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Church Registers: St Saviour's Goulburn NSW, Church of England

Baptisms

Document	Start	End	Location	In BDA
Original church registers	1833	1865	ML: SAG reel 175	Online
Clergy returns	1833+			Not used
Kerrison James index	1827+		SANSW: ARK reel 5001, Vol 1	Not used

Marriages

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Original church Registers			ML: SAG reel 175	Not processed
Clergy Returns				Not used
Kerrison James Index	1827+		SANSW: ARK reel 5001, Vol 1	Not used

Burials

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Church Registers			ML: SAG reel 175	Not processed
Clergy Returns				Not used
Kerrison James Index	1827+		SANSW: ARK reel 5001, Vol 1	Not used

Background notes on St Saviour's Goulburn NSW 1833-1865, Church of England registers

Original registers

The Anglican Parish of St Saviour's Goulburn has its origins in the appointment of chaplains to the district in 1833. The Rev John Vincent served from 1833 to September 1837. He was succeeded the following month by the Rev William Sowerby.

The original registers dating from 1833 onwards are being progressively added to BDA. In addition to Goulburn itself, families baptising children in the 1830s were resident at Monaro, Bungonia, Lake George, Richlands, Burrowa, Cookbundoon, Inverary, Marulan and Yass Plains.

The first entry in the register is the baptism on 31 March 1833 of Richard, the son of Private William Chapman of the 4th Regiment and his wife Gertrude, born on the 7th of the same month. The family were recorded as residents of Goulburn Plains. Chapman's military record on BDA states that he had joined the army in 1812 and was transferred to the mounted police in January 1833. He died at Liverpool NSW in 1836 and his effects were left to his widow Gertrude.

For more information see:

BDA entries on this site for:

William Sowerby B#10024151201 per *Andromache* 1837

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Rev John Vincent per B#10021066901 per Elizabeth 1828
William Chapman B#15141003401 (military, died 1836)

Ian Matheson, 'Sowerby, William (1799–1875)', *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, , published first in hardcopy 1976:

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/sowerby-william-4625/text7617>

This article was first published in hardcopy in *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Volume 6, (MUP), 1976

'St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn, Australia: our history'

<https://www.goulburncathedral.org.au/our-history>

St. Saviour's Cathedral 170 Bourke Street, Goulburn, NSW 2580, NSW Heritage database, Department of Environment, Energy and Science:

www.environment.nsw.gov.au

Publication	Text or abstract
Sydney Monitor 23 June 1832: 2 http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article32141500	'The Rev. Mr. James has been appointed to succeed the Rev. Mr Vincent, as the Chaplain to the Phoenix Hulk. The Rev. Mr. Vincent proceeds shortly, to take charge of the Goulburn Plains Female Factory.'
Sydney Gazette 31 Oct 1833: 2. http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article2214623	'His Excellency the Governor has given orders for the immediate erection of a new Gaol and Court-house at Goulburn Plains. They are to be built of stone ; the former is to be well supplied with cells upon a new construction.-This looks well.'
<i>The Australian</i> 4 November 1833: 2. http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article42009296	'Major Breton, of the 4th, or King's Own Regiment is we understand, to be stationed at Goulburn Plains and to act as Police Magistrate for that and the neighbouring districts.'
Sydney Gazette 8 March 1834: 1 (Supp). http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article2215587	'Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 4th March, 1834. HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz. Francis Allman, Esquire, of Wollongong, in the county of Camden, to be Police Magistrate at Goulburn, in the room of William Henry Breton, Esquire'
"CHURCH OF ENGLAND." Sydney Monitor and Commercial Advertiser 26 Nov 1841: 2 http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article32191543	'CHURCH OF ENGLAND. The following is a copy of a letter from the Lord Bishop of Australia to the Secretaries of the Diocesan Committee, dated October 1st 1841.... During the interval to which I am now referring,[the past year] the churches of St. Mark, at Appin, of St. Saviour, at Goulburn, and of St. Peter, at East Maitland, have been opened under License for the solemnization of Divine service, until they can be duly consecrated.'

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<p>"THE EARLY HISTORY OF GOULBURN." Goulburn Evening Penny Post 17 March 1903: 2. http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article98757592</p>	<p>'During Governor Bourke's [Brisbane's] administration the institution took place of the first Legislative Council for New South Wales. One of its members was Frederick Goulburn, Colonial Secretary. It was from him that our city got its name. Goulburn was originally laid out at the "old township," the present site being owned by Mr. W. Bradley, but the authorities gave in exchange for it a paddock at the rear of Lansdowne. The first survey of the town reserve was made in 1833 by the late Mr. Robert Hoddle. His plan shows the section between Sloane and Cowper streets and Clinton and Bradley streets. The land we now call Eastgrove was thought sufficiently valuable by the owner to subdivide into town allotments, which were offered for sale in 1844 by a Mr. J. Bull, of Goulburn. All the allotments in the town lands had been sold, except those reserved for and now occupied by the Anglican Cathedral, the Methodist Church, and the Roman Catholic Cathedral. By an oversight no site was left for a Public School. It would seem that there is amongst the early residents a slight difference of opinion as to the antiquity of the various churches in the city; but the Anglican Communion erected the first church in Goulburn for holding of divine service, the site being on the side of Church Hill. The Rev. Dean Sowerby was at that remote period the clergyman in charge of the Anglican body. Then a larger church was built on the site of the present Cathedral. The first Bishop of the parish was Bishop Thomas, who came here in 1863. Shortly after his arrival the first movement was made in the direction of building a new church to be a cathedral church for the diocese of Goulburn. In 1842 the foundation stone was laid and the church was finished as far as it is now in 1844. On the death of Dean Sowerby the Rev. A. T. Puddicombe was made incumbent. Christ Church was built in 1874 and was ministered by the Rev. Canon Soares. The Roman Catholic Church stands on private property. The site reserved for it in 1833 was at the corner of Clinton and Cowper Streets, while the corner of Bourke and Clinton was reserved for tile police barracks. This latter site was however dedicated in 1863 for the Roman Catholic Church, and the old site was subdivided and sold. The site was used for the convent and schools, and the site on which the cathedral now stands was mostly owned by a Mr. J. O'Brien. Up to the time when a church could be built services were held in a cottage in Auburn-street. In 1847 Dean Walsh was appointed to Goulburn and in 1867 Bishop Lanigan arrived. His chief life work was the building of the cathedral. The Presbyterian Church is one of the oldest in the district. Services were held in a schoolroom till a church could be built. In 1841 it was decided to build a manse. It is now part of Mr. Milne's residence The Rev. WV. Hamilton was appointed first minister...'</p>
<p>Goulburn Herald and Chronicle 24 November 1875: 2.</p>	<p>'DEATH OF THE VERY REV. DEAN SOWERBY.—This old and respected clergyman died at 11.10 p.m. on Monday, and the</p>

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<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article100848181>

event was at once announced by the tolling of the bell of St. Saviour's Cathedral, which also tolled a second time at six the following morning. The Rev. Mr. Sowerby was a native of the parish of Castle Sowerby in Cumberland, and was born on the 31st August, 1799. He studied at St. Bees College, and on being ordained for some years ministered in the parish of Beckermert in Cumberland. He then came to this colony; and very shortly afterwards, that is towards the end of 1837, was appointed to Goulburn, being the first Church of England minister permanently stationed here. At that time there was no church and few houses in the town, and his first residence was the cottage at the Old Township till lately the residence of Captain Zouch. About twenty years ago the people of the district presented him with a purse containing about £200—a testimony to his worth the more satisfactory as it was not confined to the members of his own religion, but was subscribed to by persons of various creeds. For the long period of upwards of thirty-seven years he continued to be the clergyman of St. Saviour's Church; and some time after the Bishop had come amongst us was appointed to the dignity of Dean of Goulburn. On this occasion he was presented with a handsome silver tea-service and salver, the latter bearing the following inscription:— This salver, together with a tea-service of silver, was presented on the 31s December, 1868, to the Rev. Wm. Sowerby by attached friends and parishioners, to commemorate his arrival in Goulburn at Christmas, 1837, and to testify their esteem and their gratitude for his unwearied labors during the period of thirty-one years as minister of St. Saviour's, Goulburn.'

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