

BUSHRANGERS' GRAVES

Early Fate of John Dunn

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MANY of the graves of bushrangers are well cared for, and over some there are expensive tombstones. Perhaps the most elaborate stone is that over the grave of Fred Ward ("Thunderbolt") in the old cemetery at Uralla, near Armidale (N.S.W.) It bears this inscription: "Erected by the Residents of New England--Thunderbolt (Fred Ward)." Thunderbolt is said to have been very popular.

In the old Bunnerong Cemetery at Botany (N.S.W.) a weather-worn tombstone marks the grave of John Dunn, the bushranger who was hanged at the age of 19 years, at Darlinghurst, on March 19, 1866. A woman claimed his body, and had it buried in the old Devonshire Street Cemetery, Sydney, but in 1901 the tombstones and remains from that cemetery were removed to Botany, to make way for the Central Railway Station.

Following the record of name and age on Dunn's tombstone, there is

quoted the first verse of a hymn by Bishop Heber, which was more widely-known at that time than it is now. As inscribed it begins:—

He has gone to his grave,
But we must not deplore him
Though sorrow and darkness
Encompass his tomb.

Ben Hall is buried in the Forbes (N.S.W.) Cemetery, and a neat headstone marks his grave. For many years this grave was one of the best-cared-for in the cemetery.

Only a few yards away is the grave of a woman whose name recalls bushranging days. There is no headstone, however, to indicate that this is the grave of Kate Kelly, sister to Ned.

FRIEND'S INSCRIPTION.

Over the grave of Dan Morgan in the Wangaratta (V.) Cemetery is an inscribed plate, put there by a man who claimed to be a friend of Morgan's. The inscription on the plate reads:—

Whoever comes to this lone grave
I ask not for a tear,
But offer up to God on high
Forgiveness in a prayer.

This grave also was very well cared for. For many years it was

ed for. For many years it was visited regularly by two women, who were heavily veiled. Morgan was shot at Peechelba on April 9, 1846.

Johnnie Gilbert's grave is on the north side of the creek at Binalong close to the Harden road. He was buried in the police paddock, within a few hundred yards of where he was shot. A rough headstone marks the grave.

"Jacky Jacky," whose correct name was William Westwood, was buried in the convict cemetery Norfolk Island. He was not an aborigine, as many suppose on account of the nickname. He was hanged on Norfolk Island on October 13, 1846, when only 26 years of age. A few months before his hanging he had killed four police men.

WILD COLONIAL BOY.

John Donohue, known as "The Wild Colonial Boy," is buried at Raby (N.S.W.), but no headstone marks his grave. He is said to have been the bushranger commemorated in the old song, "The Wild Colonial Boy," but in the song the name is usually given as Jack Dolan Dowling.

Frank Gardiner is the only Australian bushranger buried outside Australia. His correct name was

Australia. His correct name was Francis Christie. After serving a long sentence he received a pardon on condition that he left the country. He went to San Francisco (U.S.A.) where he was buried.

Harry Power was drowned in the Murray after his release from gaol and was buried in the Swan Hill (V.) Cemetery. Most of the bushrangers who were hanged were buried in gaol yards. One of these was Ned Kelly.