

[Boram Boram Cemetery, Penshurst, Victoria](#) [Sharrock Burials](#)



[A Brief History of the Cemetery](#)

The cemetery at Penshurst, known as Boram Boram is located approximately 5 kilometres from the Penshurst township in Boram Boram Lane. The cemetery of 8 acres was temporarily reserved by the Governor In Council on the 24th November, 1863 and Gazetted on the 1st December, 1863. The first burial listed in the register is that of Joshua Henry Sharrock in December 1866, although it is listed as No.2 and no one is listed at No.1! It is known that there were earlier burials here (see below for two) and the earliest remaining headstone is for Janet Treple (or Trefle) who died in 1860 aged 33 years.

A number of Sharrock family members have been buried in this cemetery. Below is a brief biography of those who we know have been buried here.

[Biographies](#)

[James Sharrock](#) James Sharrock was the son of James Sharrock and his wife Ann (nee Smith). He was born in Holcot, Northamptonshire, England in April 1806. He was a brother to Joseph, John, William and Michael. James married Sophia Faulkner (sister of Mary Aner Sharrock) on 4/4/1831. They had 3 children, only one of whom survived to adulthood. James and Sophia emigrated to Australia with their son, James, in 1858 aboard the "Rising Sun". James died on 20/12/1863 of, as stated at the inquest, "carving cut his throat while in a state of insanity" at the top of Mount Rouse. He was buried in Boram Boram on the 22/12/1863, witnessed by his brother Joseph Sharrock and Edward Eales. This is now an unmarked grave.

[Maria Aner Sharrock](#) Maria Sharrock was the daughter of John Sharrock and his wife Drusena (nee Jasper). She was born in Penshurst on 16/6/1859. Maria died of a snake bite on 1/12/1864 at Hawkesdale. She was just 5 ½ years old. Family stories state that Maria was helping her father, John, clean out a shed when she was bitten in the armpit. She began to appear sleepy but it took a couple of days for the bite site to show up. Maria was buried at Boram Boram on 3/12/1864 witnessed by James Jackfield and her grandfather, Joseph Sharrock. This is now an unmarked grave.

[Joshua Henry Sharrock](#) Joshua Henry Sharrock was the son of Joseph Sharrock and his wife Elizabeth (nee Sharrock). He was born in Penshurst on 14/4/1864. Joshua was just 2 years and 8 months old when he fell accidentally into a cask of water and drowned on 29/11/1866 at Penshurst. At the inquest his mother, Elizabeth, stated that Joshua "was playing with some potatoes on top of a cask containing water which stood close to a wall, where the deceased was looking over to some children on the other side. I left him sitting on a board on top of the cask for a few minutes and went to the gate, on going back I missed the child and looked about for him. On looking into the cask I saw his foot and

took him out but life was gone.” Joshua was buried at Boram Boram on 2/12/1866 by Thomas Hunter, Wesleyan Minister and witnessed by Charles Frederick Lane. This is now an unmarked grave.

María Jasper María Jasper was the wife of John Jasper, daughter of Robert Madders and his wife Elizabeth (nee Finch). She was born in Totnes, Devon and was christened on the 20th March 1811. María was the mother of Druesena, who later married John Sharrock, son of Joseph and Mary Aner Sharrock. María was a midwife in the district and is mentioned on the birth certificate of Aner Elizabeth Sharrock in 1859 and her granddaughter María Aner Sharrock also in 1859. María died on the 4th of March, 1867 and was buried at Boram Boram on the 6th of March, 1867, aged 54 years. This is now an unmarked grave.



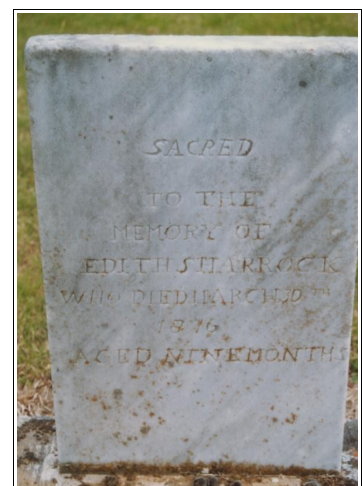
Joseph Sharrock Joseph Sharrock was the son of James and Ann (nee Smith) Sharrock born in Holcot, Northamptonshire in November 1814. He was a brother of John, James, William and Michael Sharrock. Joseph married Mary Aner Faulkner in Holcot in November 1833. Joseph was the first Sharrock to immigrate to Australia, arriving in Melbourne in July 1848. Joseph and his family arrived in the Peshurst area before May 1858, when the youngest son Francis was born. Joseph was a member of the first Roads Board in Peshurst. Joseph died at his property “Lovely Banks” in Peshurst on the 22nd October

1871, aged 57 years. Joseph was originally buried at “Lovely Banks” and was re interred at Boram Boram on the 9th July 1891, due to the property being sold. Legend has it that old Joe had a black bushy beard before he died and that when his coffin was exhumed to be buried at Boram Boram, his beard had grown 6 inches and that at the moment his coffin was opened his skeleton disintegrated into dust!

John Sharrock John Sharrock was a son of James and Ann (nee Smith) Sharrock born in Holcot, Northamptonshire in April 1805. He was a brother to James, William, Joseph and Michael. He married first Hannah Redley in Denton, Northamptonshire in 1826 and then Elizabeth Bryan in Hardwick, Northamptonshire in 1840. John, Elizabeth and his surviving son, Charles, were part of the second lot of Sharrocks to immigrate to Australia in 1858. His son Thomas, and daughter Rebecca, both had died before the voyage to Australia. John died on the 14th of June, 1875 at Blackfellows Creek, of chronic disease of the bladder, aged 70 years. He was interred at Boram Boram on the 16th June 1875 with Reverend Williams, a Wesleyan minister in attendance. The burial was witnessed by his son Charles Sharrock and Richard Larkins. This is now an unmarked grave.

Edith Sharrock Edith Sharrock was the daughter of Thomas and Ellen (nee Walters) Sharrock. She was born in Peshurst on the 21st June 1875. Edith died at her grandparent's property “Lovely Banks” on the 30th March, 1876 aged 9 months. She was buried at Boram Boram cemetery shortly afterwards.

Aner Whittley Aner Whittley was the daughter of James and Mary (nee Porter) Sharrock. She was born in Peshurst on the 10th August 1859. Aner married William Whittley in the Presbyterian church at Peshurst on the 2nd February 1878. Aner died of diphtheria on the 21st Decemeber 1884 at Peshurst, aged 25 years. Three of her four children had also died of diphtheria in the previous weeks. Aner was buried at Boram Boram cemetery



with her children. This is now an unmarked grave.

Rachel Whittley Rachel Whittley was the daughter of William and Aner (nee Sharrock) Whittley. She was born in Mount Rouse in 1878. Rachel succumbed to diphtheria on the 13th December 1884, aged 6 years. Her death certificate states that she had been suffering from diphtheria and toxæmia for 14 days prior to her death. Rachel was buried in Boram Boram on the 15th December 1884, witnessed by her father William and William Pearson. This is now an unmarked grave.

William Thomas Whittley William Whittley was the son of William and Aner (nee Sharrock) Whittley. He was born in Mount Rouse in 1880. Like his mother and sisters, William died of diphtheria on the 12th December 1884, aged 4 years. William had been afflicted with the disease for 7 days prior to his death. He was buried at Boram Boram cemetery on the 13th December 1884, witnessed by his father William and William Pearson. This is now an unmarked grave.

Harriet Whittley Harriet Whittley was the daughter of William and Aner (nee Sharrock) Whittley. She was born in Mount Rouse in 1882. Harriet also died of diphtheria, from which she had suffered for 5 days, eventually succumbing on the 18th of December 1884, aged 2 years. She was buried the same day at Boram Boram, again witnessed by her father William and William Pearson. This is now an unmarked grave.



Elizabeth Sharrock Elizabeth Sharrock was the wife of Charles Sharrock (son of John and Hannah). She was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (nee Harding) Porter born in Ashby Folville, Leicestershire in August 1844. She was a sister to Mary Porter, who married James Sharrock. Elizabeth and Charles were married in 1861 in the Penshurst Methodist Church, the first marriage to be celebrated there. Elizabeth was mother to John Thomas Sharrock, Elizabeth Martin, Sarah Trigger and Annie Kirkwood. Elizabeth is believed to have died after helping to nurse her niece, Aner Whittley and her children through diphtheria. Legend has it that she contracted the diphtheria through putting nappy pins in her mouth. She died a week after Aner on the 28th December 1884, aged 41 years, in the Hamilton Hospital. She was buried at Boram Boram cemetery shortly after. The headstone although still there is broken.

Sophia Sharrock Sophia Sharrock was the wife of James Sharrock. She was the daughter of Richard and Catherine (nee Hazeldine) Faulkner and was born in Holcot, Northamptonshire in 1810. She was the sister of Mary Aner Sharrock who married Joseph Sharrock. Sophia and James were married in Holcot in 1831. She immigrated to Australia in 1858 with her husband and son aboard the "Rising Sun". Sophia died at Penshurst on the 27th May 1891 aged 81 years. Her cause of death is listed as Senile Decay. She was buried at Boram Boram cemetery on the 28th May 1891 by Reverend J.R. Anderson, the Presbyterian minister and N. Taylor. This is now an unmarked grave.

John Sharrock John Sharrock was the son of Michael and Mary (nee Durham) Sharrock. He was born in Holcot, Northamptonshire in 1853. John was one of the Sharrocks who arrived in Australia in 1858 aboard the "Rising Sun". John married Lillias Beattie in Yalimba, Victoria in January 1890. John died in Penshurst on 17th April 1892 of pneumonia and exhaustion, aged 39 years. He was buried at Boram Boram cemetery on the 19th April 1892 by Reverend A Hambly, the Wesleyan minister. The headstone although still there is

broken.

John Thomas Sharrock John Thomas Sharrock was the son of John and Lillias (nee Beattie) Sharrock. He was born at Penshurst in May 1892, five months after the death of his father, John. John Thomas died at Penshurst on the 17th October 1892 of dysentric diarrhrea and asthenia, aged 5 ½ months. He was buried at Boram Boram cemetery on the 18th October 1892, witnessed by R. Barnes and Matthew Bardin. The headstone although still there is broken.

Elizabeth Sharrock Elizabeth Sharrock was the wife of John Sharrock. She was born circa 1804 in England to unknown parents, although her maiden name was Bryan. Elizabeth married John in Hardwick, Northamptonshire on the 13th October 1840. She immigrated with her husband John and stepson Charles on the "Rising Sun" in 1858. Elizabeth died on the 28th July 1893, aged 89 years of senile decay. She was buried at Boram Boram cemetery on the 30th July 1893. This is now an unmarked grave.

Mary Sharrock Mary Sharrock was the daughter of Henson and Elizabeth (nee Dickens) Durham. She was born in Holcot, Northamptonshire in March 1818. Mary married Michael Sharrock in Holcot on the 1st April 1839. Michael, Mary and their children arrived in Australia on the "Rising Sun" in 1858. Mary died in Penshurst on the 17th April 1894, aged 77 years. She was buried at Boram Boram cemetery on 19th April 1894. The headstone although still there is broken.



Mary Aner Sharrock Mary Aner Sharrock was the daughter of Richard and Catherine (Hazeldine) Faulkner. She was born in Holcot, Northamptonshire in August 1813. Mary Aner was the sister of Sophia, who married James Sharrock. Mary Aner married Joseph Sharrock in Holcot on 5th November 1833. Joseph, Mary Aner and their children immigrated to Australia on the "Mahomed Shah" in 1848. Mary Aner gave birth to her daughter Elizabeth during the voyage to Australia. Mary Aner died in Penshurst on the 10th January 1895, aged 81 years, of Diabetes and Apoplexy. She was buried at Boram Boram cemetery on the 11th January 1895 with Reverend H. Pollard, Wesleyan minister officiating. This is now an unmarked grave although she was probably buried with her husband, Joseph.

Michael Sharrock Michael Sharrock was the son of James and Ann (nee Smith) Sharrock. He was born in Holcot, Northamptonshire in June 1817. Michael married Mary Durham in Holcot on the 1st April 1839. Michael, Mary and their children Elizabeth, Daniel, Joseph, John and Sarah, arrived in Australia in 1858 aboard the "Rising Sun". Michael died in Caramut Road, Penshurst on the 8th February 1897, aged 79 years, of Senile decay. He was buried at Boram Boram cemetery on the 10th February 1897, witnessed by Reverend A.F Holden, a Wesleyan minister. The headstone although still there is broken.



Victoria Beatrice May Sharrock Victoria Sharrock was the daughter of Annie Sharrock and an unknown father. Annie was the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (nee Porter) Sharrock. Victoria was born at Warrnambool in May 1897. She died at Hamilton on the 20th March 1898, aged 42 weeks (10 months), of convulsions. She was buried at Boram Boram cemetery shortly after.

Sarah Sharrock Sarah Sharrock was the daughter of Michael and Mary (nee Durham) Sharrock. She was born in Holcot, Northamptonshire in 1857. Sarah was one of the Sharrocks who immigrated to Australia in 1858 aboard the "Rising Sun". Sarah died at Caramut Road, Penshurst on the 25th April 1909, aged 51 years, of Morlug Cordis and Syncope. Sarah was buried at Boram Boram cemetery on the 27th April 1909 by Reverend Arthur Kerry, a Methodist minister. The headstone although still there is broken.

Janet Nimmo Sharrock Janet Nimmo Sharrock was the daughter of William and Ann (nee Richardson) McMillan. Janet was born in Mortlake on the 13th September 1867. Janet married John Thomas Sharrock at Terang on the 1st September 1892. Janet and John Thomas had 8 children, Elizabeth Ann, Charles, Mary Eleanor, William Joseph, Elsie Rose, Archibald John, Laura Janet and Jean McMillan. Janet died at Hamilton on the 4th October 1916, aged 49 years. She was buried at Boram Boram cemetery on the 6th October 1916.



Charles Sharrock Charles Sharrock was the son of John and Janet (nee McMillan) Sharrock. Charles was born in Terang on the 20th October 1894. Charles enlisted with the 39th Battalion on the 27th March 1916, leaving Melbourne aboard the "Ascanius" on the 27th May 1916. Charles was a Lance Corporal when he was killed at Messines Ridge in France on the 8th June 1917. He was hit by a large piece of shell which struck his cartridge pouch and they exploded killing him instantly. He was only 22 years old. Charles was buried at La Petite Douvre Rover near Messines by Chaplain Best of the 39th Battalion. Charles is commemorated on his parent's grave at Boram Boram cemetery.

Charles Sharrock Charles Sharrock was the son of John and Hannah (nee Redley) Sharrock. Charles was born at Sywell, Northamptonshire in 1839. Charles immigrated to Australia with his father and stepmother aboard the "Rising Sun" in 1858. Charles married Elizabeth Porter in the Methodist Church in Penshurst on the 19th June 1861. They had 4 children, John Thomas Sharrock, Elizabeth Martin, Sarah Trigger and Annie Kirkwood. Charles died at Blackfellows Creek on the 19th May 1925, aged 85 years. He was buried at Boram Boram cemetery on the 20th May 1925. This is now an unmarked grave although he was probably buried with his wife, Elizabeth..



John Thomas Sharrock John Thomas Sharrock was the son of Charles and Elizabeth (nee Porter) Sharrock. He was born at Blackfellows Creek on the 26th March 1862. John Thomas married Janet Nimmo McMillan at Terang on the 1st September 1892. John and Janet had 8 children, Elizabeth Ann, Charles, Mary Eleanor, William

Joseph, Elsie Rose, Archibald John, Laura Janet and Jean McMillan. John Thomas died at McKinnon on the 16th March 1941, aged 79 years. He was buried at Boram Boram cemetery shortly afterwards.

Myrtle Alpha Sharrock Myrtle Alpha Sharrock was the daughter of Frank and Christina (nee Arbuthnot) Park. She was born at Collingwood on the 27th June 1896. Myrtle married William Joseph Sharrock at Clifton Hill on the 26th March 1921. William and Myrtle had 1 child, Wesley William. Myrtle died at Hamilton on the 11th May



1951, aged 56 years, and was buried at Boram Boram cemetery shortly afterwards.

William Joseph Sharrock William Joseph Sharrock was the son of John Thomas and Janet (nee McMillan) Sharrock. He was born at "Fernleigh", Hamilton on the 10th June 1898. He married Myrtle Alpha Park at Clifton Hill on the 26th March 1921. They had one child, Wesley William. William died at Hamilton on the 28th October 1968, aged 70 years, and was buried at Boram Boram cemetery shortly afterwards.