

# A HISTORY OF THE BEAUFORT ARMS HOTEL (LATER THE LONE STAR SALOON)

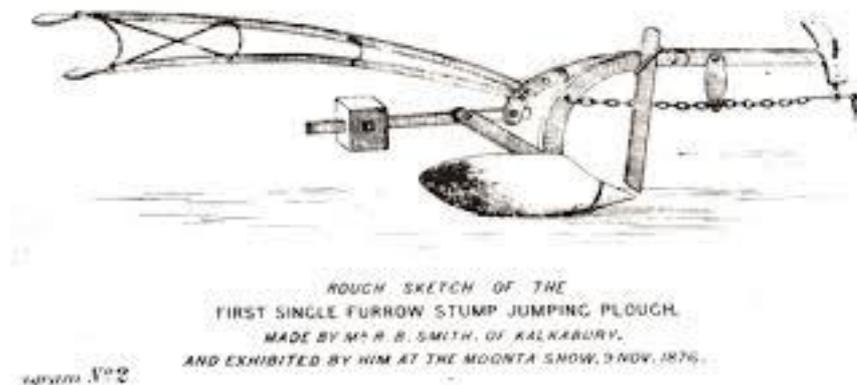
The Beaufort Arms Hotel was located at the corner of Beaufort and Ellen Street (now Newcastle Street) with blocks on both frontages. The address changed from Lot 28/29N Highgate, to number 199 in 1879, and later 167 Beaufort Street. Located at present on this site is an IGA supermarket.

In **1884** the property was owned by **J R Mews** a contractor by occupation. The property consisted of a house, stables and paddock. He then sublet the land to **R B Smith** (Richard Bowyer), who occupied the house and land which faced onto Beaufort Street. Mr. Mews remained the owner of the whole property and occupied the stables and grounds. His occupation changed to publican.

**Richard Bowyer Smith** had an interesting story of his own.

Born 1837 London, England. His family, father Owen and Mary his mother, arrived in South Australia, 1838. At the age of 16 Richard became an apprentice pattern and boiler maker. He qualified as a Machinist and Blacksmith, later a Carpenter and a travelling salesman for J G Ramsey.

By 1876, Richard had invented the stump jump plough with assistance from his brother Clarence. This agricultural tool became invaluable for clearing land.



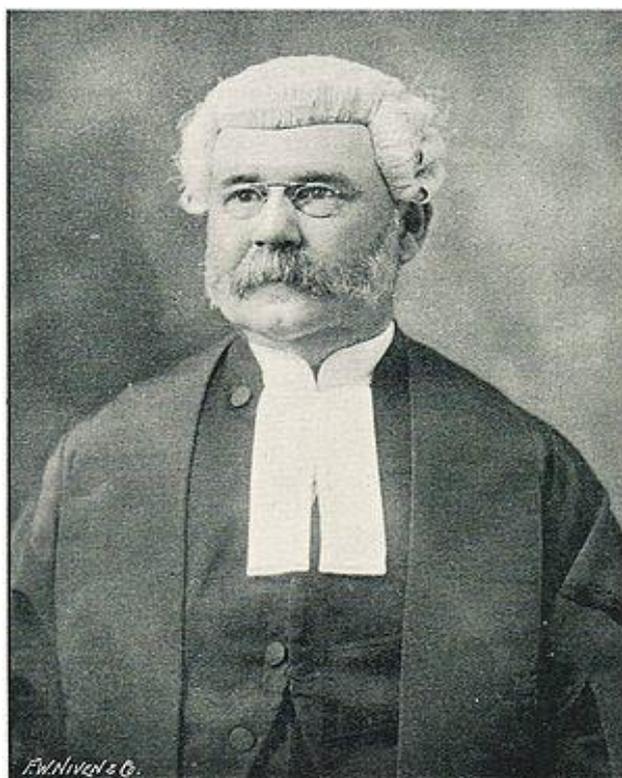
Richard and his family moved to Perth Western Australia. In 1885 Richard purchased land in Edward Street, Perth, where he had a foundry.

Between 1893 and 1895, he moved to Beverley where he managed the Beverley Hotel. From 1895 to 1899 he operated the Beverley Railway refreshment rooms.

Richard returned to Perth and in 1912, at age 72, and established a foundry at 2 Mary Street Highgate. Richard B Smith passed away in 1919 in Subiaco. He was described as having an eccentric disposition, being an indefatigable battler and a “dapper dresser”.

In **1886 Stephen Henry Parker**, solicitor, became the landowner of the sites fronting Beaufort and Ellen streets.

**S H Parker** (1846-1927), worked as a solicitor involved in municipal politics, he entered the Legislative Council in 1878 and became the second Mayor of the City of Perth in 1881. He represented clients at the Licensing Board of Western Australia to gain a publican’s license and became a QC and MLC. He invested in a number of properties around Perth including Beaufort Street, Highgate. He had an office on Bazaar Street, now called Mounts Bay Road, and formed a partnership with his brother to create Parker and Parker, a solicitor’s practice.



**Stephen Henry Parker.** History of West Australia by Warren Bert Kimberly

*“He has invested capital in mines and is a director of the London and Perth Exploration Company, Limited. He is also a local director of the noted firm of Dalgety and Company, and the Mutual Life Assurance Society. On July 27, 1872, Mr. Parker married Amey Katherine, daughter of the late Hon. George Walpole Leake, Q.C., M.L.C. His residence is “Karrakatta Mea,” in St. George’s Terrace, Perth.”*

The Parker family were associated with the development of Western Australia and its politics. S H Parker was involved in the introduction of the “Married Woman’s Property Act”. *“This law sets out the rights and claims of married women to retain property, in 1898.”*

**A** PPLICATION FOR A PUBLICAN'S  
GENERAL LICENSE.

To the Worshipful the Justices of the  
Peace acting in and for the district of  
Perth, in Western Australia.

I, John Joseph Smith, builder, married,  
now residing at Perth, in the City of Perth,  
do hereby give notice that it is my inten-  
tion to apply at the next Licensing Meet-  
ing to be holden for this district for a Pub-  
lican's General License for the sale of Fer-  
mented and Spirituous Liquors in the house  
and appurtenances thereunto belonging,  
situated at Beaufort-street, Perth, con-  
taining two sitting-rooms and three bed-  
rooms, exclusive of those required for my  
own family, rented by me from James  
Grave, at present occupied by R. B. Smith,  
not now licensed, to be called the "Beau-  
fort Arms," and which I intend to keep as  
an Inn or Public House.

I have held a Publican's General License  
before for over eight years.

Given under my hand this sixteenth day  
of November, one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty-six.

J. J. SMITH.

In 1886, **John Joseph Smith**, publican, took  
up residence with his family in the house  
and grounds of 167 Beaufort Street,  
following the purchase by S H Parker.

He made an application to the Licensing  
board to convert the house to a hotel,  
naming it the "**Beaufort Arms Hotel**"

Permission was granted, provided that an  
extension be made to the building for  
accommodation.

*Daily News*, 20 November 1886 p.3

**Subsequent licensees are:**

**1889: J Graut** was granted Publicans General License on the 4 March 1889.

**1891: S J Smith**, was granted a Publicans General License.

**1894: Mrs J J Smith** (Mary) became the Publican, aged 44 years. Her husband, former publican J J SMITH had died a sudden unexpected death, "due to the action of his heart" in 1893. An article in the 'Police Intelligence' column of *The West Australian*, January 1894, revealed that Mrs Mary Smith was the landlady, and daughter Edith was working in the bar. Both appeared in Court as witnesses in an, 'Alleged uttering of a forged cheque', at the hotel.

Beaufort Arms Hotel was the meeting place of the Progressive Political League, West Perth branch. (*West Australian*, May 1894)

**1896:** Proprietor was **C Robinson**, who renovated it and added a '*pretty little saloon bar.*' (*Business News*, October 1896)

*Beaufort Arms Hotel  
Beaufort Street*

*C. Robinson Proprietor (late of the Star and Garter Hotel)  
Begs to notify his old friends and the public generally*

*that he has purchased the above Hotel and has had it thoroughly renovated,  
and has laid in a New Stock of the BEST BRANDS of BEER, Wine and Spirits.  
Give him a call.*

*The West Australian*, 4 December 1896

1897: Mrs A Smith was the licensee.

The concern about an outbreak of typhoid in Perth is reflected in the article 'Condition of Parker Street,' which appeared in *The West Australian* 17 April, 1897, referring to the land at the rear of the hotel.

**CONDITION OF PARKER-STREET.**

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—You will oblige a constant reader of your influential journal for the last three years by kindly inserting this letter in your columns, my object being to bring under the notice of the proper authorities the horrible state of affairs with regard to sanitary matters existing in Parker-street at the rear of the Beaufort Arms Hotel. I wrote to the Health Officer a fortnight ago respecting the matter, but not the slightest notice has been taken of it. At the bottom of the street, at the rear of a so-called horse bazaar and stables, exists a state of affairs not to be equalled in any plague spot of the old or new worlds. In little hovels not sufficient for a dog whole families are existing, and back-yards of houses recently erected are being filled with tents, without the slightest regard to health. The street altogether, both as regards lighting and making, seems to be utterly ignored by the authorities and not even a policeman condescends to pay a visit there.—

Yours, &c.,  
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ANTI-PLAGUE SPOT,  
Perth, April 8.

In *Our Western Land 1890 -1939*, Ruth Marchant James reported on the typhoid epidemic which struck Perth around this time.

566 cases were reported in 1895, another 663 in 1896, followed by 1408 in 1897 and 800 in 1898."

1898: George A Smith followed by Edward K Osborne were the publicans. (See Osborne obituary at end of article.)

Re G.A SMITH. (George)

This was a public examination into the affairs of Gustave Adolph Smith, licensed victualler, of Perth. It appears that the debtor arrived in Western Australia in March 1895 and for some time worked as a waiter in Kalgoorlie. Soon after, he entered into a partnership with Mr Howes, in the Victoria Hotel and Kalgoorlie Coffee Palace of the same place. Subsequently he became the licensee of the Beaufort Arms Hotel, Perth. He attributed his position mainly to pressure by the Stanley Brewing Co. and refusal on the part of the company to agree to an unconditional transfer of his lease to an intending purchaser. The statement of affairs set out the liabilities to unsecured creditors at 3,268.4s and to other creditors 73.3s4d. The assets amounted to 3,627.10s, the principles item being unexpired portion of lease, including improvements and goodwill 3,200. A surplus was shown on statement of affairs of 283.6s

The case was adjourned to until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February the debtor being ordered to furnish a profit and loss account.

WAN Tuesday 1 Feb 1898

**1899:** *'Friends of Mr Charles Robinson will be pleased to hear he again has taken over the Beaufort Arms Hotel. Mr Robinson kept the "Beaufort", three years ago" but sold out to take a house in Fremantle. (WA Record, 28 October 1899)*

**1900:** **G L Atchison** was the publican followed by **Francis Smith**.

#### **APPLICATION FOR A PUBLICAN'S GENERAL LICENCE.**

To the Worship the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the District of Perth,  
Western Australia

I **FRANCIS SMITH**, hotelkeeper, married, now residing at the Beaufort Arms Hotel, Beaufort Street, in the City of Perth, do hereby give notice that it is my intention to APPLY at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden for this district, for a PUBLICAN'S General Licence for the Sale of Liquor, in the house and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situated at Beaufort Street Perth, and known as "The Beaufort Arms Hotel". Containing seven bedrooms and four sitting rooms, exclusive of those required by my family, now rented from me by Alexander Forest, and which I intend to keep as an inn or public house. I have held a licence of the above hotel, under transfer from William Pittard, since the 18<sup>th</sup> of JUNE 1900. Given under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August,  
FRANCIS SMITH

(The West Australian, 21 August 1900 page 3)

**1901 -1903: Francis Smith** held the position of publican.

**1903 – 1907: Henry Bols** became the publican. Whilst under his management the owner of the hotel became **STANLEY BREWERY COMPANY** (est. 1884- 1908)

This brewery advertises its beer as *'Nutritious Body Ale. Superior to any imported" costing 4 pounds per hogshead (54 imperial gallons.)*

The address at the time is 159 Beaufort Street.

**1908-1920: William Albert Otto Schruth** became the publican for lengthy period. In the Perth City Council rate books and the WA Post Office Directory he was documented as going under the name **Willy A Schruth**.

According to the, "The Migration Heritage of NSW"

*"German business and individuals were under constant scrutiny. The Alhambra Café, Schruth's Beaufort Arms Hotel and Mrs Carlhausen's Wine Saloon in 46 Beaufort St Perth, Western Australia were under surveillance. It was reported that the wine saloon was 'frequented by a number of Alien Enemies and Naturalised Aliens are amongst a large percentage who are disloyal'."*

Another newspaper article reported:

*"Billy" Schruth is doing famously at the Beaufort Arms Hotel, which is situated right opposite Weld-Square. He is advertising a special: Christmas and New Year offer of choice liquors, 12 bottles of mixed lines going for £1.*  
(Sunday Times "AROUND THE HOTELS" December 1912)

Rooms at the hotel were also used by community groups for meetings. An example is *The West Australian* in March 1908 reported that *the eighth annual meeting of the Highgate Football Club was held at 8pm.*

Also the *Westralian Worker* in May 1914 advertised that the HAWTHORN LODGE No: 318. U.A.O. DRUIDS held a fortnightly meeting in the Lodge Room of the hotel.

In 1916 there was a major riot in Perth involving the Beaufort Arms Hotel amongst others. The newspaper reported:

## STATE TELEGRAMS

### THE PERTH DISTURBANCE CONTINUED ROWDYISM

Perth, Jan. 1

Other shops which had their windows smashed to pieces during Thursday night's riots by some of the New South Wales soldiers, were Albert & Son's music store, the General Electric Company's premises in Murray Street, Con. Pinorus' grill shop in Barrack Street, Victor Tomic's wine saloon in William Street, and Antanovitch's wine saloon at the corner of Lake and James Streets. The disturbances were continued yesterday, when Erpf Bros.' shop was again visited. A small section of the rioters demanded free drinks at the Beaufort Arms Hotel in Beaufort Street, and the proprietor had no alternative but to grant the request; but when they attempted to induce Schruth, the proprietor, to lend them half a sovereign he demurred. They then broke out, and some went outside where they chanced upon a butcher's cart and seized the contents, and with strings of sausages, etc., went back to the bars and played havoc among the bottles and glasses, which were soon flying in all directions. The police eventually quelled this disturbance. Other lots started on Barnardt's Imperial Hotel in Wellington Street but armed pickets quelled this. Viking House, owned by Streltz Bros., was also visited, and the great windows on the ground floor were severely damaged. In addition to 56 police and military

police and detectives, ten pickets of ten armed men at a time were on duty with several hundreds of reserves and mounted police. At 8.30 the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Drew, issued an order and closed all the hotels, showing his determination to put down the disturbances. Later on the Swan Meat Company's windows were smashed, and over 200 of the visitors then marched to the Drill Hall and surrendered. All the Greek shops were closed during the day fearing trouble. On Mount's Bay Road a company of soldiers held up a lorry bearing some dozen bottles of ale. A soldier mounted the conveyance and was about to commence distributing the ale when the driver explained that it had been ordered by the Fire Brigades Board as a New Year treat for the firemen at the Central station. Learning this the "highwaymen" permitted the lorryman to go ahead without further molestation. Early in the afternoon what gave promise of proving a serious bit of business

occurred in Roe Street. A crowd of soldiers were seen making a concerted move at 3 p.m. A number of police officers and many civilians, who followed a little later were startled by the sound of revolver shots, but which proved to have been caused by several men attempting to force an entrance into some houses past Lake Street, and one of the occupants, being in fear, produced a revolver and fired a number of shots in the air. One soldier immediately closed with her and took the firearm from her. He was firing in the air when the police arrived. The men then dispersed hurriedly after two of their number had

1921-1922: George Thomas JEFFS 'having recently been a publican in the Goldfields presides over the popular hostelry'.

**BEAUFORT ARMS HOTEL.**

Gen. Jeffs, who presides over that popular hostelry, the Beaufort Arms, extends the glad hand of welcome to old friends and new. This popular ex-goldfield boniface is known and appreciated hereabouts wherever non-wowers and good sports exist, and his personality alone is sufficient to ensure him a big clientele. George has the Beaufort Arms stocked with the very best in ales, wines, spirits and liqueurs, and he guarantees to cater for the "cratur" comforts of the most exacting.

*WA Sportsman*, 8 February 1918, page 3

1922: J R Parks

**THE BEAUFORT ARMS**  
**CITY HOTEL PREMISES**  
**To be Remodelled**

Quite considerable changes are being effected architecturally in Perth's hotels. Apart from the reconstruction of the Australian for Mr. Gullfoyle, and alterations to a Murray-street hostel, extensive additions are to be made to the Beaufort Arms Hotel.

The building is to be extended to face both Newcastle and Beaufort streets, and it is to be of two-stories throughout. In addition, shops are to be provided on the Newcastle-st. frontage. Messrs. Oldham and Boss are the architects.

*Sunday Times* 2 May 1924 page 8

## 1925-1930: Joseph G. Walsh

**BEAUFORT HOTEL**  
Mr. Joe G. Walsh, a Coolgardie pioneer, since taking control of the well-known hotel at the corner of Beaufort-street and Newcastle-street, has had it thoroughly renovated, and patrons of the old Beaufort Arms of the early days will be astonished at the transformation effected. As J.G.W. remarks, the best of liquors are sold, not kept, at the Beaufort.

*Sunday Times, 19 December 1926, page 19*



1933 (Courtesy SLWA, Battye Library 102065PD)

**1931-1933: Frederick Day** Hotel-keeper, married to Ethel May Day at 167 Beaufort Street

**1934: John A Safe** is licensee.

The hotel is now owned by **WESTRALIA HOTELS PTY LTD.**

**1936: William Whitley** was licensee.

**1936-1949: Thomas Sloss** was licensee.

*Mr Tom Sloss, Vice president of the UNITED VICTUALLERS ASSOCIATION Of WESTERN AUSTRALIA, "host of the Beaufort Arms Hotel"*

(Kalgoorlie Minor, April 1946)



1969 (Courtesy SLWA, Battye Library 113149PD)

During WWII, 'with the shortage of men, liquor, glasses and other hotel supplies' the stealing of a Schooner by a customer resulted in a seven day imprisonment. Tom Sloss, from the Beaufort Arms Hotel, was quoted as saying " there had been an increase of 43 glasses since this conviction".

Stealing of glasses was deemed an inconvenience, as glasses had to be imported from the Eastern States, added to that was the difficulty in transportation.

**1961-1962:** The hotel remained under **WESTRALIA HOTELS PTY LTD.**

**1963:** The hotel became a **SWAN BREWERY HOTEL.**

**1970:** The hotel was renamed the "**NEW BEAUFORT HOTEL**".



*Perth Yellow Pages, 1970*

**1977:** The hotel name changed back to **“BEAUFORT HOTEL”**

**1981:** Name changed to the **LONE STAR SALOON** with the accomodation provided as **CITY BACKPACKERS HQ.**



Lone Star Saloon and City Backpackers HQ, 1996 (Courtesy SLWA, Battye Library b3970412\_2)

According to the *“Green Left Weekly”* online news briefs, 6 November 1996

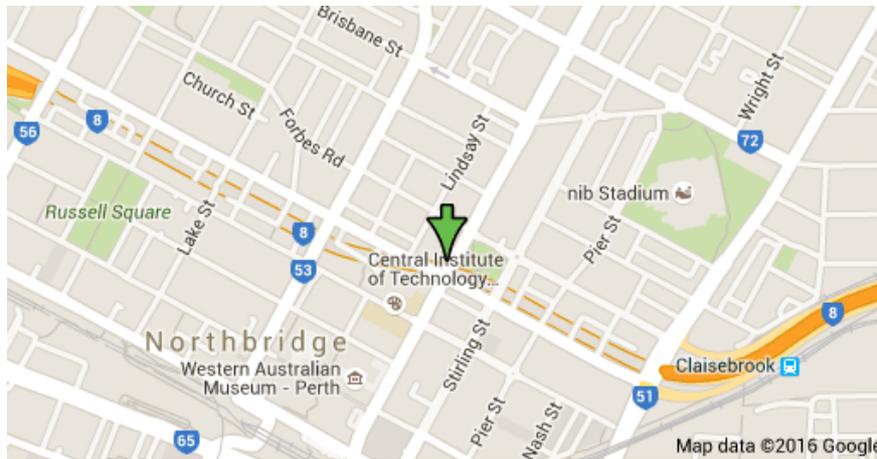
*Demolition of the “Lone Star.”*

*The Western Australian Main Roads Department has ordered that the premises of the Lone Star Hotel be vacated by November 4 to pave the way for the Northbridge Tunnel, despite reassurances from the department that no construction on the tunnel would take place here for two years. Northbridge will lose a 100-year-old building. Several residents will lose their homes and others their jobs at the Lone Star. The Cities for People Campaign has organised a protest on November 4, 12.30pm at the site.*

City of Perth Council minutes from 26 August 1997 pages 1758-1760 state that a demolition licence was issued on 9 December 1996. It came under the Metropolitan Region Scheme Reserve, within the Western Australian Planning Commission, so the City Planning Scheme did not apply.

The building was demolished in **February 1997**. The site was then used for a temporary car park under the management of Wilson Parking Australia Pty Ltd.

Hansard records for the Legislative Council on 16 June 1998, reveal that a contract was let by the Commissioner of Main Roads to the Moltoni Corporation for \$46,880 to demolish the Lone Star Hotel to make way for the construction of the Graham Farmer Freeway.



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From our initial investigation in the City of Perth rate books on *Ancestry*, *Wises Post Office Directories*, published literature and Trove digitised newspapers we were able to find quite a lot of information. This was followed up with trawling the telephone directories and *Yellow Pages*. Although, what was going to be a straightforward search (following the time line of the hotel and its various owners and occupants), like any research, has now uncovered branches, left and right.

**Further notes**

DIVISION 3.—*Method and conditions of obtaining publicans' and other licenses.*

(1.) *Applications for licenses.*

23. (1) Every person wishing to obtain a publican's or colonial wine license under this Act shall, at least fourteen days before he applies to the quarterly licensing court of such district, deliver to the clerk of the licensing court for the district within which the premises are situated to which such license is intended to apply, and to the district inspector, a notice in writing signed by such applicant, setting forth the applicant's name, calling, and abode ; and shall also affix a like notice on the outer side or front of the principal entrance door of the said premises, there to be kept until the day upon which the said Court is holden. Such applicant shall also publish a copy of such notice in a newspaper circulating in such district at least seven days before he so applies. In all cases the notice of application may be in such one of the forms in the Sixth Schedule hereto as is applicable, or to the like effect, and shall be delivered in triplicate to the clerk, who shall, immediately after the receipt thereof, post or cause to be posted one of such notices inside, and another outside, on some conspicuous part of the court-house or building in which the court is to be held :  
 Provided always that, except as hereinafter provided, no such application shall be entertained where such applicant is an unmarried woman (not being a widow).

(2) A married woman who has, before or after the passing of this Act, obtained a protection order under the Act twenty-second Victoria number six may obtain, by grant or transfer, a publican's or colonial wine license under this Act, and any renewal of the same :  
 Provided that no license shall be granted or transferred under this section if the married woman has since the making of the protection order cohabited or resided with her husband :  
 Provided also that if the married woman after the grant or transfer to her of the license cohabits or resides with her husband, the license shall, if not transferred within three months after such cohabitation or residence, lapse at the expiration of the said three months.

License may be held by Married woman who has obtained a protection order may hold licence. Act No 17,1897. S,2

## Obituary for E K Ogborne

An estimable personality and a sterling unionist passed away last Friday in the person of Mr. E. K. Ogborne. "Ned" (as he was more familiarly known) was a native of this State, and served his apprenticeship at Perth in the "Enquirer" office, which was owned by the late Edmund Stirling, and subsequently transferred to the Government Printing Office. He was later on foreman of the Albany "Advertiser," and in 1888 became overseer for Messrs. Sands and McDougall's Perth business, a position he vacated ten years later to become "mine host" of Beaufort Arms Hotel. About three years ago he became a victim—like many printers have done—of the dreaded consumption, and his end on Friday came as a relief to months of patient suffering. In his day our late comrade was a good all round athlete—footrunner, oarsman, footballer and cricketer—and was for years central umpire to the Football Association. He leaves a widow and three daughters, his only son, Lieut. Colin Ogborne, having been killed in France. As a foreman and workman. "Ned" Ogborne was respected by all his associates, and he ended a useful life of 58 years without having made a single enemy. The funeral took place on Saturday and was largely attended. The pall-bearers were Messrs S. Hobson and E. Haysom (representing Messrs. Sands and McDougall's) J. Smith, J. Baird, and A Braidwood (representing the Government Printing Office), and F. M. Kelsall (secretary of the Typographical Union).

*Westralian Worker, May 1920*