from a bishop. Also, he must conform to the liturgy of the Church of England and to have taken in the past year the rites of that Church. Source: [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

<sup>4</sup> England & Wales Non-Conformist and Non-Parochial Registers 1567-1970. Source: [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

He was 30 years of age at the time of his marriage and was a railway station clerk living in Altrincham.<sup>5</sup> Emily's mother, Mary Hulme was born on 20 June 1833 in Timperley, Cheshire.<sup>6</sup> She was residing in Timperley at the time of the marriage, presumably with her parents as her father, John Hulme, was a farmer in that village at that time. He was born in 1811 in Stockport, Cheshire, and his wife, Mary (nee Potts) was born in 1807 at Stockport.<sup>7</sup>

certified by authority of the Registrar General

**CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF MARRIAGE**  
Pursuant to the  **Marriage Act 1949**

Registration District *Bucklow*

Marriage solemnized at *Bowdon Church* in the *County of Chester*

No.	When married	Name and surname	Age	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence at time of marriage	Father's name and surname	Rank or profession of
10 <sup>th</sup>	June	<i>Robert Warburton</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Stationer Clerk</i>	<i>Altrincham</i>	<i>John Warburton</i>	<i>Publican</i>
1852		<i>Mary Hulme</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Timperley</i>	<i>John Hulme</i>	<i>Farmer</i>

Married in the *Parish Church of Bowdon* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by *Licence* by *J. No. 200/1*

This marriage was solemnized between us, *Robert Warburton* in the presence of us, *Henry Selous Jnr* *Maria Selous*

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody.

*B Jones* Deputy Superintendent Registrar  
12 JAN 1993

NOTE.—It is an offence to falsify a certificate or to make or knowingly use a false certificate or a copy of a certificate intending it to be accepted as genuine to the prejudice of any person, or to possess a certificate using it to be false without lawful authority.

*Certified extract of entry of marriage between Emily's parents, Robert Warburton and Mary (nee Hulme) on 10 June 1852*

Robert Warburton's parents (Emily Jane's grandparents), John (born 1785) and Susannah (nee Martin) (born ca.1792 at Bolton, Lancashire) were married on 18 October 1817.<sup>8</sup> John died on 12 January 1835, aged 49 years. He appears to have changed occupations during his life: at the time of his marriage he was a gardener, and by the time Robert was born, and on his death, he was an innkeeper (although the affidavit on p.24 suggests he was still a gardener).

Robert had a sister, also named Susannah (born 24 August 1823), brothers, John (born 13 March 1826) and Alfred (born 1 May 1832).<sup>9</sup> The child, John, died on 8 October 1827, and is buried with his parents.

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<sup>5</sup> [www.ancestry.com.au](http://www.ancestry.com.au) Compare this with his age as stated on the passenger list which says he was 30 in 1854, thus 28 at the time of his marriage

<sup>6</sup> Timperley is approximately 11 km southwest of Manchester. The name Timperley derives from Timber Leah, the Anglo-Saxon (Old English) for a "clearing in a wood". This can be used to roughly date the settlement of Timperley to between the 7th and 8th centuries. Source: [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

<sup>7</sup> The dates of birth of John and Mary Hulme were provided by Shane Kirne, great grandson of Emily Jane Bourke (nee Warburton)

<sup>8</sup> Her name is recorded on her marriage certificate as Susanna, while her gravestone has it as Susannah, as do the 1841 and 1851 censuses and the 1843 indenture notice (p.29)

<sup>9</sup> Information provided by Church of Modern Day Saints ('the Mormons') 20 September 1994, although his sister is recorded as Sarah. That is probably a typographical error. Information on Arthur's birth date: [https://www.ancestry.com.au](http://www.ancestry.com.au)

MARRIAGES solemnized in the Parish of Bowdon  
in the County of Chester in the Year 1817

John Warburton Gardner of this Parish  
and Susanna Martin of this Parish

were married in this Church by Banne with Consent of  
this eighteenth Day of  
October in the Year One thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

By me James Lewis Viner

This Marriage was solemnized between us { John Warburton  
Susanna Martin

In the Presence of { Hugo Worthington  
James Sumner J. R.

No. 232.

*John and Susannah Warburton's wedding certificate. It shows they were both 'of this parish' meaning they were living in the area of the Bowdon parish in 1817*

John made his Will, dated 28 October 1817, just 10 days after their marriage, leaving everything to his wife, Susannah. On his death in 1835, Susannah deposed in a sworn statement on 9 April 1835 that the personal effects were under the value of £600.<sup>10</sup>

This is the last Will and Testament  
of me John Warburton of Altringham in  
the County of Chester Gardner  
whereby I give and bequeath unto my  
dear Wife Susannah all my personal  
estate and effects wheresoever and wheresoever  
to and for her own use and benefit and  
I appoint her sole Executrix of this  
my Will In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand this twenty  
eighth day of October one thousand eight  
hundred and seventeen.

Signed published and  
declared by the said  
John Warburton as and  
for his last Will and Testament  
in the presence of me—  
Hugo Worthington

John Warburton

*The last Will of John Warburton dated  
28 October 1817, leaving his entire  
estate to his wife, Susannah*

<sup>10</sup> This is the equivalent to being no more than £74,265 at the time of publication. Source: <http://www.in2013dollars.com/UK-inflation> This equates to \$A135,580. How much the estate was actually worth is unknown, however, it is likely it was near that amount



The ninth day of April 1835  
 Susannah Warburton, the sole Executrix in this Will named  
 was sworn in common form, and she further made oath  
 that the personal Estate and Effects of the Testator within  
 the Diocese of Chester, were under the value of Six  
 Hundred Pounds, before me  
 The Testator died the  
 nineteenth day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1835.  
 Wilbraham Bootle Guest B. & S.  
 Surrogate  
 Probate issued  
 Dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1835

Susannah Warburton deposing on 9 April 1835 that her husband's estate is worth no more than £600. This document says John died on 19 January. Compare this with his headstone which says 12 January (p.29)

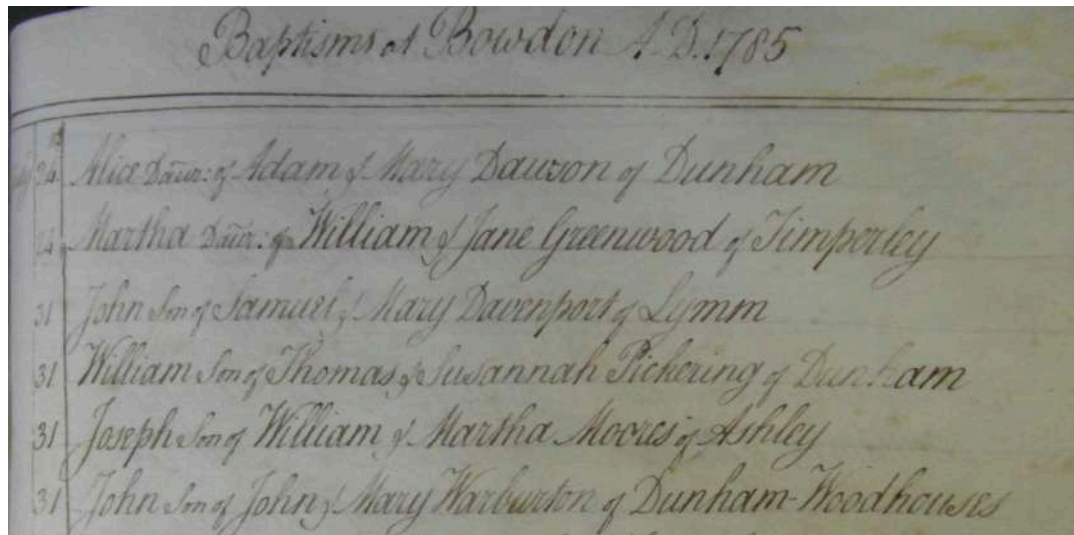
The twenty second day of April 1835  
 Appeared personally William Chuley of Altrincham  
 Gentleman, and being sworn upon the Holy  
 Gospels made oath that he knew and was well  
 acquainted with the manner and character of the  
 handwriting of John Warburton late of Altrincham  
 in the County of Chester Gentleman deceased, having  
 frequently seen him write and that the name  
 John Warburton set and subscribed to the Paper  
 Writing hereto annexed purporting to be the Last Will  
 and Testament of the said John Warburton bearing  
 date the twenty eighth day of October 1834  
 as the deponent verily believes of the proper  
 handwriting of the said John Warburton  
 Before me  
 Wilbraham Bootle Guest, B. & S.  
 Surrogate

Deposition of William Chuley dated 22 April 1835 stating that he knew John Warburton, and that the handwriting and signature in the Will is that of John

John's father, Emily Jane's great-grandfather, also named John, was born in 1763 in Cheshire and died in 1791 in Bowdon. His wife, Mary (nee Brunderett), was also

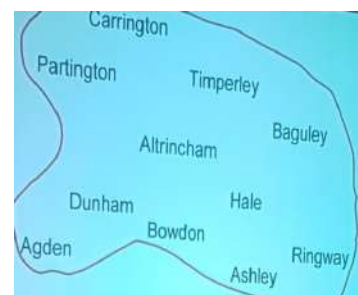
born in Cheshire. No other information is known of them.<sup>11</sup> Attempts to find further details of John and Mary, in particular, such as dates of birth, etc., has proved fruitless as the area covered by the Church of England Parish of Bowdon (St Mary's) where it is likely they lived in, was unusually large at one time.<sup>12, 13</sup>

There is St George's Church in Altrincham built in the 1790s (which still exists) but that was a 'chapel of ease' for the Bowdon parish, which meant the people of Altrincham and further north could travel to church there more easily but they still had to be married and baptised in Bowdon. St George's did not have its own parish until 1860. The Warburtons may have gone to either church to worship but St George's was closer. St George's does have a burial ground but it may have only been used from 1860 onwards.<sup>14</sup>



*Baptism entry for John Warburton (Emily Jane's grandfather), dated 31 July 1785 (bottom entry)*

*Hand-drawn map showing all the towns and villages the parish of Bowdon covered until 1852 when new parishes started to be created out of the Bowdon parish area as the population increased dramatically with the coming of the railway. Drawn by Derrick Murdie of Altrincham (Derrick uncovered the grave of John and Susannah at St Mary's Church, Bowden. See pp. 28-9)*



<sup>11</sup> Information on Emily Jane's great grandparents, John and Mary Warburton, was provided by Shane Kirne

<sup>12</sup> Email from Altrincham Heritage, Altrincham and Bowdon Civic Society, 6 July 2019

<sup>13</sup> Email from Derrick Murdie, 11 October 2019. Derrick is the 'keeper of the church records' at Bowdon: *In the 18<sup>th</sup> century the churches were the main keepers of births, marriages and deaths and a national system was not instituted until 1836 as I understand the situation. The records for Bowdon Parish which in those days covered an area about 12 miles by 6 miles [19.3km by 9.7km] of a largely farming area with a sparse population. Just outside this parish is the village called Warburton, and the surname Warburton is the most common one in our graveyard. John and Susanna are both shown as living in this parish. From his gravestone it seems that John was born about 1785. John and Mary Warburton of Dunham Woodhouses on 31 July 1785 baptised a son with the name John. These were possibly his parents. No trace can be found of the baptism for a Susanna Martin.*

<sup>14</sup> Email from Altrincham Heritage, Altrincham and Bowdon Civic Society dated 6 July 2019, *op cit*

# Innkeepers

**T**HE WARBURTONS WERE innkeepers at the *George & Dragon Inn*, 22 Manchester Road, Altrincham. The Warburton name is recorded as the innkeeper from 1821/2 until 1852; James Warburton was the innkeeper from 1821/2 to 1830 when it was taken over by Thomas Warburton. He handed it to Emily Jane's grandfather, John, in 1834 and then Susannah took over in 1836 after John's death the previous year. Susannah held the licence until 1852 when the 40-year Warburton relationship with the inn ended. It is possible, indeed probable, that the first two Warburtons – James and Thomas – are related to John, however, how is not known.

*George and Dragon Hotel*  
Date: not known<sup>15</sup>



## George & Dragon 22 Manchester Road

This inn, with the Wheatsheaf opposite, lies at the narrow end of Church Street at the former northern entrance to Altrincham Town. Before this stretch of road was called Church Street after St. George's Church, it was known as Turnpike Road and coaches stopped on their way between Manchester,



*The George & Dragon (Altrincham Image Archive)*

Knutsford and Northwich. In 1874 landlord Albert Septimus Cox seemed to also run some kind of vet practice, and be a member of RCVS. He cared for sick horses and dogs in 1878

*Excerpt from Three centuries of Public Houses in Altrincham by Hilda Bayliss, an Altrincham History Society publication. In it, John and Susan Warburton are listed as the licensees of the George and Dragon between 1834 and 1852*

### Coaches in 1820

To	Time	Days	Service
Manchester	8am	All except Sun	Nettle
Northwich	6pm	Ditto	Nettle

Omnibus: Manchester to Knutsford 4pm, Knutsford to Manchester 8:15am

### Licensees

1821	Richard Hargreaves
1821/2	James Warburton
1830	Thomas Warburton
1834	John Warburton
1836	Susan Warburton
1852	James Bell
1855	John Batchelor
1857	John Batchelor

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid*



*Susannah hosts the anniversary of the Earl of Stamford Lodge of the independent Order of Odd Fellows: Manchester Courier and Lancaster General Advertiser, Saturday, 14 August 1841*

ALTRINCHAM.—ANNIVERSARY OF THE EARL OF STAMFORD LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.—On Monday, August 2nd, the members of the above named lodge assembled at the house of Mrs. Warburton, of the George and Dragon, to commemorate their ninth anniversary. The brothers of this philanthropic society met at 10 o'clock, and after visiting the mansion of E. J. Lloyd, Esq., Oldfield Hall, proceeded to St. George's Church, where an excellent and appropriate discourse was delivered by the Rev. W. C. B. Cave, M.A., from Mark, ix. c., 50 v. On leaving the church the procession perambulated the streets of Altrincham, and continued their route to the Loyal Helsby Lodge, Timperley, where they partook of refreshments, provided by the host of that lodge. Thence they proceeded to the George and Dragon, where upwards of 250 members sat down to a most sumptuous and plentiful dinner, prepared by their worthy hostess, Mrs. Warburton. The cloth being removed, Wm. Wilson, Esq., (surgeon to the lodge,) was unanimously called to the chair, supported on his right by the Rev. W. C. B. Cave and Brother Mort, and on his left by C. S. Bate and P. G. Yearsley; Brother Scott, of Dunham, officiated as vice-chairman, when the following toasts and sentiments were given:—"Our most beloved Sovereign the Queen;" three times three. Band—"God save the Queen." "Prince Albert;" three times three. Band—"Prince Albert's March." Song—"All's well." "Princess Royal;" three times three. Band—"Hail Star of Brunswick." "Queen Dowager and Royal Family;" three times three. Band—"Hail smiling morn." "The Right Hon. the Earl of Stamford and Warrington;" three times three. Band—"We shall never see the like again." Song, Brother Leach—"Old English Gentleman." "Lord Grey de Groby and Dunham Family." Band—"The Juvenile March." The chairman gave "The health of the Rev. W. C. B. Cave;" three times three; which was responded to in a very highly flattering speech. Band—"Church of England." "Army and Navy." Band—"Rule Britannia." "Success and Prosperity to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows;" Mr. Mort responded to the toast. The reverend gentleman then proposed "The health of Mr. W. Wilson, their much respected Chairman," and also made some pleasing comments on his private and professional character, which were received with great applause. The chairman acknowledged the toast in a very neat speech. "The Vice-chairman." "The Past and Present Officers of the Earl of Stamford Lodge;" P. G. Jackson responded to the toast. "Our much respected Hostess."—After several other toasts and sentiments had been given, the reverend gentleman retired amidst great cheering. The wives and sweethearts of the Odd Fellows were then admitted, and dancing and singing were kept up until a late hour, when the company returned home, highly gratified with the proceedings of the day.

The 1841 census shows that Susannah is an inn-keeper at Sandiway Head, Bowdon, Altrincham. With her on the night of the census is her son Robert (aged 20), her daughter Susannah (14) and Alfred (11). Their other son, John, had died on 8 October 1827, aged just 19 months. A number of guests at her inn were also present on that census evening. This suggests the inn is at Sandiway Head.

Manchester Road, where *The George & Dragon* is located, is not what the locals would call Bowdon as it is situated in the north of Altrincham. However, looking at Susannah Warburton's entry on the 1841 census, the addresses that are listed close to Susannah's address in the census are in the north, so perhaps it was a transcription error. No other Susannah Warburtons or anyone with a similar name is listed in Altrincham in 1841 so the Susannah Warburton at the *George and Dragon Inn* is the correct person.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>16</sup> Email 22 May 2019 from Sonia Llewellyn, Local Studies Advisor, Trafford Local Studies, Trafford Council



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City or Borough of \_\_\_\_\_

Parish or Township of Altrincham

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Enumeration Schedule.

PLACE	HOUSES Number of Inhabited	NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
			Male	Female		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in England, Wales, or Foreign Parts.
de	1	John Warburton	20		Iron		
		John do	15		do		
de	1	Susannah Warburton	48		Innkeeper		
		Robert do	20				
		Susannah do	24				
		Alfred do	10				
		Hugh Thompson	35		do		
		James Smith	15		do		
		William Smith	16		do		
		John Radford	57		do		
		John Puffley	85		do		
		James Coombes	25		do		
		Bligh Warburton	10		do		

*1841 census showing Susannah as an inn-keeper, with her children Robert, Susannah and Alfred*

Susannah became the innkeeper of the *George & Dragon* upon John's death. The 1851 census shows changes to the family structure. Robert, then aged 29 years, is the head of the premises in Stockport Road, Altrincham in the Parish of Bowdon. With him is his mother, Susannah, who is now recorded as a widow, and her son, Alfred. It is not known where her daughter, Susannah, is that night as she is not recorded as being with her mother and siblings. It is possible, that as she was aged 24, she was married. The premises had two guests with the Warburtons that day. Initially, it was assumed that the number in the far-left column of the 1851 was the house number. However, it is the census schedule number rather than the house number on Stockport Road. Looking back at previous census pages, the number does not start back at 1 for Stockport Road but rather continues on from the previous road. Unfortunately, Trafford Council does not have a map of the area from 1851 so it is not possible to identify the house.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>17</sup> Email 25 May 2019 from Sonia Llewellyn, Local Studies Advisor, Trafford Local Studies, Trafford Council

Parish or Township of		Ecclesiastical District of		Urban Borough of		Town of		Village of	
Boulton		Altrincham		Altrincham					
No. of House	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf, or Lame
					Males	Females			
107	Stockport Road	Thomas Hurst	Head		40		Labourer	Altrincham	
		George do	Son		20			do do	
		Margaret Basson	Servant				House, servant	do do	
		Thomas Hurst	Son		12			do do	
		Susannah do	Head		49		Washwoman	do do	
		Arthur do	Son		19		Washwoman	do do	
		John do	Son		17		Washwoman	do do	
		Mary do	Son		15		Washwoman	do do	
		Elizabeth do	Son		13		Washwoman	do do	
		Thomas do	Son		11		Washwoman	do do	
		William do	Son		9		Washwoman	do do	
		John do	Son		7		Washwoman	do do	
		Elizabeth do	Son		5		Washwoman	do do	
		Thomas do	Son		3		Washwoman	do do	

1851 census showing the Warburton household at Stockport Road Altrincham. The number 107 refers to the census schedule number, not the street number



Trafford Council does not have a 1851 map of Altrincham with Stockport Road. This 1876 map is the closest to that period.

Susannah may have just finished as an innkeeper in the 1851 census as no occupation is recorded against her name even though she has been recorded as being the innkeeper until 1852. For some unknown reason she is recorded as assigning all her personal estate and effects to an un-named trustee by indenture in May 1843.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>18</sup> An *indenture* is a legal contract that reflects or covers a debt or purchase obligation. It specifically refers to two types of practices: in historical usage, an *indentured* servant status, and in modern usage, it is an instrument used for commercial debt or real estate transaction.



The London Gazette, 30 May 1843, p. 1794, showing that Susannah has assigned all of her personal estate to an unnamed trustee

**W**HEREAS Susannah Warburton, of Altrincham, in the county of Chester, Publican, hath by indenture of assignment, bearing date the 8th day of May 1843, assigned over all her personal estate and effects to a trustee therein named for the general benefit of such of her creditors as shall execute the same indenture, or duly assent thereto, on or before the 19th day of June next; notice is hereby given, that the said indenture now lies at the office of Mr. Edward Lees, Solicitor, No. 99, Fountain-street, Manchester, for the inspection and execution of her creditors, and those who neglect to execute or assent to the same within the time limited will be excluded from all benefit arising therefrom.

Susannah died on 17 May 1858, aged 66. John Bourke, great-grandson of Michael and Emily, and his wife Sheila, found the grave of John and Susannah Warburton in 2014 with the help of Derrick Murdie, the 'keeper of the church records' at Bowdon Church but had no luck with locating the grave of John and Mary (nee Potts) Hulme, Emily's maternal grandparents. There is no record of them being buried at Bowdon so nearby Timperley was tried with no success. The names are very common in the area, with 23 John Warburtons buried at Bowdon at the time. There is a park at the intersection of Warburton Road and Hulme Drive.



Gravestone of John and Susannah in the cemetery attached to Bowdon Church. Buried with John and Susannah is their son, John, aged 19 months



*John and Susannah's gravestone being uncovered by Derrick Murdie, the 'keeper of the church records' at Bowdon Church under the watchful eye of Sheila Bourke. In the background is the church where they were married*



*This is the font in the Bowdon church at which Emily Jane was possibly baptised*



*The intersection of Warburton Way and Hulme Drive, Altrincham. Were the streets named after our ancestors, or a branch of them?*

## ***Emily Jane and her siblings***

**E**MILY JANE HAD a short, albeit eventful, life. She was born on 8 February 1853 in Altrincham, the first of seven children,<sup>19</sup> arrived in Australia at the age of one, married at 18 and had her first of 14 children in the same year, made the major shift to Narioka in 1878 and died when she was just 36 years old in 1889. Unfortunately, no known photo of Emily is available, although there is one of her sister, Susannah, born some 20 months later. The only description we have of Emily Jane is at the time of her death, when she was described by

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<sup>19</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LZFT-LFW>

Professor H.H. Allen, who performed the autopsy on her body that she was a “stout, flabby woman with a weak heart.”<sup>20</sup> Having fourteen babies and pregnant with her fifteenth child at the time of her death in the eighteen years of her marriage would surely have contributed to her body shape.

*Susannah, Emily Jane’s sister.  
The date of the photo is not known,  
although it was probably taken  
when she was in her 30s, at about  
the time of Emily Jane’s death.  
Were Emily Jane and Susannah  
similar in facial appearance?*<sup>21</sup>



Emily Jane’s siblings were:

- Susannah was born on 17 October 1854. She married Leonard Shelford Bidwell on 30 November 1873, and they had eight children. Susannah died on 8 December 1898, aged 44 years;
- John Alfred died as a child, aged two. He was born in 1857, and died in 1859;
- John Archer also died young, aged six years. He was born in 1859, and died on 1 November 1865 while yabbing in a local creek;<sup>22</sup>
- Eliza was born on 28 July 1860. She married Samuel Hunt in 1887, and died on 16 September 1924, aged 64 years. She had three children;
- George Alfred was born on 5 September 1864. He married Jane (nee Williams) in 1899, and died in 1944 at the age of 80 years of age. There were four children of this union;
- Lucy Maud was born on 26 May 1868 and died on 15 August 1954 at Kyabram at the good age of 86. It is not known when (or whether) she married.

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<sup>20</sup> *The Nathalia Herald*, 14 November 1889

<sup>21</sup> Photo provided by Loretta Krelle, Emily Jane’s great grand-daughter, courtesy of Warburton descendants, Peter Reid and Fiona Telleson

<sup>22</sup> John Archer’s inquest brief may be viewed at <http://access.prov.vic.gov.au/public/veo-download?objectId=090fe273823cc237&format=pdf&docTitle=WaubertonJohnArcher1865980Male&encodingId=Revision-2-Document-1-Encoding-1-DocumentData>

Alternatively, in a search engine, type: ‘PROV Inquests’, then enter the details: John Archer Wauberton (the name is recorded incorrectly) and the year: 1865

Registration District <u>Altrincham</u>										
1853. BIRTHS in the Sub-District of <u>Altrincham</u> in the <u>County of Chester</u> .										
Column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
135	<u>1853</u> <u>February</u> <u>Altrincham</u>	<u>Emily</u> <u>Warburton</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Robert</u> <u>Warburton</u>	<u>Mary</u> <u>Warburton</u> <u>formerly</u> <u>Hebble</u>	<u>Railway</u> <u>Station</u> <u>Master</u>	<u>Robert Warburton</u> <u>Father</u> <u>11, St. Asaph Road</u> <u>Altrincham</u>	<u>1853</u>	<u>James</u> <u>Wardwell</u> <u>Registrar</u>	

*Emily Jane's birth certificate*

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>Bowdon</u> in the County of <u>Chester</u> in the Year 1853						
When Baptized	Child's Christian Name	Parents Name		Name	Quality, Trade, or Profession	By whom the Ceremony was performed
		Groom	Bride			
1853. June 12 No. 2073.	<u>William</u> <u>&amp;</u> <u>Martha</u>	<u>Robert</u> <u>Warburton</u>	<u>Martha</u> <u>Warburton</u>	<u>Altrincham</u> <u>Station</u> <u>Master</u>	<u>James</u> <u>Wardwell</u> <u>Registrar</u>	<u>James</u> <u>Wardwell</u> <u>Clergy</u>
June 13 No. 2074.	<u>Emily</u> <u>&amp;</u> <u>Mary</u>	<u>Robert</u> <u>Warburton</u>	<u>Mary</u> <u>Warburton</u>	<u>Altrincham</u> <u>Station</u> <u>Master</u>	<u>James</u> <u>Wardwell</u> <u>Registrar</u>	<u>James</u> <u>Wardwell</u> <u>Clergy</u>

*Emily Jane's Baptism record showing she was baptised on 13 June 1853, four months after her birth*

*Emily's signature on her wedding certificate in 1870*

*Emily Jane Warburton*

*Her signature in 1872 in her deposition into son Andrew's death*

*Emily Bowker*

## What happened to the Warburtons?

I KNOW LESS of Robert and Mary Warburton between the time of Michael and Emily's marriage and their deaths than I do of their ancestors, although I do know the Warburtons were a pioneering family in the Glenluce district in central Victoria, so more research is required into the Warburtons after their arrival in Australia. It appears Robert Warburton maintained his parents' occupation of



innkeeper, as in 1862, he was the lessee of *Waterloo Hotel* at Bald Hill near Vaughan.<sup>23</sup> At the time of the death of his son John Archer, three years later in 1865, Robert stated in his coronial deposition that he was a miner, living at Green Gully, Glenlyon. At some stage he selected ground at Glenluce on the east side of Loddon River just before the approach to Mason's Crossing. A bridge erected by Mount Alexander Shire Council became known as Warburton's Bridge. At some unknown point of time, Robert purchased land and moved to Drummond North. His probate papers show he had five allotments totalling 55 acres.<sup>24</sup> They were fenced and contained a four-roomed weatherboard house.<sup>25</sup> Emily's parents both died in Malmsbury; Robert on 14 March 1897 and Mary, five months earlier on 15 October 1896. They are buried at the Castlemaine cemetery, located in nearby Campbell's Creek.<sup>26, 27</sup>

Emily Jane's brother, George, remained at Glenluce on the family farm, marrying Jane Williams in 1899, who was a daughter of the neighbouring Williams family. Her sister Susannah lived in Malmsbury after marrying Leonard Bidwell; while her other two sisters, Eliza and Lucy, moved to Kyabram, where it appears they maintained a close relationship with Emily Jane and the children. In fact, Emily Jane's family appears to have played an important part in the naming of her children, with three – John, Lucy and Eliza – having the same names as Emily Jane's siblings.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Robert Warburton' in a cursive script.

*Robert Warburton's signature on his deposition at the inquest into the death of his son John, who died while yabbing at a local creek at Glenlyon*

*The grave of Robert and Mary Warburton, Emily Jane's parents, together with their second son named John Archer, aged 6 years. They are buried at the Castlemaine cemetery located at nearby Campbell's Creek*



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<sup>23</sup> *A History of Glenluce*, Ken James, self published. 2020, p.179

<sup>24</sup> Equivalent to 22 hectares

<sup>25</sup> *A History of Glenluce*, *Ibid*

<sup>26</sup> Source: [www.ancestry.com.au](http://www.ancestry.com.au)

<sup>27</sup> Discussion with Ian Bidwell 11 December 2019. Ian is a great-grandson of Susannah, Emily Jane's sister



*Warburtons Bridge (above and right) is named after our Warburton family, who had an adjoining farm. It is located within a bend of the scenic Loddon River in Glenluce. The bridge is located within the Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park, which harbours and protects culturally significant landscape and relics of the Victorian gold rush. The local council erected the bridge's name after a request from the author*



*Warburtons Bridge Campground, next to Warburtons Bridge, is a popular free camp for caravanners and campers*