

Family research

Sarah Ann Reed 1844 - 1932

Michael James Brennan 1843 - 1908

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1863 Brennan Reed family

Births Search Results

	Name	Registration Number	Father's Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	District
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN SARAH E	7949/1864	MICHAEL	SARAH A	DUBBO
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN FRANCES E	5217/1865	MICHAEL	SARAH A	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN ISABELLA M M	6186/1869	MICHAEL	SARAH A	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN VICTORIA PRUDENCE	7398/1870	MICHAEL	SARAH ANN	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN WILLIAM J	7580/1872	MICHAEL	SARAH A	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN MARY JANE H	8147/1874	MICHAEL	SARAH ANN	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN JOSEPHINE W	8924/1877	MICHAEL	SARAH A	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN ANNIE	9680/1878	MICHAEL	SARAH A	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN MICHAEL JAMES	11955/1881	MICHAEL	SARAH ANN	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN ALFRED I	14902/1884	MICHAEL	SARAH A	BOURKE
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<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN EMELINE	5670/1867	MICHAEL	SARAH A	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN ISABELLA M M	6186/1869	MICHAEL	SARAH A	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN ALBERT T	7498/1893	WILLIAM H	MARGARET A	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN ELLEN	14832/1884	JAMES	MAGGIE	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN EDITH	17125/1888	JAMES	MARTHA M	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN FREDERICK	16976/1888		ELLEN	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN MABEL M	7178/1894		ELLEN	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN MABEL M	7178/1894		ELLEN	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN ESTER	10919/1900		SARAH E	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/>	? BRENNAN LOUIS T	20020/1897	RICHARD	AMELIA J	BOURKE

Marriages Search Results

Registration Number	Groom's Family Name	Groom's Given Name(s)	Bride's Family Name(s)	Bride's Given Name(s)	District
<input type="checkbox"/> 18/1863	BRENNAN	MICHAEL	REED	SARAH ANN	SYDNEY

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Registration Number	Groom's Family Name	Groom's Given Name(s)	Bride's Family Name(s)	Bride's Given Name(s)	District	PDF availability
<input type="checkbox"/> 8734/1914	BRENNAN	ALFRED J	WOOD	BERTHA J F	BOURKE	Unavailable
<input type="checkbox"/> 825/1904	BRENNAN	MICHAEL J	DYBALL	MABEL	BOURKE	Unavailable
<input type="checkbox"/> 3967/1883	BRENNAN	FRANCIS E	JACKSON	FREDK	BOURKE	Unavailable
<input type="checkbox"/> 1775/1872	BRENNAN	WILLIAM	ROTHWELL	ELIZABETH	BOURKE	Unavailable

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<input type="checkbox"/> 771/1895	COSTELLO	JAMES P	BRENNAN	JOSEPHINE W	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/> 2380/1893	HUDSON	JAMES C	BRENNAN	VICTORIA P	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/> 2778/1891	MATHEWS	CHARLES D	BRENNAN	ISABELLA M M	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/> 2634/1894	HUCKLE	ALBERT J	BRENNAN	MARY H	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/> 4138/1887	HARDING	JOHN S	BRENNAN	EMALINE	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/> 3735/1882	FREEMAN	EDWARD JAMES	BRENNAN	SARAH ELLEN	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/> 2160/1876	CRANE	CHARLES	BRENNAN	JOHANNAH	BOURKE

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BRENNAN, Michael

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BRENNAN Michael James (cont)

Eleven children, including the following:- Isabella Maud Mary, born 15/03/1869 West Bourke, married C D Mathews; Alfred John, youngest,

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1885-10/05/47; Frances (robin); Michael born 1883; Mary 1875-30/11/44 (Huckle, Bishop); Josephine Whalen 1872- 10/06/56 (Costelloe, Newman); Jane.

BRENNAN A J (above)

Married Bertha Jane Frances Wood, who died 16/04/29 aged 32. Sporting, fishing, MUIOOF. Died 10/05/47 aged 63. Children:- Eldest daughter Florence Rose, married Colin R L Johnson on 07/ 03/36; Phyllis (Anderson); Ron; Bertha Jean (married Lester Carmichael 12/07/37; Mick married Jean Colley 26/02/44.

BRENNAN Ron (above)

Had "Warraweena" Hotel to 01/06/57

Deaths Search Results

Name	Registration Number	Father's Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	District
<input type="checkbox"/> ? BRENNAN RICHARD	13128/1898	HENRY	ELLEN	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/> ? BRENNAN MATHEW	6111/1883	AGE 31 YEARS	DIED BOURKE	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/> ? BRENNAN ANNIE	4554/1879	MICHAEL	SARAH A	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/> ? BRENNAN JOHN	7511/1886	AGE 47 YEARS	DIED BOURKE	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/> ? BRENNAN WILLIAM J	5134/1876	MICHAEL	SARAH A	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/> ? BRENNAN WILLIAM	3107/1892	PATRICK	BRIDGET	BOURKE

Deaths Search Results

Name	Registration Number	Father's Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	District
<input type="checkbox"/> ? BRENNAN ALFRED JOHN	12233/1947	MICHAEL JAMES	SARAH ANN	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/> ? BRENNAN SARAH A	9402/1932	JAMES	FRANCES	BOURKE
<input type="checkbox"/> ? BRENNAN BERTHA J	10701/1929	ARTHUR	ROSE	BOURKE

TIMBER LICENSES, &c. (1865, August 14). *New South Wales Government Gazette* (Sydney, NSW : 1832 - 1900), p. 1772. Retrieved February 6, 2022, from

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article225251211>

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page12589696>

Crown Lands Office,
Sydney, 3rd August, 1865.

TIMBER LICENSES, &c.

THE annexed Return, shewing the number of Licenses to cut Timber, &c., on Crown Lands, issued by the Land Agents and Commissioners of Crown Lands of the respective Districts therein named, during the Quarter ending on the 31st March, 1865, is published for general information.

A. O. MORIARTY,
Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands.

DISTRICT.	APPLICANT.	DESCRIPTION OF LICENSE.	FEE PAID.
Do	John Crosby	Hardwood	2 0 0
Do	Christopher Warmbolt	do	2 0 0
Warrego	William Graham	do	2 0 0
Do	Michael Brennan	do	2 0 0
Do	Thomas Burns	do	2 0 0
Do	Edwd. Bourke	do	2 0 0
Do	John Wall	do	2 0 0
Do	James Reid	Cedar and pine	6 0 0

Undated, Volume 11, p223

REED family - Summary, children of James and Frances (Heazle) Sarah Ann. 06/01/1863 married Michael Brennan;

Undated, Volume 9, p40

Reed, Sarah Ann (dtr. of James and Frances REED) born 1847, married on 06/01/1863 Michael BRENNAN, who was born 1844.

1868 0000, Volume 9, p57

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Horses and Cattle. (1868, May 20). *New South Wales Police Gazette and Weekly Record of Crime* (Sydney : 1860 - 1930), p. 157. Retrieved February 6, 2022, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article251749376>
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page27959179>

No.	Date of Report.	Color and Sex.	Wounds and Description.	From whom taken, and under what circumstances.	Name and address of Owner, or to whom information to be given, and reward, if any.
11	28 April	Light grey gelding	JF conjoined near shoulder, 15½ hands high, aged	Bourke, 4th April, 1868	Michael Brennan, Bourke. £25 reward on recovery and conviction; £25 on recovery.

Apprehensions. (1877, October 24). *New South Wales Police Gazette and Weekly Record of Crime* (Sydney : 1860 - 1930), p. 353. Retrieved February 6, 2022, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article252090451>
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page28049110>

Vide Police Gazette, 1873, page 164, 165, and 174.

Edward Palmer, alias Henry Wilmot Davis, charged with stealing a mare, the property of James Cumerford, has been re-arrested by Senior-constable Prior, Wilcannia Police. Discharged. This offender was further charged with stealing a horse, the property of Michael Brennan. Committed for trial.

Government Gazette Notices (1877, November 21). *New South Wales Police Gazette and Weekly Record of Crime* (Sydney : 1860 - 1930), p. 382. Retrieved February 6, 2022, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article251894207>
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page27939337>

RETURN OF PRISONERS TRIED AT THE DIFFERENT CIRCUIT COURTS AND COURTS OF QUARTER SESSIONS, 1877.				
NAME.	OFFENCE.	ON WHOM COMMITTED.	WHERE AND WHEN TRIED.	SENTENCE.
Edward Palmer alias Henry Wilmot Davis.	Horse-stealing	Michael Brennan	do do	12 months hard labour, Bathurst Geol.

PETITION FOR A MUNICIPALITY.—BOURKE. (1878, January 11). *New South Wales Government Gazette* (Sydney, NSW : 1832 - 1900), p. 175. Retrieved February 6, 2022, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article224592818>
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page12757988>

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 11th January, 1878.

PETITION FOR A MUNICIPALITY.—BOURKE.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, directs the publication in accordance with the Municipalities Act of 1867, of the substance and prayer of a petition addressed to His Excellency, and signed by seventy-seven persons, praying that their locality therein described, may be constituted a Municipality, under the name of the Municipal District of Bourke.

MICHAEL FITZPATRICK.

The Petitioners state that they are householders and property holders, and pray "that Your Excellency will be pleased, in accordance with the provisions of the Act known as the Municipalities Act, 23 December, 1867, to declare that the district subsequently described shall be and become known as the Municipality of Bourke."

They state that the area of the proposed Municipality is within fifty square miles, and that the population thereof, according to the last census, amounts to 700.

That the boundaries they suggest are: Commencing on the Darling River, at the northern extremity of the east boundary of the Bourke Temporary Common; and bounded thence on the east by a surveyed line marked and fenced bearing north 20 degrees west 11½ miles; thence on the west by a surveyed line marked and fenced bearing north 87 degrees west about 8 miles 47 chains to the right bank of the Darling River; thence on part of the north by the right bank of that river upwards to the western extremity of Bourke Forest Reserve, notified on the 13th February, 1872, and re-notified on 25th January, 1876; thence on the north-west by part of the north-western boundary of that reserve until it intersects the north-western boundary of reserve No. 3, notified 24th November, 1865; thence by portion of the north-western boundary of that reserve to the south-western corner of reserve No. 5, notified 24th November, 1865; thence by the north-western boundary of reserve No. 5 and extended reserve No. 5, notified 11th September, 1866, to the north-western corner of the last-mentioned extended reserve; thence on the north-east by the north-east boundary of the said extended reserve No. 5 to the Darling River; and thence on the remainder of the north by the right bank of the aforesaid river upwards, to its confluence with the Bogan River, and crossing thence to the point of commencement.

Name.	Residence.
Alex. O. Grant	Sturt-street, Bourke
W. T. Forster	Bourke
G. C. Thompson	Bourke
L. F. Leyard	Sturt-street, Bourke
Jno. T. Readford	Merlin-street, Bourke
R. M. Hughes	Oxley-street, Bourke
Edw. Jno. Bloxham	Oxley-street, Bourke
James Whitbread	Merlin-street, Bourke
R. A. Harris	Merlin-street, Bourke
F. W. Mackey	Mitchell-street, "
Y. E. Brown, M.B.	Darling-street, Bourke
P. Murray	Mitchell-street
Thomas Binkey	Hops-street, Bourke
Alexander Stewart	Tudor-street, "
D. McAllister	Mitchell-street
Thos. Hudson	Mitchell-street
W. H. Dunsell	Sturt-street, Bourke
J. Whiteburn	Mitchell-street, Bourke
K. C. McKnight	Bourke
J. J. Connolly	Mitchell-street, Bourke
W. Carney	" "
Edward Good	" "
Matthew Good	" "
James Addison	Mitchell-street, Bourke
J. H. Griffiths	" "
R. Green	Mitchell-street
A. L. Garut	Mitchell-street, Bourke
J. W. M'Loughlan	" Bourke
W. V. Wallace	" Bourke
Thomas Trader	" Bourke
Henry M. Millar	Mitchell-street, "
Laurence Bolger, B.C.O.	Darling-street, "
G. C. Reid	Darling-street, Bourke
Michael Brennan	" "
James Irwin	Darling-street
Bernard Martin	" "
Alexr. Gow	Glen-street
Thomas Clarendon	" Four-mile Hotel," Bourke
Edward Wornall	" Turf Hotel," Bourke
William Tillidge	Central Australian Stores
John W. McGirr	Bourke
J. Sproule	Mitchell-street, Bourke
Edward Digan	" "
Bertie A. Leyard	Sturt-street, Bourke
R. B. Barton	Merlin-street

1879, Volume 4, p63

HOTELS & LICENSES by (W. J. Cameron)
"NATIVE DOG"

On 14/1/1879 Michael BRENNAN is granted a license, which he transfers to Arthur DESMER (? Desmet) on 8/2/1881.

TIMBER AND OTHER LICENSES. (1883, June 1). *New South Wales Government Gazette* (Sydney, NSW : 1832 - 1900), p. 3049. Retrieved February 6, 2022, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article225727911>

Bourke	Samuel Clarke	do	0	10	0
do	John Tuck	do	0	10	0
do	William Clark	do	0	10	0
do	Frederick Smith	do	0	10	0
do	Alfred Gateley	General	1	0	0
do	Thomas Leonard	Hardwood	0	10	0
do	William Littler	do	0	10	0
do	J. W. Grimes	do	0	10	0
do	Henry Jobson	Quarry	1	0	0
do	Alfred Payne	Hardwood	0	10	0
do	Alfred Payne	Quarry	1	0	0
do	James Hudson	Hardwood	0	10	0
do	Thomas Cleverdon	do	0	10	0
do	William Devine	do	0	10	0
do	J. C. Tighe	Hardwood	0	10	0
do	William Roberts	General	1	0	0
do	George Roberts	do	1	0	0
do	Henry Hughes	do	1	0	0
do	Michael Brennan	Hardwood	0	10	0
do	Robert Bull	do	0	10	0

BOURKE BRANCH. (1908, December 16). *The Worker* (Wagga, NSW : 1892 - 1913), p. 3. Retrieved February 6, 2022, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article145753379>

Michael James Brennan, painter, a very old resident of Bourke, died in Sydney on Dec. 9. He leaves a widow and large family (most of the latter are married), who have the sympathy of a large circle of acquaintances. Mick was a genial man and highly respected. He was nearly 66 years of age at the time of his death.

Deaths Search Results

Name	Registration Number	Father's Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	District
<input type="checkbox"/> ? BRENNAN MICHAEL	12370/1908	WILLIAM	ELLEN	SYDNEY

Death of a Pioneer.

MRS. SARAH ANN BRENNAN,

Death took from our midst on Monday last Mrs. Sarah Ann Brennan, one of the pioneers of Bourke, who had reached the age of 87 years. Deceased had not enjoyed the best of health for the past two years and her death was not unexpected.

The deceased was born in Barrack Street and was married at an early age. She came westward at the age of 20 with her husband and brothers in a bullock waggon. From Wellington to Bourke the means of travel was in a bullock spring dray and from the time the party left Sydney until their arrival in Bourke was just on six months. It was a strenuous trek and before reaching town the whole of the country westward from Mount Oxley was a sea of water, indicating a big flood in the river at that period. For 67 years deceased resided in Bourke; her husband pre-deceased her 24 years ago. The husband was employed as back-storeman by the late Mr. August Becker "King of Bourke" in those days.

The remains were interred in the Church of England portion of the Cemetery, Bro. P. Nelson conducting the last sad rites at the graveside.

One notable item in connection with the deceased was that she has been a neighbor of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bell for the past 60 years.

Deceased leaves two sons, Alfred (Bourke) and Michael (Griffith) and four daughters, Mrs. C. Matthews, Mrs. J. Newman and Mrs. Bishop. There are 62 grand children, 93 great grand children, and one great-great grand child.

To the relatives we extend our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Death of a Pioneer. (1932, May 20). *Western Herald (Bourke, NSW : 1887 - 1970)*, p. 3. Retrieved February 6, 2022, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article142028034>

Bourke. (1932, May 27). *Narromine News and Trangie Advocate (NSW : 1898 - 1955)*, p. 3. Retrieved February 6, 2022, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article98920825>

Bourke.

The death has occurred of Mr. Joseph Lloyd, only brother of Mr. Dave Lloyd, of Bourke, which occurred suddenly from heart failure at Cawwell, Goodooga, on the 11th inst. Deceased was 49 years of age, and has resided on the Culgoa for the past 20 years with his aged mother, who is 83 years of age.

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Bourke and district scored well in

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Leaving 62 grand-children, 93 great-grand-children, and one great-great-grand-child, there died at Bourke last week one of the women who blazed the track westward, Mrs. Sarah Ann Brennan. She trekked west from Wellington 67 years ago, per bullock dray, with her husband and brothers, and remained there until her death.

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The latest arrivals...

ABOUT PEOPLE (1932, June 3). *The Forbes Advocate (NSW : 1911 - 1954)*, p. 4. Retrieved February 6, 2022, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article218422445>

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Women of the West-- Maude Brennan

Maude Brennan was the first white baby born at North Bourke on March 15, 1869. She married Charlie Mathews, who was the son of T.A. Mathews, the founder of Louth. T.A. Mathews is also remembered for the monument he erected in memory of his first wife, Mary.

The headstone was erected at such an angle as to catch the light of the sinking sun, turning the cross into a glowing star. The light from the cross on August 15, the anniversary of her death, marks the spot where her home stood.

Though stories and rumours about T.A. Mathews abound, including the story of the stonemason erecting the monument when Mathews refused to meet the costs, family members say he loved only his first wife, Mary. He married three other women, but lived in separate quarters and had no more children, marrying the women only to care for his children without their reputations being ruined.

Maude's husband, Charlie, was a Cobb and Co. coach driver from Bourke to Louth and on one occasion had a female passenger who was dressed in black and wore a black veil. Some way out of Louth, his passenger asked to be dropped off. She had a large basket and insisted on being left in the middle of nowhere. Charlie drove on, believing he had carried Kate Kelly, the bushranger's sister, in his carriage to meet Ned.

Maude and Charlie had eleven children, one dying at two years of age of the Bubonic Plague. Charlie died on October 16, 1950, while Maude continued to live in Bourke. She was presented with a clock as a gift for being the oldest woman in Bourke. 'W. H.