

Family Story of: John and Mary Ann Hardman

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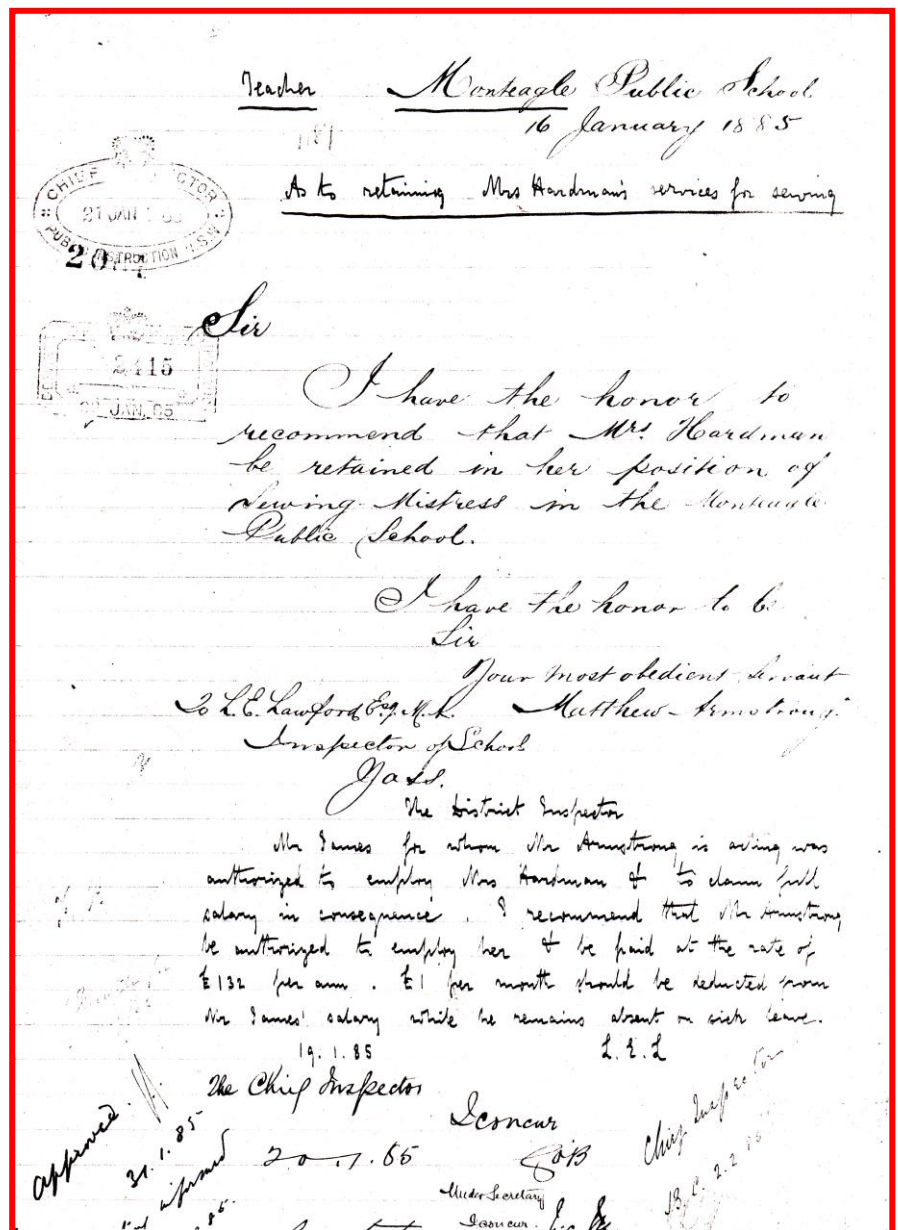
Hardman Family – Move to Monteagle

John Hardman was appointed as **Monteagle Postmaster** on the 18 February 1884 with a token allowance of 10 pounds per year.

The Post Office at Monteagle was established on 16 December 1881 and the first Postmaster was John Lynel. It was conducted in his hotel.

Subsequently the Post Office was transferred to John Hardman who built a store there, the first of any consequence.

Mary Ann Hardman, in correspondence dated 24 July 1884 and 16 Jan 1885 was retained in her position as **Sewing Mistress** at **Monteagle Public School**.



John Hardman became involved in matters pertaining to the **village of Monteagle** and as is evident in the article below, published in the **Burrangong Argus**, dealing with Government bureaucracy was part and parcel of the day.

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“Burrangong Argus” – Wednesday 18 March 1885

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After the stress encountered in their lives at Bendick Murrell, John and Mary Ann Hardman found that their life at Monteagle was only to be short lived.

John Hardman, Monteagle Shopkeeper and Postmaster, died on 3 December 1888 at Monteagle aged 64 yrs (age 69 yrs on death certificate).

The cause of death was diagnosed as mortification of the lung.

John was buried in the C of E Cemetery, Young, the informant being son-in-law Monteagle teacher Matthew Armstrong, while one of the witnesses was his brother-in-law John Foster.

18896. Hardman John late of
Monteagle Shopkeeper dec
John Hardman being of sound mind and
memory do hereby give and bequeath to my
wife Mary Ann Hardman all my personal
effects goods and chattels also give and bequeath
to her our two dwelling houses and the land
upon which they stand also give and bequeath
to her the store with the goods which it contains
and the land upon which it stands here
my hand this third day of December fifteen
hundred and eighty eight. 1888
John Hardman his X mark
Witnesses Charles Kingmill Incumbent St. Johns
Young Matthew Armstrong Teacher Public School
Monteagle December 3rd 1888
18 September 1889 By act of Court Division
with the last will and testament
of John Hardman deceased
was granted to Matthew
Armstrong of Monteagle
the executor in the said
will named of Mary Ann Hardman
the sole legatee in the will of John Hardman
Testator died 3 December 1888
Estate returned at 198

Probate 18896/3 can be summarised as follows:

" John Hardman, late of Monteagle, storekeeper, bequeathed to his wife Mary Ann, all his personal effects and our 2 dwelling houses and land on which they stand. Also store and goods it contain and land on which it stands."

Mary Ann Hardman was to die just 6 weeks after her husband on 13 Jan 1889 at Monteagle, aged 59 yrs. Mary Ann died of heart disease and like John, was buried at the Church of England Cemetery, Young.



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DEATH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

Surname of deceased	<u>HARDMAN</u>	
Other names	<u>JOHN</u>	
Occupation	Postmaster	
Sex and Age	Male 69 years	
Marital status		
Date of death	3rd December, 1888	
Place of death	Monteagle	
Usual residence	Monteagle	
Place of birth	Lancashire, England 7years in Vic. 23years in N.S.W.	
Father - Surname	HARDMAN (Cotton spinner)	
Other names	JOHN	
Mother - Maiden surname	MARTINDALE	
Other names	ELIZABETH	
Place of marriage	ENGLAND	
Age at marriage	21 years	
To whom married	MARY ANN FOSTER	
Children of marriage	Ada 29years Emily 27years	
Informant	Matthew J. Armstrong (son-in-law)	
Cause of death	Mortification of the lung.	
By whom certified		
Particulars of burial or cremation	C of E Cemetery, Young. Witnesses I.W. Burn John Foster	
Particulars of registration	Court House Young	Date Number



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Surname of deceased	<u>HARDMAN</u>	
Other names	<u>MARY ANN</u>	
Occupation Sex and Age Marital status	Female 59 years of age	
Date of death Place of death	13th January, 1889 Monteagle	
Usual residence		
Place of birth	Lancashire, England 30 years in N.S.W.	
Father - Surname Other names Mother - Maiden surname Other names	FOSTER (Cotton spinner) JOHN Unknown *for unknown mother read 'Mary Williams' Thomas Foster (nephew) 20 Lincoln St, Stanmore	
Place of marriage Age at marriage To whom married Children of marriage	England 19 years John Hardman Ada Emily	
Informant		
Cause of death	Heart Disease	
By whom certified		
Particulars of burial or cremation	C of E Cemetery, Young Witnesses Millard Benson	
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Mention was made of the death of Mrs Hardman in the Obituary Column of the Australian Town and Country Journal dated Saturday 2 February 1889 as follows:

"Mrs Hardman, wife of the late postmaster at Monteagle, and one of the oldest residents in the district."

OBITUARY.

He was unmarried.—Mr. John Gill, lately member for Tamworth, and one of the oldest residents in the New England district.—Mrs. Hardman, wife of the late postmaster at Monteagle, and one of the oldest residents in the Young district.—Pellegrini, the artist of VANITY FAIR, whose cartoons initialed "Apo" are so well known.—Lady Gordon, wife of Sir Arthur Hamilton Gordon, the first Governor of the colony of Fiji.—Mrs. James F. Capper, wife of Mr. James Capper, of the firm of Capper and Sons, West Maitland.—Mr. Howard, the head of the well-known firm of agricultural implement-makers, J. and F. Howard, of the Britannia Iron Works, Bedford.—Mr. Robert Stewart Menzies a Gladstoneite Liberal member of the House of Commons, representing Perthshire (East), at the age of 33 years. He was one of the many aspiring young Scots who seek fame in the House of Commons. He was educated at Harrow and Christchurch, Oxford, and was a barrister.—Mr. Tomkinson, Congregational minister in Dunedin (N.Z.), died suddenly on Sunday.—Mrs. Ramsay, widow of Dr. Ramsay, of Dobroyde, Ashfield, died on Monday last at her residence, at the ripe age of 85. Mrs. Ramsay was born in the colony, and was well known for her many charitable works. She was a strong supporter of the Presbyterian Church, and at her own expense erected a chapel on her estate at Ashfield. The late Simeon Lord, of Botany, and left a large number of descendants.

*Mrs Hardman Death
Town & Country Journal
Sat 2 February 1889*

Probate 18897/3 stated: "Matthew Armstrong executor. All my debts and funeral expenses paid for as soon as possible after death. Bequeath to my two daughters Emily Constance and Ada Ann all my property, land houses and personal effects. Land and property sold and shared equally, but if sale is not made, to share property equally, but one shall not have the power to force the other to sell anything against her will."

18897. Hardman Mary Ann late of
Monteagle Widow
This is the last will and Testament of me
Mary Anne Hardman I do witness Matthew Armstrong

[Mary Ann Hardman](#) (*latter life photo*)

Photo of: [Mary Ann Hardman \(nee Foster\)](#) most likely taken in later life.

The photo was taken by the:

Royal Studio, 78 William Street, Sydney

There has been conjecture over the years as to whether or not the photo has been of:

- Mary Ann Hardman (nee Foster) [died 1889] **or her mother**
- Mary Foster (nee Williams) [died 1874]

Dates appear to indicate that the photo is of Mary Ann Hardman

- *Note that the Royal Studio had premises at 78 William Street, Sydney 1879-1880*



[Mary Ann Hardman](#) (*both early and latter life photos*)

The Hardman family can be pretty certain now that the photos below are of the same lady – Mary Ann Hardman (nee Foster)



Hardman DNA – Findings – William Armstrong

Pam Malone (nee Hardman) her DNA test results in December 2016.

In mid-2017 a DNA match request was replied to by William Armstrong of Queensland.

<u>Self</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>	<u>Great Grandmother</u>	<u>Great Great Grandfather</u>
Pamela Hardman	Stanley Hardman	William Henry Hardman	Ada Hardman	John Hardman



<u>3rd Cousins</u>	<u>2nd Cousins</u>	<u>1st Cousins</u>	<u>Siblings</u>	<u>Shared Ancestor</u>
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William Alfred John Armstrong	William John Carl Armstrong	William Henry Armstrong	Emily Hardman m Matthew Armstrong	John Hardman



In possession of **William Armstrong and his wife Elizabeth** was a marvellous find. Handed down through the family was a letter written by John Hardman from Melbourne on 29 January 1854.

The letter was written to his wife Mary Ann Hardman (nee Foster) who had remained in England.

Her young 2 year old son Ambrose Henry Hardman had died.

Her father-in-law William Hardman had died just a few weeks after John Hardman's arrival in Australia.

The preserved letter is made up of 4 beautifully written pages – the literacy skills of the author John Hardman being extremely impressive.

Hardman DNA – Findings – Jan McCabe

Pam Malone had telephone contact with Jan McCabe quite a number of years ago and DNA results confirm a **2nd Cousin** Relationship with Jan McCabe.

<u>Self</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>	<u>Great Grandmother</u>
Pamela Hardman	Stanley Hardman	William Henry Hardman	Ada Ann Hardman



<u>2nd Cousins</u>	<u>1st Cousins</u>	<u>Half – Siblings</u>	<u>Shared Ancestor</u>
<u>DNA Match</u>	<u>DNA Match</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Grandmother</u>
Jan McCabe (nee Woodward)	Jan McCabe (nee Woodward)	Emily Clare Woodward (nee Tunney)	Ada Ann Tunney (nee Hardman)

❖ **Unfortunately Jan McCabe died in May 2018**

Visit to Cootamundra by William and Elizabeth Armstrong – 1 December 2017

William and Elizabeth Armstrong (Brisbane) spend a day with Pam and John Malone on Friday 1 December 2017 and came laden with an array of **Family History photographs and documents** that had been handed down through the Armstrong family:

- Emily Constance Hardman (later Armstrong) – youngest daughter of John and Mary Ann Hardman
- Ada Jane Armstrong – journalist / prisoner of war – daughter of Emily Constance Armstrong



Pictured holding the **original diary of Mary Ann Hardman** is Pam Malone (nee Hardman) + William and Elizabeth Armstrong (Brisbane).

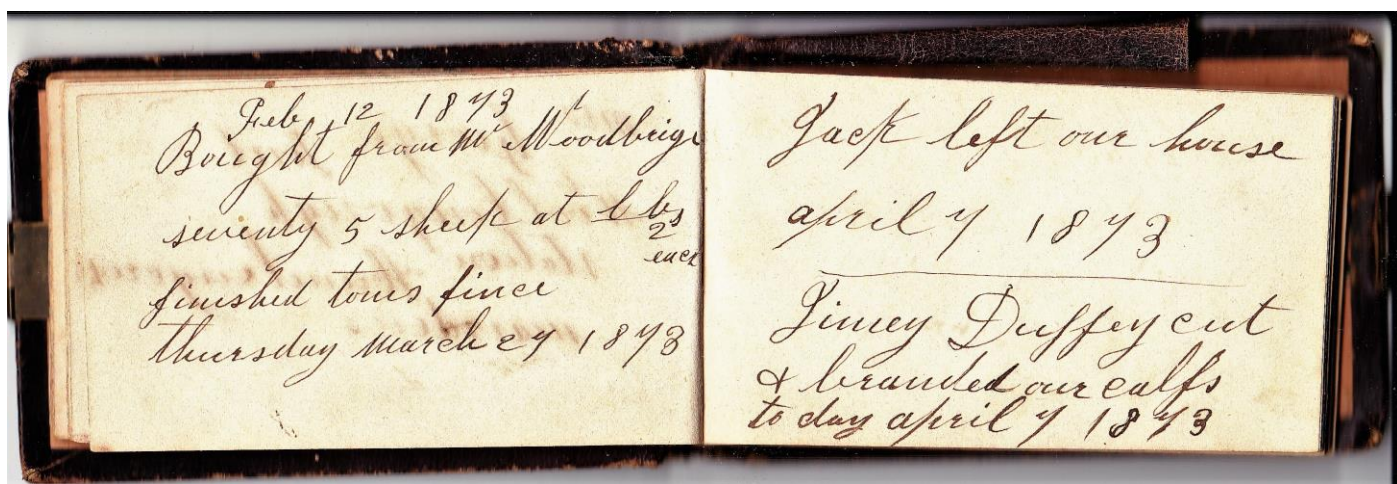
Original "Diary" – Mary Ann Hardman

The contents of the diary have been scanned (44 double page images) and are presented in a **separate article**:



Diary cover

Sample Diary Pages (below)



Original Photo – John Hardman

Amongst the photos and documents that were in the possession of William and Elizabeth Armstrong was an original photo of John Hardman.



❖ *As is evident, the photo was in disrepair with an envelope seal stuck to the photo.*

❖ *William and Elizabeth Armstrong, at quite considerable personal expense, had the photo restored for the family with **great results!***

❖ *The fully restored **John Hardman** courtesy of William and Elizabeth Armstrong*

