

Background

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Elizabeth followed her convict husband to Australia with the first 3 children. She arrived on the 11 Mar 1831 on the 'Kains' which sailed from England 17 Jul 1830.

Not sure who her parents were. May be John Baker & Sarah Chapman as her granddaughter married one of John & Sarah's G grandson in Tumut.

Originally believe Elizabeth to be the granddaughter of George Rivers, a Baron but looks unlikely.

Came to Australia as an assisted passage aboard a convict ship (Kains) to join her husband. Elizabeth was killed when the cart she was in overturned on the road between Marulan and Goulburn near the Shelly farm. She lies in an unmarked grave about 1 to 2 miles south of present day Picton NSW (maybe Taralga).

Goulburn, NSW: A burial certificate Number 880 Vol. 20 has been found for an Elizabeth Harris, aged 31 years, wife of a ticket of leave holder. It has been assumed that this is Elizabeth Baker, the first wife of Jonathon. No other matching record has been found. A note found with the original publication of banns for Jonathan's marriage to Ann Grubb by Wm Shelly, master of Jonathan, states that his wife died four years last March. This note is dated 16/9/1840 and is consistent with the burial certificate above. This note is filed with the burial certificate Document Harris 0008.

• Burial

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There is an entry in the "Bungonia and District Cemetery and Burial Records" book compiled by Moira McGinity and Ann Smith in sections 3 for "People buried in the Cemetery whose grave sites are unknown" that states..

Elizabeth Harris age 31 years Died 3/4/1836 abode Bungonia Maiden name Baker. Remarks. Source is a letter from Eric Betts. Elizabeth's death was not verified until 16/9/1840. Her Husband Jonathon was a ticket of leave holder. There are also entries for this family in the Goulburn Pioneer register. One which states that Elizabeth's daughter Sophia had lived around Goulburn all her life.

The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser (NSW : 1803-1842),
Saturday 2 April 1836, page 2

DREADFUL ACCIDENT—On Wednesday last, as a cart containing a woman and infant child, driven by a lad the son of the woman, was proceeding from Bong Bong to Campbelltown on the way to the market, the lad allowed the horse to swerve from the road, and coming on a ridge capsized it, when awful to relate, the woman fell under the cart, and was crushed to death; the feelings of the lad, who was unable to raise the cart from off his dying parent can be better imagined than portrayed. Sometime after, the mail passing, rendered all the assistance possible, but the hand of death had marked the unfortunate woman for his victim; all aid was vain; the child, strange to say, escaped uninjured. A coroner's inquest was convened at the time our informant left Campbelltown.

