

**Petition - Requesting the Council to continue to grant them the privilege they have held for many years of killing small stock upon their premises**

**Prayer**

The Mayor and Councillors - City of Bendigo

9.10.96

Sir & Gentlemen

We the undersigned licensed butchers residing and trading within the City Boundary have for some years enjoyed the privilege of killing small stock such as Lambs Sheep and Pigs upon our own premises, this to a certain extent has been looked upon as a right – by reason of your Council issueing to us a yearly license or permit. It is understood that it is your intention this year to withdraw this license or permit which will cause a deal of expense upon us, while at the same time little good can be said to be done in the benefit of the Public Health, it having been in the past as it will be in the future the aim of the butchers to make any necessary alterations and repairs to ensure the complete sanitation of their premises.

We would therefore respectfully request that you will as heretofore continue to grant us the privilege we have held for many years of killing small stock upon our own premises and not cause us the expense of erecting premises outside the City Boundary which will become a burden upon our businessess

We Remain

Gentlemen

Yours faithfully

**Notes**

**9 October 1896- Butchers**

This petition, with only 13 signatures, is valuable because it captured the names of these local Butchers' businesses in 1896, three of whom- Schleiger, Heinz and Roberts- had performed their trade since the 1860s. This longevity may explain them stating, in the prayer, that they wished to continue to have **“the privilege we have held for many years of killing small stock upon our own premises.”** A Chinese butcher, Ah Gan, is also captured in this document.

The two Heinz signatures- widow (F. Heinz) and son (C. Heinz) - tell the story of this family butcher's business continuing after its founder, Conrad Heinz, died prematurely in February 1896. There is clear evidence to support this theory.

1. Amongst the signatures to the earlier September 1896 Stock owners and Butchers' petition was that of “Sons late Cd Heinz”.

2. Mrs. F. Heinz's signature in her May 1896 mourning letter to Council perfectly matches the signature of F. Heinz which appears in this petition.

3. Early in 1897, Mrs. Heinz applied to Bendigo Council for a renewal of her slaughter license.

**(Mrs. Heinz to Council, 14 May 1896, Box 43; Applications to Council, December 1896-18 February 1897, Box 45, Sandhurst-Bendigo Inwards Correspondence, BRAC.)**

Page	Surname	First name	Address	Occupation
1	Weller	J. Henry	Long Gully	Butcher
1	Roberts	J.	White Hills. [Bosquet or Raglan St.]	Butcher
1	Heinz	C	Happy Valley	Butcher
1	Heinz	F	Iron Bark	Butcher

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2	Robertson	David	High St Golden Square	Butcher
2	Schleiger	Charles	White Hills Hamlet	Butcher
2	Neumann	Bernhard	High Street	Butcher
2	Jackson & Grenfell		Long Gully	Butcher
2	Cock	Joseph	Long Gully	Butcher
2	Nolen	L. P.	High St., Golden Square	Butcher
2	Read	Henry J.	High Street	Butcher
2	Gan	A. H.	Emu Point	Butcher
2	Hands	J. H.	Forest St.,	Butcher

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- ✓ J. H. Hands Forest St.

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J. H. Weller & 12 other  
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Reported to Committee

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