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Introduction
Indian hawkers serviced the rural and more remote areas, selling drapery, haberdashery and sundry goods that could not readily be obtained outside towns that functioned as rural service centres. The hawksers travelled in semi-structured circuits, calling in at various farms and stations, as well as filling orders placed during previous visits.¹ In many instances, while working on their own accounts, they functioned as a travelling retailing arm of town-based stores with whom they enjoyed close, near symbiotic, business relationships.² Not surprisingly, these hawksers experienced accidents and illness while travelling, often leading to fatalities both while on the road, or death while patients in local hospitals. Many hawksers gave up their mobile retail businesses, purchased land,³ and took up farming, eventually dying of old age on their property.

This study is the first systematic survey of burials and cremations of Indian hawksers in any geographical context in Australia.⁴ Its geographical coverage is the Southern Riverina and North-Eastern Victoria (Figure 15). The temporal end point of the coverage of this document has been arbitrarily set to 1952, the year the last major figure of the Indian hawker community died. This compilation also augments a survey of the evidence of hawksers in the southern Riverina and northern Victoria,⁵ as well as an examination of the cremation rites of Hindu hawksers as they manifested themselves in late nineteenth and early twentieth century Australia.⁶

The emphasis of this study is on the Punjabi males that engaged in hawking, market gardening (and later also farming) as well as rural labour. Omitted in this compilation are their wives,⁷ inasmuch as they were Australian women as well as their Australian-born children.⁸

The Sources
The data presented in the table below have been compiled through systematic searches of digitised newspapers,⁹ the Victorian Government Gazette, New South Wales Government Gazette; and the state archives, as well as searches of Births, Deaths and Marriages on-line databases of New South Wales¹⁰ (Figure 1) and Victoria.¹¹ In the following compilation, the actual place of death is given as well as the location of the cremation or burial. In a number of cases the sources are silent on whether the body was cremated, or even where it was buried.¹² On occasion, excerpts of the historic cemetery registers were available (Figure 2). The full documentation for each individual is provided in the relevant endnote.

The newspaper reporting of the various deaths is very patchy, ranging from in depth commentary as in the case of Devan Singh (1905, n° 15) or Gharne Singh (1935, n° 78) to minimal commentary, as in the case of Patti Singh (1909, n° 22). In addition, there are references to some deaths, which are not reported in the newspapers at all, such as Pooran Singh (1923, n° 53) and Juan Singh (1931, n° 73). The pattern of reporting seems to be, understandably, more detailed in the early days, because the topic was novel, or, as in the case of the reporting of Devan Singh’s (1905, n° 15) cremation at Albury, which was geographically widespread because it fitted into a national debate on cremation in general.¹³ Some of the later cremations are also reported in more depth, presumably because the papers, by and large, contained more pages and thus could use more copy. Reporting is at a minimum during World War I, when column space was limited, and reports of cremations had to compete with war news and lists of war fund donations.
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Figure 1. Sections of the death certificate of Sumar Singh (n° 40)

Figure 2. Entry for Dalale Singh Gill (n° 76) in the burial record ledger of Beechworth Cemetery
The names

The spelling of the hawkers’ names in the various newspapers needs to be read with a grain of salt. In the main, it is a phonetic representation by the correspondents and editors, and the Australian public in general, who struggled especially with the rendering of soft vowels. Examples are: Esoor Singh (n° 65) whose name is commonly rendered ‘Esser,’ or Gurmukh Singh (n° 92), whose name is commonly spelled ‘Goormac Singh.’ Where possible, names were anglicised as they better rolled off the tongue. Thus Pollah Singh (n° 53), at least in his early period, was also known as Paul Singh. In other cases, such as that of Harnan Singh was occasionally bastardised to Harna-man Singh and anglicised as Hermann Singh. Finally, there are names that are descriptive or play on the original names. For example, Noor Partap Singh (n° 110) was often rendered ‘Newpartapa’ but colloquially called ‘Spud’ as his name rhymed, for Australian ears, with ‘New Potato.’ Where possible, the spelling of the names as listed in Table 2 has been standardised based on accepted spelling (SikhiWiki, 2014). The spelling used in the original sources as well as alternate spellings that may have been encountered, are given in the respective endnotes.

Locations of death and burial

The locations of death of the 90 individuals covered by this study are varied. The majority of the those listed here died in hospital, either because of injury or illness during old age, while others died on their own farms. As befits the nature of their itinerant work many died on the circuit from natural causes while camping at a reserve or someone’s farm, or even on the road itself, such as Sham Singh (n° 82), who was found next to his hand barrow on the Moama to Echuca road, or...
Gurmukh Singh (n° 92), who was found dead in his motor truck on the Oxley Road. Others died from accidents at a camping reserve,24 or on the road.25 Special cases are Chanda Singh (n° 19, †1907), Cheri Khan (n° 26, †1910), Lal Singh (n° 63, †1929), and Patarp Singh (n° 109, †1951) who were all declared to have committed suicide, a testament to the mental health issues caused by enforced solitude and lack of companionship, as well as living a life on the periphery of colonial Australian society.

The individuals considered here are both of Muslim and of Hindu / Sikh faith. The burial customs for these vary significantly: Muslims are buried, while Hindu / Sikh are cremated. Table 2 lists all hawkers in the order of their death, irrespective of faith.

**Muslim burials**

In the absence of dedicated Islamic burial grounds in most towns, Muslim hawkers were buried in the general community cemeteries, either in an unsectarian / non-denominational section,26 or in sections where the relevant Christian denominations allowed it to occur (Table 1).

On record are Mohammed Khan (1899, n° 6) who was buried at Wangaratta; Cheri Khan (1910, n° 26) at Tallangatta; and Hummo Khan (1945, n° 98) at Narrandera. Moota Khan (1910, n° 28), Mahomet Ali (1910, n° 29) and Hadj Sher Khan (1911, n° 30) were all interred in the Moama cemetery, with Moota Kahn buried in the Methodist portion. Buried in the ‘other denominations’ or ‘non-denominational’ sections were Kareem Bux (1899, n° 8) in the Numurkah General Cemetery and Barakeet Ali Khan (1947, n° 102) at Leeton. Boota Khan (1913, n° 33), Sahib Dad (1948, n° 105) and Junga Malik (1934, n° 77) were buried in the Wagga Wagga cemetery, with the former two known to have been interred in the general section.

Only Albury had a dedicated Muslim section, which had been set aside since September 1905.27 Alas, the dedication of that area occurred too late for the first Muslim burial to occur in Albury, that of Noor Deen (1905, n° 16). He was interred in the Methodist section of Albury’s General Cemetery, albeit at its edge.28 On the other hand, the 1931 burial of Peir Buksh (1931, n° 71), could have occurred in the dedicated Muslim section, but in the event took place in the section of the Albury cemetery. The grave is not located in the unsectarian section, as would be expected, but in the section reserved for ‘other denominations’.29

**Hindu and Sikh burials**

The first authorised cremation in Australia, that of the body of the Chinese Gee Ti was carried out at the Victorian Quarantine Station at Point Nepean on 11 December 1892 (Anonymous, 1892b). As Gee Ti had suffered from leprosy, the cremation occurred for public health reasons (Anonymous, 1892b). Indeed, as outlined by Justice Williams on 1 December of that year, anyone who “desired to … burn the bodies of the dead they might do so as long as they liked, providing they did it decently and without making a nuisance. They might continue to carry it on unless Parliament interfered to stop it” (Williams, cited in Anonymous, 1892a). In Victoria, formal legislation, governing the establishment and operation of crematoria, was not enacted until 1903 (Cremation Act 1903).

While the cremation of people of European extraction was slow30 due to the ongoing debate surrounding the moral and practical aspects of the practice,31 the Indian community made cremation a common, albeit ethnically and culturally distant, occurrence. As a rule, members of the Hindu and Sikh faiths, insisted on the cremation of their dead. For that, they had to obtain, on a case by case basis, the permission of the police, the relevant Colonial, and after 1901 the State, health officer and, in many cases, also the local inspector of public nuisances.
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Table 1. Muslim and Hindu / Sikh hawkers buried in community cemeteries
The reference numbers refer to the listing in Table 2.

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The first confirmed cremation of an Indian hawker in the study area, was that of Boota Singh who was cremated at Pyramid Hill on 18 May 1894 (n° 3). His death was widely reported throughout south-eastern Australia (Figure 4). The event was described thus:

**CREMATING A HINDOO HAWKER.** A Hindoo hawker named Boota Singh, well known in this district, died on Friday morning at the Royal Hotel, Kerang, (says the Observer) from inflammation of the lungs. Dr. Austin who was attending the deceased certified to the cause of death, and Boota Singh’s compatriots immediately commenced preparations to burn the body in pursuance of the ancient rites of the Hindoo religion in order that his ashes, might be sent to India and there thrown into the sacred waters of the Ganges. On applying to Senior constable French for leave to burn the body the Indians were referred to the Board of Public Health to whom; a wire was sent in the afternoon. A reply having been received, agreeing to the cremation, the body, which was saturated with butter, was placed on a shutter covered with a white cloth, and was put into Mr. Cadush’s buggy. The cortege then drove down past the cemetery into a position handy to some dry logs and timber. The Hindoos then; placed two logs parallel, close together, and started a fire either end of the logs. They took the body off the shutter, merely enveloped in the white cloth, and placed it on the blazing logs, with its feet towards the east, face upwards. Another log was placed on the corpse, and then more dry wood was piled on. Mr. Guy, at the request of the Hindoos, then read portion of the funeral service, and one of the Hindoos asked everyone present to throw a stick on the fire. This was done, and those present, at the instigation of the Hindoos, left the pyre; being still burning. - According to custom, the Hindoos returned next morning, and saw that the body was completely burnt (Anonymous, 1894c)

Usually the cremation occurred on the same day of the death and at the location or nearest community where the death occurred. Exceptions to this are three deaths that occurred in the vicinity of Albury and where the bodies were brought for cremation at Albury’s unsectarian burial ground off Wagga Road (now Jelbart Park), which had been dedicated for that purpose in September 1905. These were Atchar Singh (1917, n° 41), who died at Gerogery; Tarum (‘Narra’) Singh (1918, n° 44), who died at Kergunyah; and Naran Singh (1933, n° 75), who died at Dederang. This attests to the significance of Albury as a rural service centre and to the relevance that the unsectarian burial ground had to the Indian community of the region.

In some cases, the deceased were buried by the authorities, but later, with permission, exhumed and cremated according to Hindu custom. Examples for this are Gundah Singh (1909, n° 24), Salah Singh (1910, n° 27), Rudda Singh (1920, n° 47), Sunda Singh (1933, n° 74), and Dalale Singh Gill (1934, n° 76). By and large, the cremation sites went unmarked. In the case of the unsectarian burial ground in Albury (Figure 14), some grave markers existed in 1939, but had been removed by the mid 1960s. A few of the deceased Hindu or Sikh hawkers, however, were not cremated, but buried in Christian sections of local cemeteries. These where Charles Sunder Singh (n° 56), who was interred in the Roman Catholic section of the Wagga Wagga cemetery in 1925; Patarp Singh (n° 87), who was buried in the Methodist section of the Hay cemetery in 1938; Gungah Singh (n° 100), who was buried in the Corowa cemetery; Inder Singh (n° 96), whose final resting place is in the Wagga Wagga cemetery; and Sundah Singh (n° 101) and Patarp Singh (n° 109) whose remains were interred in the Henty Cemetery.
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Figure 4. Spatial distribution of the newspaper coverage of the cremation of Boota Singh in 1894.

Even though cremated, some of the deceased have contemporary grave markers, such as Sunda Singh (nº 74; Figure 11), Dalale Sing Gill (nº 76, Figure 12), while others have been afforded commemorative bronze plaques in more recent years, such as Pollah Singh (nº 53, Figure 13) at Corryong and Sundah Singh (nº 101) and Patarp Singh (nº 109) in the Henty Cemetery.\(^\text{35}\)

Almost all accounts mention that the burnt human remains in the ashes and especially the teeth were retrieved to be sent to the relatives back in India, so that they, in due course, could commit them to the Ganges. The disposal of the rest of the ashes, both charcoal and human bone, is often not mentioned.
Age structure

We have age at death stated for fourth fifths (81.3%) of the deceased hawkers listed. This allows us to examine the data in different ways. For example, the Immigration Restriction Act 1901 limited the opportunities for Indian hawkers to recruit relatives to enter the trade. Even though they were British subjects, they too had to submit to the arbitrary and discriminating dictation test. This is well reflected in the distribution of the ages the Indian hawkers had at the time the act was passed (Figure 5). Only a very small number was in the age cohorts below 25 years (i.e. born after 1875). These were presumably children of hawkers admitted before 1901. This is further confirmed by the observation, that the ages of about 180 persons applying for hawking licences in the Redfern Police Court on 11 January 1898 ranged from 21 to 50 years, with the majority being 25 to 35 years old.

The greatest influx of Indian hawkers occurred in the mid to late 1890s. Considering the distribution of the year of birth in five-year cohorts (Figure 5), about half (49.3%) were in the 20 to 30 year cohort, with a bit more than a quarter (27.8%) in the 35 and 40 year cohort. This is hardly surprising as both can be considered the prime working age of men.

The average age at death of all Indian hawkers is 61.1±17.9 years (n=55). This compares well with the average for Australian males in 1920, which is 61.9±15.8 years (n=21,607). The difference is not significant given the huge discrepancy in sample sizes. The distribution of the age at death, however, shows a bi-polar distribution (Figure 6), with a distinct drop in the 55 year old class. The distribution is even more skewed once we deduct those who died from accidents and those who committed suicide. Now the number of deaths rises strongly from the 55 to the 60 year age class. Indeed, the average age at death of the hawkers dying from natural causes is 63.2±18.0 years (n=59), while the average age for those dying from other causes is 50.4±14.1 years (n=12).
There are, however, some recorded discrepancies in ages at death. For example, Devan ('Dingh') Singh (n° 15) who died in 1905 was reportedly either 35 or 40 years of age (see relevant entry in Table 2). Similar discrepancies have been recorded for Jundar ('Gundar') Singh (n° 21) (30 / 33 years) and Naran Singh (n° 75) (57 / 59 years), while the discrepancies are larger for Shenak Singh (n° 79) (80 / 88 years) and even larger for Gundah Singh (n° 24) (45 / 58 years). While the majority of these discrepancies only occur in the written and/or archival record, on occasion there are other manifestations. Examples are Sunda Singh (n° 74) where the records state him to be 77 years of age at death, but the grave marker claims him to be 88 years of age (Figure 11), and Dalale Singh Gill (n° 76), where the cemetery register noted him to be 64 years old, yet the grave marker states 68 (Figure 12).
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In addition to individual variation in age, there appear to be more systemic influences at work. Figure 9 provides the frequency distribution of the terminal digit of a person’s age at death. There is no biological reason that adults with the terminal digit 1’ in their age (i.e. aged 21, 31, 41, 51, etc.) should die more frequently than, say, those with a terminal digit of ‘6’ (i.e. aged 26, 36, 46, 56 etc.). Statistically, all digits have the same probability (10%) of being represented in a population (Figure 9). Yet, the two distributions (observed vs expected) are statically very significantly different ($\chi^2=37.905$, df=9, $p<0.0001$). The population of Punjabi men dying in the Southern Riverina and north-eastern Victoria shows disproportionately (26.2%) more men with a ‘round’ age of death (40, 50, 60 etc.) which is statistically significant ($P<0.001$), as are the percentage deviations for life ages ending on ‘5’ and ‘2’.

Figure 8. Correlation of year of death and age at death of the Indian hawkers listed in this compilation (n=90).

Figure 9. Frequency distribution of the terminal digits of person’s age at death (n=88)
Similar disproportions have been noted among the grave markers of Roman legionnaires, which were interpreted as lack of numeracy skills and also as a lack of documentation of genuine birth records. It is probable that the discrepancies among the Punjabi men are less likely caused by a lack of numeracy skills but more by a lack of need to know one’s age during adulthood, as well as cultural reasons of age rounding. This is modulated by the fact that Punjabi men in Australia had a less close contact with their Anglo-Celtic host community, and that they ‘kept to themselves’ (i.e. were marginalised by mainstream colonial society). Consequently, unless the Punjabi men self-nominated their ages or age estimates at the time of admission to a hospital, for example, the ages given in the death certificates are the views of those who registered the deaths, based on mere approximations as well as any general information.

In view of the latter discussion, some of the previous comments on the age structure need to be read *cum grano salis*.
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Figure 11. Grave marker for Sunda Singh (n° 74) at the Beechworth Cemetery.

Figure 12. Grave marker for Dalale Singh Gill (n° 76) at the Beechworth Cemetery.

Figure 13. Cenotaph of Pollah Singh (n° 53) at the Corryong Cemetery. Note the modern brass plaque.
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Figure 14. Area of the unsectarian burial ground in Albury as seen from the south.

Table 2. Chronology of deaths and cremations of Indian Hawkers in the wider Albury Region until 1950.

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Deaths and cremations of Indian Hawkers in the Southern Riverina and North-Eastern Victoria until 1952

Figure 15. Location of places mentioned in the text.


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Endnotes

1. (Laidlaw, 2009; Spennemann, in prep.-b).—For classification of hawking in terms of other itinerant professions, see (Gonzalez, Spennemann, & Allan, 2017).

2. (Spennemann, in prep.-b).

3. (Spennemann, subm.).

4. This document was initially conceptualised as a background study in support of an assessment of the history and management of the ‘unsectarian burial ground’ in Albury, the first formally gazetted Indian cremation ground in New South Wales (Spennemann, in prep.-d).—see also (Spennemann, in prep.-b).

5. See Spennemann (2017).—See also Spennemann (subm.).


7. Examples are Dinah Rhoda Sher Khan, daughter of Alfred Morgan and Mary Ann (née Williams), who died aged 38 at Echuca in 1931 (Vic BDM 13811/1931); and Emily Jane Sheer Khan, who died in 1919, aged 60, also at Echuca (Vic BDM 6493/1919).

8. Examples of children are Naby Bux Berdda (Budder) Deen, child of Naby Meera Bux and Alice Emma née Campbell, who died aged 8 months at Numurkah in 1909 (Vic BDM birth 21811/1909; death 10045/1909). Another child, Zarm Deen, was born in 1914 (Vic BDM 15313/1914).

9. The research was greatly facilitated by the National Library of Australia’s digital historic newspaper archive accessible through the ‘Trove’ database (National Library of Australia, 2016). Search terms used were ‘death / burial / cremation / cremated / pyre,’ ‘hawker/s,’ ‘burial / cemetery,’ ‘Sikh / Singh / Hindoo / Hindu / Buddhist / Indian / Afghan,’ as well ‘Riverina’ and specific place names. Once names of deceased hawkers were identified, they were followed up with additional in-depth searching on the name and name variations.

One of the limitations of the Trove search engine is that the searchable data are only as good as the quality of the input. On occasion the print quality of the original newspaper paper is weak, thus providing insufficient contrast, or the type used was dirty (a common issue is that the counters of the letters were filled in with paper and ink grime). Consequently, the optical character recognition does either not work at all returning gibberish, or return erroneous misspelt or misinterpreted results. While much of this has been manually corrected by readers, this tends to hold true only for metropolitan papers for which there is a higher demand.

10. For the data base see NSW Justice (2017).

11. The Victorian register was searched for family names both in the ‘Family Name’ and the ‘Given Name’ fields. Each record was opened up to extract the location of registration and the place of death (which are not included on the summary screen).—For the database see Victoria Justice and Regulation (2017).

12. In addition to the individuals included in the list, there is reference to two additional hawkers killed in the Albury area, namely a hawker driving two white horses, reputedly killed on the road at Jindera gap, northwest of Albury (D. Martin, 1981, p. 181); and a hawker driving an early chain-driven truck, reputedly killed in Wymah Gap (D. Martin, 1981, p. 181). No independent verification could be found. As on other occasions Martin has been shown to be a less than reliable source, these claims need to be read cum grano salis.


14. See Anonymous (1901h).

15. See Anonymous (1919c).
16. See Anonymous (1901b).
17. See Anonymous (1952c).
19. Among those who died in hospital were: n° 11–n° 18, n° 21–n° 23, n° 27, n° 43, n° 46–n° 51, n° 60–n° 61, n° 66, n° 69–n° 72, n° 74, n° 76, n° 87–n° 89, n° 96, and n° 97. Health care was significant to the hawkers and a plethora of instances has been documented where hawkers appear on the donation lists to hospital funds, often with multiple donations at different localities (e.g. Anonymous, 1910v, 1911a, 1912a, 1921a, 1924d, 1925b; Anonymous, 1932b, 1934g; Dowling, 1908, 1910).
20. Among those who died on their own farms were: n° 35, n° 55–n° 58, n° 78, n° 80–n° 81, n° 85, n° 94, n° 95, and n° 100–n° 101.
21. For the classification of hawkers in the context of other itinerant workers, see Gonzalez et al. (2017).
22. Among those who died while camping at a gazetted camping or travelling stock reserve were: n° 20, n° 25, n° 32, and n° 75.
23. Among those who died while camping on someone’s farm were: n° 6, n° 39–n° 40, n° 68 and n° 79.
24. Among those who died from accidents at a camping reserve were: n° 6, n° 24.
25. Among those who died from accidents on the road were: n° 34, n° 44, n° 53, and n° 65.
26. Also called the ‘general section’ in some cemeteries, such as Henty and Wagga Wagga.
27. See Spennemann (in prep.-c) for details.
29. The rationale, as far as it can be ascertained, is discussed in the study of the Hindu cemetery at (now) Jellibar Park, Albury, which was set aside as a reserve at the same time. See Spennemann (in prep.-c) for details.
30. The first European to be cremated in Melbourne was Elizabeth I Henniker on 19 March 1895 (Anonymous, 1895a), while the first cremation in a dedicated crematorium space in Victoria did not occur until 13 April 1905 (Anonymous, 1905e).
32. A 290 word long account was originally produced in the Kerang Observer, subsequently cited by the Bendigo Independent (Anonymous, 1894d) and the Newcastle Morning Herald (Anonymous, 1894m), Mount Alexander Mail (Anonymous, 1894b), Barrier Miner (Anonymous, 1894d), Express and Telegraph (Adelaide) (Anonymous, 1894), with unspecified attribution (‘local paper’) (Anonymous, 1894c, 1894f, 1894g, 1894h), reprinted without attribution (Anonymous, 1894k, 1894l); produced as extracts in various form: 64 words (Anonymous, 1894d); different extract 55 words (Anonymous, 1894a, 61 words Age (Anonymous, 1894p) quotes and references text from the Age (Anonymous, 1894q) quotes text from the Age verbatim (Anonymous, 1894r, 1894s, 1894t, 1894ad, 1894ac, 1894ab, 1894af), 55 words (Anonymous, 1894e), 47 words (Anonymous, 1894s), 35 words (Anonymous, 1894u), 34 words (Anonymous, 1894w); and a short notices 19 words (Anonymous, 1894z, 1894aa); 16 words (Anonymous, 1894n, 1894ac) 12 words (Anonymous, 1894v); and 9 words (Anonymous, 1894o).
33. Spennemann (in prep.-c).
34. Spennemann (in prep.-c).
36. The following extract from a contemporary newspaper illustrates this nicely: “Putarb Singh, a Hindu, who is well known in the district of Tallangatta (Vic.), has been agitating for some time for the admission into Australia of his brother, Curram Singh, whom he describes as ‘a British subject, living at Lahore.’ The applicant’s solicitor has been informed by the Department of External Affairs ‘that the man cannot be admitted into the Commonwealth unless he passes the dictation test prescribed by the Immigration Restriction Act, which may be applied in any European language, at the discretion of the officer’ (Anonymous, 1911g).
37. Anonymous (1898a).
38. The year of birth data have been rounded to the closest five-year interval.
39. The comparison draws on the data for male deaths in single ages for year 1920 (Knibbs, 1921, p. 119), using only ages 28 and up, which conforms with the rounding used for the hawker data.
40. Note that the total numbers do not correlate with the number of cases given in the text and in end-notes 24 and 25. This is caused by the fact that the reporting of the known deaths not always states the age at death.
41. The age at data have been rounded to the closest five-year interval.
42. The age at death data have been rounded to the closest five-year interval.—Seven cases where the nature of the death is unknown are omitted.
43. See Duncan-Jones (1977); Kunow (1983); Pricop (2014).
44. This aspect is explored elsewhere in more detail (Spennemann, 2017b).
45. JINAN SINGH.—"ca 1861, † 8 Jul 1891 at Yellow Creek near Wangaratta (Victoria BDM 1891/12664)(Anonymous, 1891b).—On record as Jinda Singh (Anonymous, 1891b), Jinan Singh (Victoria BDM 1891/12664), Sutchar Singh (Anonymous, 1891a); Juida Sing ((Wangaratta Cemetery Ledger, Seymour, 2017).—Drowned while crossing Yellow Creek at dusk on route from Tarrawinge to Wangaratta (Anonymous, 1891b, 1891c).—Was accompanied by his brother and a third hawker (Anonymous, 1891c).—When his body re-floated on 10 August 1891 and could be recovered, police found in his clothes £12 13/9 in notes and silver and a receipt for £15 which had been sent by money order to India (Anonymous,
The official address of his estate auctioned. 

— Died intestate, application made to have estate to be administered by the firm Khuda Buksh Rahim Buksh (Indian merchants) as creditors of Mohammed Khan (Webb, 1899a, 1899b); administration handed to curator of the estates of deceased persons (T.P. Bride, 1900). — In view of an advertisement of August 1896 ("buggy, 4-wheel, traveller's, with hood, horse and harness, wanted. 289 Exhibition-Str") (Anonymous, 1896c) it is likely that Khan, or another hawker, commenced trading at that time.

— Died of concussion on 29 June 1894, comprised of 2 horses, wagonette and 'general hawker's goods' (Yeo, Taverner, & Others, 1894).

1891a). — The papers carry no information on the nature and location of his burial. — A Juuda Sing is on record as buried in an unmarked grave the Strangers Section (grave 34c) of Wangaratta Cemetery in 10 August 1891 (Wangaratta Cemetery Ledger, Seymour, 2017).

1894d, 1894e, 1894f, 1894h, 1894j).

— Remains cremated on 22 July 1898 at "Jowalla Street", Melbourne.

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— DIED intestate, application made to have estate to be administered by the firm Khuda Buksh Rahim Buksh (Indian merchants) as creditors of Mohammed Khan (Webb, 1899a, 1899b); administration handed to curator of the estates of deceased persons (T.P. Bride, 1900). — In view of an advertisement of August 1896 ("buggy, 4-wheel, traveller's, with hood, horse and harness, wanted. 289 Exhibition-Str") (Anonymous, 1896c) it is likely that Khan, or another hawker, commenced trading at that time.
The newspapers are silent on the location and nature of his burial.

57. FALLA KHAN.—*ca 1840 Jhelum; † 6 June 1904 Chiltern (Victoria BDM 1904/4446); (Anonymous, 1904e).—Died of pneumonia (Anonymous, 1904e), reputedly the brother of Behadar (Behada) Khan (Anonymous, 1904e) who accompanied Lord Roberts to Kabul in 1880 (Anonymous, 1904e).—reputedly had a son in the Indian cavalry (Anonymous, 1904b).—Arrived in Victoria about 1862 (Anonymous, 1904c, 1904f).—Khan was the successful tenderer for the lamp lighting contract for Chiltern in 1896 (for 1897 (Anonymous, 1899a, 1899b), and also 1903 (Anonymous, 1903b, 1903d). The Australian Natives Association strongly opposed the employment of Khan. He is also on record as successful tenderer in 1898 (Anonymous, 1899b), 1900 (Anonymous, 1901c, 1901d) and 1901 (Anonymous, 1901e). In the obituary, the *Wodonga and Tungam Sentinel* note that "His appointment as lamplighter at Chiltern...was followed by a storm of indignation on the part of local advocates of a 'White Australia'" (Anonymous, 1904f).—Also engaged by Chiltern council to remove and impound stray cattle from the streets (Anonymous, 1898e).—Falla Khan’s application (in September 1903) to acquire 10 acres of land in section 103 was refused by the Chiltern Land Board (Anonymous, 1903c).—Funeral to be conducted by a Muslim priest, requested by telegram from Melbourne (Anonymous, 1904e), date of estate order 15 June 1904 (T.F. Bride, 1904, 1905); estate valued at £73/15/9 plus property (Anonymous, 1904b); estate sold on 24 June 1904, comprising a small town block, held under miner’s right, with hut and stables (£6) and adjoining town block, also under miner’s right, with four roomed cottage, stables etc (£32/10), plus a horse and gig and sundries (Anonymous, 1904d); sold were allotments 6,7 and 8A of section N (Anonymous, 1904f).

58. SUNT SINGH.—*ca 1859, † 29 July 1905 at Wangaratta. — cremated at Wangaratta Hospital (Victoria BDM 1905/11001); cremated 30 July 1905 at ‘the swamp lands on the Greta Road behind Mrs. Batchelor’s property’ (Anonymous, 1905f).—See also (Anonymous, 1905g, 1905h, 1905i, 1905j, 1905m, 1905v).—The ceremony was carried out by Seva Singh.—A cremation of an unnamed Hindu is mentioned in an editorial of 1 December as ‘a few weeks’ after the cremation of Devan Singh in Albury (Anonymous, 1905p).—According to Desmond D. Martin (1969), Chandar ‘Charlie’ Singh was cremated on the old Wangaratta Common at Greta Road site of the trotting club. Martin noted in 1969 that “until a few years ago, a small white fenced enclosure marked the site of Charlie’s funeral pyre” (D. Martin, 1969). No independent verification to the identity of the individual could be found. As on other occasions Martin has been shown to be a less than reliable source, these claims need to be read cum grano salis and that he conflates, or confuses, Sunt Singh’s burial with a Chandar ‘Charlie’ Singh.

59. DEVAN (‘DINGH’) SINGH.—*ca 1865, † 16 July 1905 at Albury (Anonymous, 1905c), (NSW BDM 7866/1905);—ill for six months (at the Albury Hospital) (Anonymous, 1905a); died of tuberculosis (according to death certificate).—Cremation widely reported (Anonymous, 1905b, 1905e) including the publication of two photographs in the Australasian (Anonymous, 1905c).

60. NOOR DEEN. *ca 1870 † 24 August 1905.—(NSW BDM 7873/1905).—Muslim.—also on record as Nor Deen (Anonymous, 1905h) and Noo Dee (Anonymous, 1922p).—died at Albury Hospital (Anonymous, 1905n) as a result of injuries sustained when his hawker’s wagon rolled over his back on Kentucky Station (ca 30 miles from Corowa). Taken to Albury Hospital nothing could be done (Anonymous, 1905o).—The newspapers are quiet on the location of his burial.—The undertaker records (Anonymous, 1922p) show that he was buried on 28 August 1905 in the Methodist section of the Albury Cemetery. The unmarked grave (Methodist Section N° 1; plan 6, row D, plot no 36) (Albury Cemetery database n° 34,139) is located at the northern edge of the section.—Estate auctioned 25 September 1905 (Anonymous, 1905g), comprised of hawker’s wagonette, two horses and harness.

61. SUNDI SINGH.—*ca 1870, † 25 November 1905, Hay.—On record as Sunda Singh (Anonymous, 1905f), 1905h (S. Garrett, 1906); (NSW BDM 12880/1905).—Died at Hay Hospital of a lung complaint (Anonymous, 1905l).—Cremation occurred on 29 November 1905 in a corner of Horton Brothers’ slaughter-yard paddock, West Hay (Anonymous, 1905u) at the banks of the Murrumbidgee (Anonymous, 1905d). The cremation attracted a large gathering of Europeans (Anonymous, 1905d, 1905u). Permission for the cremation had been obtained by telegram from the Minister of Justice (Anonymous, 1905a).—The advertisement for the sale of his estate lists “1 large hawker’s van, 1 set of double van harnesses, 2 horses and stock-in-trade of a hawker, including drapery, clothing, hats, boots and fancy goods” (Blackmore, 1905).—Probate 23 January 1906 (Garrett, 1906).

62. CUSHLA SINGH.—† 17 September 1907 at the Mooroopna hospital.—on record as labourer of Aridmona (T.F. Bride, 1907).—on record as Cushla Singh (Anonymous, 1907b); Cushala Singh (T.F. Bride, 1907).—cremated at the Goulburn
River, on the site of the (then) new Shepparton race course (Anonymous, 1907c, 1907h, 1907i) 'Owing to the short supply of fuel, the spectacle was a somewhat gruesome one' (Anonymous, 1907i).

63. CHANDA(H) SINGH.—*ca 1857 (?), † 7 April 1907 at Temora.—On record as Chanda Singh (NSW BDM 6756/1907), Chunda Singh (Anonymous, 1907o), Chunder Singh (Anonymous, 1907o).—Committed suicide by hanging himself in an outhouse of Cheer Singh’s store (Anonymous, 1907o) (Anonymous, 1907n)—Cremated (Anonymous, 1907o).

64. MEHAN RUSHEN.—† 15 July 1907 near The Rock.—Father Chanan Rushen, Mother Rahamet (NSW BDM 9710/1907).—also on record ‘Meean Roosan’ (Anonymous, 1907o) and Abdallah Singh (Anonymous, 1907o).—died of heart disease at ‘French Park Railway Station;’ body taken to Lockhart (Anonymous, 1907o).

65. JUNDAR (‘GUNDAR’) SINGH.—*ca 1874, † 3 August 1907 at Albury (NSW BDM 7797/1907).—hawker in NSW since ca 1902 (according to death certificate), presumably prior in Victoria.—Died from tuberculosis in Albury Hospital night 2/3 August 1907 (Anonymous, 1907p) (see also death certificate).—Cremated in the “Indian section of the new cemetery” on 5 August 1907 (Anonymous, 1907e, 1907d, 1907f).

66. PATTI SINGH.—*ca 1858 † 19 August 1908 at Deniliquin.—Father Jes Singh (NSW BDM 9224/1908).—On record as Patti Singh (Anonymous, 1908b), Patta Singh (NSW BDM 9224/1908).—Died at Deniliquin hospital.—Cremated at North Deniliquin ‘by his countrymen’ (Anonymous, 1908b).

67. NARRAIN SINGH.—*ca 1868; † 21 September 1908 at Mooroopna (Vic BDM 11082/1908).—died of consumption at Mooroopna hospital (Anonymous, 1908e).—married, wife left behind in India (Anonymous, 1908e).—cremated near the rifle butts at Mooroopna (Anonymous, 1908d, 1908f, 1908e).—Ceremony conducted by Gulab Singh, orchardist of Ardmona (Anonymous, 1908f, 1908e).

68. GUNDAH SINGH.—*ca 1851 (or 1864), Lahore, † 26 November 1909 at Moulamein.—age given as 45 or 58 years (NSW BDM 14185/1909).—Fell intoxicated into the Edward River and drowned (Anonymous, 1909d, 1909e, 1909p).—Travelling hawker in the Moulamein area since about 1894, eventually opened store in Moulamein (Anonymous, 1908b, 1909o).—Reputedly owned three shops in Moulamein (Anonymous, 1909p).—Gundah Singh acquired Moulamein town lots, lot 1, 2, 3 and 4, section 6, £22 10s each (Anonymous, 1907b); applied for Special Lease 1907–2, 50 acres of the Moulamein town common (Anonymous, 1907i), was granted 40 acres for 14 years at £2 per acre (Anonymous, 1907m).—Gundah Singh was initially interred at the cemetery; after two days exhumed and formally cremated (Anonymous, 1909g); the cremation carried out by Bishen Singh (Gundah Singh’s nephew), Fogia Singh (Gundah Singh’s cousin) and Carlo Singh (Anonymous, 1909c, 1909h).—inquest: (Anonymous, 1909j).—deceased’s estate consists of a store and stock of the value of £900, land in Moulamein, a hawker’s wagon and goods therein, about 14 horses of the value of another £450 (Anonymous, 1909i).—The business in Moulamein was offered for sale by tender as a going concern, comprised of a ‘double iron store and warehouse at rear with £864 of stock (Groceries, tobacco £200, clothing, drapery £390 and hardware, crockery £54), as well as an adjoining butcher’s shop (leased to tenant) (Nathan, 1910d, 1911b). The business was acquired by HL O’Donnell who had been manager since 1907 (Anonymous, 1910a).

69. SUNDER ‘TAKOOR’ SINGH.—* ca 1878, † 10 February 1910 Mooroopna (Victoria BDM 1910/2788).—On record as Sunder Singh (Anonymous, 1910f); ‘Sender’ Singh (Anonymous, 1910h); ‘Sakoor’ (Anonymous, 1910h); ‘Tarcor’ (Anonymous, 1910b, 1910h); ‘Takoor’ (Anonymous, 1910f); ‘Tarka’ (Anonymous, 1910a); ‘Tarca’ (Anonymous, 1910as); ‘Tarka’ (Anonymous, 1905x), ‘Thakoor’ (Sutherland & Macfarlane, 1910a); ‘Tharkoor’ (Sutherland & Macfarlane, 1910b); as well as ‘Grubbo’ (Anonymous, 1910b).—On record as witness in a case brought against Pogee Singh for cancelling a cheque in March 1905 (Anonymous, 1905x); on record as having been involved in a brawl with Burtan Singh in October 1906 in Shepparton (Anonymous, 1906d); on record as having been involved in a brawl with Esta Singh in November 1907 in Shepparton (Anonymous, 1907l), adjudicated both by the Shepparton Police Court (withdrawn) and by the Indian community as led by Sharif Dean (Anonymous, 1907g); charged with and fined for using insulting language towards Herman Singh in Shepparton in February 1909 (Anonymous, 1909f).

On 10 February 1910 hawker was found unconscious on the recreation ground at Shepparton and taken to Mooroopna Hospital. An emergency operation to alleviate the brain haemorrhage failed (Anonymous, 1910b). Takoor Singh was found by the fruit hawker George Burnett (Anonymous, 1910b). The inquest found that injuries were sustained the day before in a wrestling booth on the Shepparton Reserve (Anonymous, 1910f, 1910h).—The case was widely reported, both the initial occurrence (Anonymous, 1906d, 1907g, 1909f, 1910f, 1910m, 1910p, 1910e, 1910a, 1910x, 1910a, 1910ac, 1910ah, 1910a, 1910as, 1910av, 1910bd, 1910be, 1910bg, 1910bs, 1910h), and the results of the inquest (Anonymous, 1910c, 1910d, 1910e, 1910f, 1910g, 1910h, 1910j, 1910k, 1910l, 1910n, 1910o, 1910s, 1910z, 1910a, 1910ah, 1910ad, 1910ak, 1910aw, 1910b).—The body was cremated at Shepparton on 12 February 1910 (Anonymous, 1910i, 1910h).—Probate 25 February 1910 (Sutherland & Macfarlane, 1910a); beneficiary and next of kin.
was his granduncle Pogee Singh of Shepparton (Sutherland & Macfarlane, 1910a, 1910b).

70. CHERI KHAN.—† 9 May 1910 at Ormidale Station (nr Tallangatta).—presumably Muslim.—Found drowned in Tallangatta Creek near Ormidale Station (Anonymous, 1910d); cause of death presumed to be suicide (Anonymous, 1910b);—Cheri Khan (Anonymous, 1910a, 1910b), also on record as Cherra Singh (Anonymous, 1910a).—Indian hawker in the Tallangatta district for many years.—Found in Tallangatta Creek with his turban tightly wrapped around his neck (Anonymous, 1910a), cause of death was ruled to be self-strangulation (Anonymous, 1910a).—“A number of co-religionists, accompanied by one of their priests, came from Albury, took charge of the body and buried it with the rites of their religion” (Anonymous, 1910a).

71. SALAH SINGH.—*ca 1858, † 7 July 1910 Cobram (Victoria BDM 1910/8521).—father Sahaale Singh; estate in state bank, Bolina Bishen Singh On record as Buttera B Singh. —on record as Cherra Singh (Anonymous, 1910a).—Body was buried on 7 July 1910, but a fellow Hindu requested an exhumation in order to carry out cremation. This occurred on a road at the rear of the Cobram Cemetery on 14 July 1910 (Anonymous, 1910a, 1910b).—Assets mentioned at £280 in the bank, and about £400 in assets in the wagon, horse and stock (heavily stocked in fancy goods) (Anonymous, 1910a, 1910b).—Probate (Stranger, 1910).—The advertisement for the sale on 9 August 1910 noted that the estate “consisted of a horse, wagon, harness, drapery, clothing, embroidery, musical instruments, jewellery, and a large quantity of fancy goods” (Anonymous, 1910a, 1910b).—A Sher Khan is on record as unsuccessful defendent in a debt case brought by Moota Khan in the Moama Small Debts Court in February 1910 (Anonymous, 1910b);—body was dismissed as the incident did not occur in a public place (Anonymous, 1910a).—in early 1910 has established a camp at the Murray River (Anonymous, 1910a).—Interred in the Methodist portion of Moama cemetery on 19 September 1910, funeral service to be carried out by “a Muslim priest from Melbourne” (Anonymous, 1910a, 1910b);—The grave is in the Methodist portion Row B Grave 1 (Bartlett, 2017a).—Probate application 21 September 1910 (Nathan, 1910a, 1910b, 1910c), executor Pulley Narker (Nathan, 1910b).

72. MOOHTA KHAN.—† late 1911 Moama. (NSW BDM 15406/1911).—Father Haggie Khan; mother Miriam.—The newspapers are silent on the death. A Sher Khan is on record as unsuccessful defendent in a debt case brought by Moota Khan in the Moama Small Debts Court in February 1910 (Anonymous, 1910b);—requested sequestration order on 20 July 1911 (Salisbury, 1911b);—meeting of creditors 4 September 1911 (Salisbury, 1911b; Salisbury & Lloyd, 1911);—estate in state bankruptcy, joint account Sher Khan and Ishmael Sher Khan (estate account nº 18,903) (Lloyd, 1911b, 1911a), as well as separate account Sher Khan (estate account nº 18,903). In addition, on record are a Mrs Sher Khan (Anonymous, 1910a) as well as her (and presumably his) sons, Ishmael Sher Khan and Edward Sher Khan (Anonymous, 1910a).

73. MOOHTA KHAN.—† 18 September 1910 at Moama (Anonymous, 1910a).—father Sheffellie Khan; mother Bebe S.—survived by wife and two children (one a step son) in India.—travelling hawker in the Moama area; worked with Pulley Barber (Anonymous, 1903i, 1908b).—on record as Moota Khan (Anonymous, 1910q, 1910a, 1910b); Moota Khan (Nathan, 1910b); Motta Khan (Nathan, 1910b).—reputedly had served in the British army in India an afterward worked for the P & O Mail Company (Anonymous, 1910a).—Successful co-claimant (with Pulley Barber) in a debt case brought against Ninno Shah in the Moama Small Debts Court in December 1903 (Anonymous, 1903i); successful co-claimant (with Pulley Barber) in a debt case brought against Ishmael Sher Khan in the Moama Small Debts Court in April 1910 (Anonymous, 1910b);—successful claimant in a debt case brought against Ishmael Sher Khan in the Moama Small Debts Court in February 1910 (Anonymous, 1910bc);—mentioned as witness in the case of Pully Barber accused of assaulting the motor cyclist R.C. Colville near Moama (Anonymous, 1908b);—successful claimant against the motor cyclist (above) for shying his horses (Anonymous, 1908b);—unsuccessfully sued James Nabby Bux for insulting language in the Moama Police Court in February 1910 (the case was dismissed as the incident did not occur in a public place) (Anonymous, 1910a).—in early 1910 has established a camp at the Murray River (Anonymous, 1910a).—Probate application 21 September 1910 (Nathan, 1910a, 1910b, 1910c), executor Pulley Narker (Nathan, 1910b).
found dead in his ‘van,’ coroner found death from natural causes (Anonymous, 1913d).—No information on his burial can be found in the papers.—Probate granted 10 September 1910 (Garrett, 1913).

77. **Boota Khan.**—† 9 May 1913 Burundana.?—(NSW BDM 8639/1913).—Father Masahib Khan.—died while being taken from Pullopet (south of Wagga Wagga) to Wagga Wagga hospital (Anonymous, 1913f).—Hawker’s licence granted by Albury Police court February 1909 (Anonymous, 1909a).—Buried on 10 May 1913 in the general portion of the Wagga Wagga cemetery (Anonymous, 1913f), burial ceremony conducted by S.M. Shah, Muslim priest of Sydney (Anonymous, 1913f). Present were M.Allam (of Sydney) and Sahib Dad of Pullopet; Amarally Khan and Nabob Khan, brothers Boota Khan, and of Pullopet, missed the funeral as their wagon broke an axle (Anonymous, 1913f).

78. **Lubba Singh.**—† 11 April 1914 at Gunbar.—On record as Lubha Singh (NSW BDM 5785/1914); (Anonymous, 1914c).—Lubha Singh is on record as being fined for ‘riotous behaviour’ at Hillston (Anonymous, 1908c); fined for using indecent language at Hillston (Anonymous, 1908c); as successful plaintiff in small debts court (Anonymous, 1910a); on good behaviour bond at Hillston for use of insulting language (Anonymous, 1911f).—Lubba Singh’s team of five horses was frightened by a motor car near Booligal so that “they bolted with the wagon, entirely wrecking it, and scattering the contents about the street ; also taking-the corner off a house they came in contact with” (Anonymous, 1910a).—description of his new three-ton hawking wagon completed by Henry Proctor in January 1911 (Anonymous, 1911b).—Killed when thrown off his horse at Gunbar (Anonymous, 1914c); cremated 14 April 1914 south of the Hay cemetery (Anonymous, 1914f, 1914k, 1914l, 1914p).—Estate (stock-in-trade of a hawker, drapery, horses harness etc) to be auctioned on 27 April 1914 to recoup debts (Anonymous, 1914a); (Anonymous, 1914a); auction delayed until 14 May 1914 (Anonymous, 1914p); (Anonymous, 1914q); (Anonymous, 1914p); (Anonymous, 1914q); (Anonymous, 1914p); (Anonymous, 1914p); (Anonymous, 1914p); McMah, (Anonymous, 1914p).—Probate notice 19 May 1914 (Garrett, 1914).

79. **Bishin Singh.**—† 29 August 1915 at Moulamein.—Father Simta Singh (NSW BDM 11384/1915).—died of acute pneumonia (Anonymous, 1915a).—On record as Bishen Singh (NSW BDM 11384/1913); and Bishin Singh (Anonymous, 1923c).—took up 40 acres special lease SL 1007/2 with an annual rent of 2 shillings/acre (Anonymous, 1912d); land purchases at Moulamein in early July 1912: allotment 11, section 8, 36p, £34; allotment 12, section 8, 35p, £34; allotment 9, section 51, 1r., £6 10s; allotment 10, section 51, 1r., £7 10s (Anonymous, 1912k); owned three additional properties in Batham (probate file, see below).—On record as present at the cremation of his uncle Gundah Singh (Moulamein) (Anonymous, 1909g); as having awarded hawker’s licence by Moulamein Police Court for 1911 (Anonymous, 1911f); as placing notice re unpaid accounts (Anonymous, 1913g); as witness in a case of conversion of goods brought by Carlo Singh against Needham Singh (Anonymous, 1914g); as witness is a court case by Carlo Singh against Lal Singh (Anonymous, 1915k); defendant in an unsuccessful court case of threatening language brought by Lal Singh (Anonymous, 1915k); described as “a fine specimen of the Sikhs, [who] was possessed of considerable means and property” (Anonymous, 1915g).—cremated at Moulamein, in the presence of a large gathering of residents (Anonymous, 1915m).—estate auctioned off 10 May 1915 comprised of Moulamein Lot 3 section 10 with Blacksmiths shop, tools of trade and stock; eight township allotments in Moulamein; 40 acres special lease; fencing posts, 1 mare (Nathan, 1916a, 1916b; Newman, 1916).—Probate 25 November 1915, (NSW Records Service, Series 4, file no. 71659); granted 29 June 1923 (Anonymous, 1923e).

80. **Easter Singh.**—† ca 1860, † 11 Sep 1915 Gowandandie South (Vic BDM 11453/1915).—Father Ran Singh Vic BDM 11453/1915. —collapsed when leaving his wagon (at Alexander Brown’s property, Gowandandie South); inquest found that he died of Bright’s disease (acute or chronic nephritis, kidney failure); cremated at Gowandandie or at Violet Town (Anonymous, 1915f, 1915h), with ashes scattered in the Broken River (Jacka, 2017).

81. **Shah Boz Khan.**—† ca 1879 Kerrie, † 12 Mar 1916 Echuca (Vic BDM 1493/1916); died at Echuca District Hospital (Anonymous, 1916b).—Father Ali Khan, mother Merizza Bagum (Vic BDM 1493/1916); Kahn’s father was reputedly the mayor of the town of ‘Kerrie’ (Anonymous, 1916b); the town cannot be readily identified. —also known as Shah Boz Khan (Anonymous, 1914m); Shah Boz Khan (Anonymous, 1916d), Shah Boz Khan (Anonymous, 1916b).—arrived in Victoria ca. 1902 (Anonymous, 1916b).—hawker.—at time of death, trading in the Moama district for about five years (Anonymous, 1916b).—mentioned as witness in suit brought by Moota Khan in the Moama Police Court in February 1910 against James Nabby Bux, for having used insulting language (Anonymous, 1910a); hawkers licence issued in January 1914 by the Moama Licencing Court (Anonymous, 1914m)—at hospital for six weeks before death (Anonymous, 1916d).—Buried on 13 March 1916 in an unmarked grave in the Methodist section (grave 4–51) of the Moama general cemetery (Rendle, 2017). The funeral service was conducted by Mea Safali, priest at Moama, supported by A.H Shah, L.A.L. Shah and Jee Lan Shah, priests from Melbourne (Anonymous, 1916b). The funeral was attended by 17 Muslims, but Shah Boz Khan was reputedly known only to a few of the mourners (Anonymous, 1916b, 1916g).

82. **Farman Ali Kashmeri.**—† ca 1855 † 10 Aug 1916 Wangaratta.—Also known as Farman Ali...
In India 1916 to 1918.


Naran Singh. *ca 1871, † 2 May 1918 at Albury. — on record as Naran Singh (Anonymous, 1918e); Naran Singh (Reid, 1918a). — hawkers, in NSW since 1897 (death certificate). — in Albury hospital in late April 1918 (Anonymous, 1918p) for chronic kidney problems (death certificate). — died of heart failure (death certificate). — intestate; state sale held by public trustee on 16 May 1918; listed were two young light draught mares in good condition, a four-wheeled wagon and double-set harness, hawkers' drapery and sundries (Anonymous, 1918; Clancy, 1918).

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Hernam Singh. *ca 1867 Jindiala; † 21 August 1917 at Albury. — Father Woe Singh; Mother Mahoo (death certificate, NSW BDM 10612/1917). — Brother Debora Singh of Wahgunyah; married ca 1897 to Juado at Jindiala; children Ghara Singh (20 in 1917); Bunsche (15), Bajante (16) (according to death certificate). — foot hawkers, working in NSW since ca 1902 (according to death certificate). — also known as 'Archer' and 'Uchter' Singh (Anonymous, 1917c, 1917f). — mentioned in a court case in Albury in December 1910 where Beto Bhikhai recovered a £5 5/7 debt from Hernam Singh (Anonymous, 1910a), probably returned to India in 1912 for a brief visit (Collector of Customs, 1912). — apparently had a stroke on a country road near Gerogery, collapsed, with his head caught between the wires of a fence. — actual cause of death was strangulation (Anonymous, 1917c, 1917f, 1917g). — remains taken to Albury (Anonymous, 1917c, 1917f). — while the nature of his death, experiencing a stroke with partial paralysis, falling into a fence and being strangled by the wires, was deemed news worthy and saw reporting not only in the local papers (Anonymous, 1917c, 1917f, 1917g), but also in other regional towns in New South Wales (Anonymous, 1917h, 1917i, 1917j) and in Victoria (Anonymous, 1917k, 1917l), no information can be found on his cremation bar notices that his body was taken to Albury for that purpose (Anonymous, 1917h). — formal witness to his cremation was Rule Singh (according to death certificate).

Rudda Singh. *ca 1860; † 12 February 1920 Beechworth. — on record as Rudda Singh (Anonymous, 1895b, 1914d); Rue or Rur Singh (Beechworth cemetery records, T. Walsh, 2017). — Rudda Singh, initially a hawker with
horses and cart, had been doing business with Betro Abikhair since about 1901 and bought from him occasionally (Anonymous, 1914d).—went insolvent in early 1914 and owed $85 to Betro Abikhair and G Malouf. Reputedly severely assaulted by Betro Abikhair and George M Malouf on the Beechworth-Woorago Road (case dismissed, Anonymous, 1914d).—went to India 1912–1920, returned early 1920; died in Beechworth Hospital and was interred in the local cemetery. The cemetery ledger states ‘Pagan’ which normally refers to the Chinese section, but it is more probable that he was buried in the Strangers section (no plot number known) (Anonymous, 1920e).

92. JUNAN SINGH.—† ca 2 June 1921.—Buried in an unmarked grave in the General section (row A lot 14) of the Hay General cemetery on 3 June 1921 (Hay Cemetery records, T. Murphy, 2017).—The newspapers of the day are silent on the nature of the burial or cremation.

93. JULAM SINGH.—† ca 1856, † 31 May 1922 Temora (NSW BDM 6973/1922).—also reported as Julia Singh (Anonymous, 1922k).—resident of Coolamon (Thompson & Bradfield, 1923); died Temora Hospital (Anonymous, 1922h).—Hawker’s licence granted by Ardlethan Police Court for 1917 (Anonymous, 1916a).—cremated on 1 June 1922 at the Junee Road (Anonymous, 1922h, 1922o); some of the ashes to be sent to India to be thrown into the Ganges (Anonymous, 1922o).—Boota Singh (Coolamon) named as executor (Thompson & Bradfield, 1923), probate published 15 Jan 1923 (Thompson & Bradfield, 1923).

94. RUHINI TULLA.—† 16 Oct 1922 Glenrowan.—hawker.—found dead next to his van after running after his horses (Anonymous, 1922f).—Buried at Wangaratta in the presence of “several of his countrymen who came from Melbourne, Mooroopna, and Benalla” (Anonymous, 1922h); the priest in charge was S.J. Shah from Melbourne (Anonymous, 1922h).—On record as buried in an unmarked grave in the Strangers Section (grave 14e) of Wangaratta Cemetery on 19 October 1922 (Wangaratta Cemetery Ledger, Seymour, 2017).

95. SUDA SINGH.—† ca 1846, † 1 July 1922 Temora.—On record as Suda Singh (NSW BDM 13983/1922); Sood Singh (Anonymous, 1922a, 1922b).—hawking in the Temora district for 25 years (Anonymous, 1922a); died at Temora Hospital (Anonymous, 1922a); placed in a coffin and cremated on 3 July 1922 at a site near the Junee Road (Anonymous, 1922a).

96. NANA KHAN.—† ca 1867, † about 18 February 1922 at Barooga near Berrigan (Anonymous, 1922l) (NSW BDM 2599/1922).—On record as ‘Nana’ (Anonymous, 1922b); ‘Nanoo’ Khan (NSW BDM 2599/1922).—married to Emily Khan (Anonymous, 1914e, 1914j).—land owner at Barooga (Anonymous, 1914e, 1914j).—successfully requested readjustment of rates for his property at Barooga in September 1909, as he was rated for land he did not own (Anonymous, 1909b, 1909m); successful plaintiff in a case of theft committed by Victor Gubbie (one Johnny cake, quantity of butter and tobacco) (Anonymous, 1903k); unsuccessful defendant (due to non-attendance) in debt recovery case brought by David McLaren in the Deniliquin District Court (Anonymous, 1905a); fined for having an unregistered dog (Anonymous, 1910a).—Buried in the general section of Berrigan Cemetery in the presence of “several of his countrymen” (Anonymous, 1922). The cemetery register shows that he was buried in the Methodist section (row 3 plot 11) (Mark, 2017).—“followed the occupation of a hawker, and was of particularly cleanly habits, his bune
ty of purpose causing him to be highly respected” (Anonymous, 1922).

On record are also a Nana Khan, Nanit Khan and a Nam(uit) Khan, which are assumed to be different individuals.

97. POLLAM SINGH.—† ca 1858, † 24 June 1923, Corryong.—arrived in Australia in 1890 (Strahmone, 1923).—On record as Pallah Singh (Anonymous, 1919e); Pella Singh (Anonymous, 1923b); Paul Singh (Anonymous, 1901h); Pollah Singh (Anonymous, 1902h, 1902i, 1902k, 1907b, 1908a, 1913c; Whan, 1923)—Paul Singh is on record for an unclaimed letter(s) sent to him at Albury, held at Sydney on 21 Mar 1893 (General Post Office, 1893a).—As early as 1902 Pollah Singh was regarded as the most significant of the Indian hawkers and often acted as an intermediary between the individual hawkers and the authorities (Anonymous, 1902h, 1913c); described as ‘Hindoo chief of the district’ (Anonymous, 1920e).—Pollah Singh seems to have handled some of the insolvent issues and relations creditors (Anonymous, 1914d).—His bondsman on record were Betro Abikhair and Thomas Coghlan (for 1907) or Zachariah Salamy (for 1908) (Anonymous, 1907j). Also on record as licensed for 1910 (Anonymous, 1910am); 1912 (Anonymous, 1912d); 1913 (Anonymous, 1913c); 1918 (Anonymous, 1918k).—Successful plaintiff in debt cases against Charles Hore at Wodonga in November 1910 (Anonymous, 1910bk); against W Dought at Corryong in January 1914 (Anonymous, 1915e); A.E. Drage at Corryong in February 1916 (Anonymous, 1916b).—victim of theft at Corryong in early July 1902 (Anonymous, 1902i, 1902k).—Pollah Singh seems to have recorded the serial number of each of the bank notes he owned (see evidence in Anonymous, 1902a).—alleged to have collided with and upset the sanitary cart at Bethanga (Anonymous, 1904a).—charged with drunk and disorderly conduct in Wodonga in September 1904, detained for 48 hours (Anonymous, 1904c).—participant with his spring carts at the Corryong Shows of 1907.
Run over by his team of horses (Figure 10) while leading them down a steep grade at Cudgewa on 24 June 1923. His uncle Isnar Singh was driving the wagon at the time. Even though he was taken to Corryong hospital, the injuries to his skull (sustained by a kick to the head by one of his horses) proved fatal and he died on the same day (Anonymous, 1923a, 1923b, 1923c). Cremated on 27 June 1923 outside the Corryong cemetery (Anonymous, 1923e). — John Wahn mentioned as executor of Pollah Singh’s estate (Whan, 1923), will dated 8 May 1918 (Anonymous, 1924a). — Clearing sale of Pollah Singh’s estate at Tallangatta on 16 August 1923 (Gippsland and Northern Cooperative & Co, 1923b, 1923a). The sale was well attended, extended to a second day due to demand (Anonymous, 1923d). The hawkers’ wagon sold for £9 to a buyer from the Upper Murray (Anonymous, 1923d). Total value of the estate (as realised at the sales) was £2,902 which was left to his sons (Anonymous, 1924a).

98. POORAN SINGH.—*ca 1878, † 2 April 1923 at Albury.—Father Nung Singh (farmer); Mother Darboh.—not married at time of death (death certificate).—occupation labourer (according to death certificate).—resident in Corryong, arrived in Victoria ca 1898 (death certificate).—died of liver cancer at the Albury hospital (death certificate).—death registered under ‘Poorn Singh’ in the Albury district (NSW BDM 9437/1923).—Nothing relevant was found in the newspapers under ‘Poorn+Singh,’ ‘Pooran+Singh’ or ‘Singh+1923.’

99. JOHN NEEDHAM SINGH.—*ca 1877, † 6 January 1925 at Tooleybuc.—On record as Neeham Singh (NSW BDM 2327/1925); Needham Singh (Anonymous, 1919a); John Needham (Anonymous, 1919b); Jacky Barkey (Anonymous, 1919b).—farmer at Tooleybuc (Anonymous, 1919b); dairy man (Anonymous, 1919d); dairy farmer (Anonymous, 1919a); [market] gardener in Tooleybuc (Payne, 1925c).— Mentioned as witness in court case on the theft of sheep (Anonymous, 1919a, 1919b, 1919d).—Probate 10 July 1925 (Payne, 1925c, 1925d).—Owned suburban holding 15/2 portion 48 Tooleybuc (citrus orchard 27.5 acres with petrol engine and pumping plant), town allotments 1 and 2, section 21 (half acre each) (Harris, 1925). —The newspaper record contains no information on the nature of his death or burial.

100. CHARLES SUNDER SINGH.—*ca 1873 † 7 February 1925 at Urangeline.—(NSW BDM 2580/1925).—lived in Albury, later Urangeline. —On record as Charlie Sundah Singh (Payne, 1925b), also known as Sundah Singh (Payne, 1925b); Sundra Singh (Payne, 1925a); Charlie Sunda Singh (C. S. Singh, 1920); Charlie Sundar Singh (M’Donald & Mason, 1925).—On record in an advertisement for horses at Gundagai (C. S. Singh, 1920).—buried on 26 February 1925 in the Roman Catholic section of Wagga Wagga cemetery (M’Donald & Mason, 1925).—Probate 26 June 1925 (Payne, 1925a); his will was dated 4 June 1924 (Payne, 1925b); bequeathed £5 to the Albury Hospital (Anonymous, 1925b).

101. SUNDA(RG)H (‘LUNDAH’) SINGH.—*ca 1860, † 14 February 1925 at Grassmere Station nr Peasant Hills.—(Anonymous, 1925e), (NSW BDM 4451/1925).—Known as Sunda (rg)h (‘Lundah’) Singh ; Lunda Singh (Anonymous, 1925e); Sandy Singh.—camped at Grassmere Station nr Peasant Hills (Anonymous, 1925f); probable cause of death was a stroke (brain haemorrhage) (Anonymous, 1925e).—body was conveyed from Pleasing Hills to Henty and handed to Putrab Singh (of Henty) who handled the cremation; this took place on a hill at the rear of the Henty Rifle range (Anonymous, 1925e); a large number of Henty residents were spectators (Anonymous, 1925e).

102. PARPAPA SINGH.—*ca 1852, † 27 June 1925 at Tallangatta.—also on record as ‘Partarpa’ (Anonymous, 1925b); ‘Partarps’ Singh (Anonymous, 1925b).—collapsed and died at the back of his shop (Anonymous, 1925m); or at the local hospital (Anonymous, 1925b).—inquest identified senile decay as cause of death (Anonymous, 1925i).—cremated on 29 June at Tallangatta cemetery (Anonymous, 1925m). Ceremony (‘Mahometan service’) conducted by Nutta Singh with several compatriots (Anonymous, 1925b); Parpapa Singh’s brother Gunda gathered a portion of the ashes and teeth (Anonymous, 1925b).

103. CHARM SINGH.—*ca 1855, † July 1925 at Chiltern (Victoria BDM 1925/8938).—cremated at Chiltern cemetery. —Cremation ceremony performed by Malla Singh and Nupetarpa Singh (Anonymous, 1925b, 1925d, 1925c).

104. LIEANAH SINGH.—† 25 June 1925 at Balranald.—On record as Lanna Singh (Payne, 1925a); Lienah Singh(Anonymous, 1925g); Leona Singh (NSW BDM 12376/1925).—of Moula Mein
(Anonymous, 1925g), working in the area of Deniliquin, Berrigan and Finley (Anonymous, 1925a).—taken from Moulamein to district hospital in Balranald (Anonymous, 1925g).—cremated near the Balranald race course (Anonymous, 1925a, 1925b).—Probate 31 July 1925 (Payne, 1925a, 1925b).

105. BUDDAH SINGH.—* ca 1846 † 30 April 1926 at Echuca (Anonymous, 1926a).—on record as Bhuvan Singh in Vic BDM (5129/1926).—Father Saramac Singh (Vic BDM 5129/1926).—died at Echuca hospital (Anonymous, 1926b).—Cremated in the south-west corner of the Echuca cemetery in the presence of four Sikh and some 200 onlookers (Anonymous, 1926a, 1926b). As far as is known, Buddah Singh’s was the first cremation which took place in Echuca (Anonymous, 1926b).

106. A cremation is mentioned for the Indian burial ground at (now) Jellbart Park, Albury for 1928 (Hunter, 2012).—Perusal of the newspapers yielded no reference to a 1928 cremation.

107. LAL SINGH.—* ca 1871, † 25 January 1929 at Moulamein.—On record as Lal Singh (Anonymous, 1929b).—NSW BDM 5417/1929).—Commited suicide (aided by intoxication) by jumping off the bridge and drowning himself in the Edward River (Anonymous, 1929b, 1929c). Recovered from 10ft of water (Anonymous, 1929c), he was cremated on the banks of the Edward River, opposite the Mooloomoon woolshed, by three fellow traders with a crowd on 100 onlookers (Anonymous, 1929b, 1929d).—Probate advert 25 April 1929 (Payne, 1929); file 20 May 1929. (NSW Records Service, Series 4, file no 159502).

108. ATTA SINGH.—* ca 1839, † ca 7 Feb 1929 Beechworth.—buried in the unmarked grave in the Strangers section (grave 29) of Beechworth Cemetery on 8 February 1929 (Beechworth cemetery records, T. Walsh, 2017).—The newspapers of the day are silent on the nature of the burial or cremation.

109. ESоор SINGH.—* ca 1877, † 17 February 1929 at Wagga Wagga as result of injuries sustained in road accident on the Pulteney to Albury Road (Anonymous, 1929a).—On record as Esser Singh (Anonymous, 1915c).—NSW BDM 5106/1929).—Eser Singh (R. Singh, 1926).—On record at The Rock in 1907 (Anonymous, 1907q); at Pulteney nr Wagga Wagga in 1929 (Anonymous, 1929a).—May have returned temporarily to India (Certificate Exempting from Dictation Test - includes left hand impression and photographs) [box 184] National Archives of Australia: ST84/1, 1926/400/11-20. In late October 1907 Esser Singh acquired a town allotment (Section 3 lot 3, size 2 rood) in the Village of Kingston (now The Rock), Parish of Burke, County of Mitchell (Anonymous, 1907q); Department of Lands, 1919, 1920).—On record as land owner at Pulteney (Anonymous, 1929a).—Probate 27 January 1929, (NSW Records Service, Series 4, file no 160239; (Lusher, Young, & Stellway, 1930).—Estate went to his son Guljara Singh, living in Kaunke Kalan, Ludhiana District, Punjab, India (copy of will, dated 9 February 1926, see probate file).—An Esser Singh (same person?) is also on record for unclaimed letter(s) sent to him at Goulburn, held at Sydney on 28 Jun 1893 (General Post Office, 1893b).

In 1926 Ruttun Singh tried to contact Esser Singh a hawker with motor truck in the mid 1920s (R. Singh, 1926). It is not certain that this refers to Esoor Singh as by that time he was a land owner engaged (at least temporarily) in farming.

110. GOUDET SINGH.—* ca 1870, † 23 January 1930 at Mohyu (Victoria BDM 1930/3488); age at death 60 (Victoria BDM 1930/3488).—Father Arfin Singh, mother Matham (Victoria BDM 1930/3488).—On record as Gaudet Singh (Anonymous, 1930a, 1930b); Gourdith Singh (Victoria BDM 1930/3488).—resident in Victoria ca 1895 (Anonymous, 1930b).—Successful claim for outstanding debt at the Wangaratta Police Court in May 1916 (Anonymous, 1916a); hawkers licence renewed at Wangaratta Police Court (Anonymous, 1918a).—On record as winning (and redonating) a prize at the Carboor L.M.P. League meeting in June 1918 (Anonymous, 1918b).—Died Wangaratta Hospital. Survived by wife and nephew in India (Anonymous, 1930b).—Cremated on the Wangaratta town common 24 January 1930 (Anonymous, 1930b, 1930c, 1930d, 1930m).—Left estate of (20,729, comprised of £1,910 in real estate and the remainder in other assets (Anonymous, 1930g). Property auctioned by executors of estate on 3 April 1930: in 49–51 Palmer Street, Fitzroy; 270–272 Napier Street, Fitzroy; 110–112 Campbell Street, Collingwood (Flannagan & Co, 1930). Apart from a legacy of £100 to the Wangaratta Public Hospital, the estate was bequeathed to Mahanth Prem Singh of Moralla, Kharian Post Office, District Guyrat, Punjab (Anonymous, 1930g, 1930h).

111. SON MULL.—* 8 May 1930, Savernake (House, 1930a).—On record as Son Mail (Anonymous, 1916a, 1916b); Son Mule (Anonymous, 1918a). Son Moll (Anonymous, 1932a); Son Mull (Payne, 1930).—Probate 21 November 1930 (Payne, 1930; Bishin Singh was named the beneficiary of will, but had to take the public trustee to court (Anonymous, 1932a); Estate worth £100/14/8 (House, 1930b).

112. KIDO (“DOOKIE”) SINGH.—* ca 1865, † 23 September 1920 at Wallumbrie (Anonymous, 1930e, 1930f); (NSW BDM 15124/1930).—Kido (“Dookie”) (Anonymous, 1930d); also known as known as "Darkie" Singh. —He apparently suffered a heart seizure and fell into his own camp fire at F. A. Muller’s farm, reputedly near Culcairn (Anonymous, 1930e, 1930f), near Walla Walla (Anonymous, 1930d) or near Wallumbrie (Anonymous, 1930a, 1930e; E. M. Williams, 1978, p. 105f).—The body was taken to the Wallumbrie cemetery (Anonymous, 1930c), but newspapers of the day are silent on the nature of the burial or cremation. According to cemetery record he was
113. HERMAN SINGH.—† 25 May 1930 at Melbourne.—also on record as Hernam Singh.—hawker at Jerilderie.—well known hawker (with his partner Butten Singh) in the Goulburn Valley in 1911 (Anonymous, 1911g).—together with Butten Singh sentenced to 18 months imprisonment at Beechworth Jail for suborning a witness to commit perjury in an assault case against them (allegedly assault on Gundah Singh on 7 March 1911 at Wangaratta); were seen off by between 20 and 30 Hindu traders (Anonymous, 1911d, 1911e).—hawker’s licence granted by the Jerilderie Discriminating Court (Anonymous, 1916b).—operated in long-term partnership with Butten Singh (Anonymous, 1930b).—Had foot crushed in harvester wheel, treated at local hospital, due to complications taken to Melbourne; despite amputation of the leg, he died at Melbourne Hospital (Anonymous, 1930a).—no mention where and how he is buried could be found in the newspapers.—Probate 3 July 1931 (Greenwell, Shephard, & York, 1931).—beneficiary of his estate was the Melbourne merchant Solomon Murad Jaboor & York, 1931) .— beneficiary of his estate was the Melbourne merchant Solomon Murad Jaboor .

114. BOOTA SINGH.—* ca 1861, † 19 May 1931 Numurkah (Victoria BDM 1931/6601).—On record as Boota Singh (Victoria BDM 1931/6601), Booth Singh (Anonymous, 1931).—Cremated at Numurkah cemetery by another, unnnamed, Hindo (Anonymous, 1931). The cemetery records show that he was cremated on 21 May 1931 at the Public Ground, Numurkah (Cunningham, 2017).

115. PEIR BUKSH.—*ca 1843 † 1 January 1931 Albury.—on record as Peir Bux (NSW BDM 4561/1931), Pier Bux (Albury Cemetery database nº 30,146).—Father Amr Bux.—The Albury undertaker records are missing for the year in question. The Albury Cemetery database records him as Peir Bux, buried on 3 January 1931 (Other denominations, Plan 8, row B lot 10).

A Pera Bux is mentioned as a witness for the plaintiff (Junga Malik) in debt recovery case against Pundit Salgram in the Wagga Wagga Small Debts Court in September 1903 (Anonymous, 1903a).

116. CARLO SINGH.—*ca 1857, † 1931 at Balranald.—(NSW BDM 3674/1931).—also Carla Singh (Dowling, 1908).—On record as leading the creation proceedings of Gundah Singh in Moulamein in December 1909 (Anonymous, 1909c, 1909g); as having awarded hawker’s licence by Moulamein Police Court for 1911 (Anonymous, 1911f); as claimant in a case of conversion of goods brought against Needham Singh (Anonymous, 1914g); as accuser in an unsuccessful court case of threatening language brought against Lal Singh (Anonymous, 1915k).—multiple to Balranald Hospital charity in 1908 (Dowling, 1908), 1910 (Dowling, 1910), 1911 (Anonymous, 1911a), 1912 (Anonymous, 1912a) and 1920 (Anonymous, 1921a).—charged a fee by council for the removal of a dead horse of his from the Deniliquin Road in January 1917 (Anonymous, 1917m).—Probate 15 March 1932 (Payne, 1932).

117. JUAN SINGH.—* ca 1865, † 1931 at Hay (NSW BDM 8408/1931).—Nothing could be found in the newspapers regarding his death and burial.—brother of Braham Singh (Anonymous, 1905ab).—On record as having received a hawker’s licence in 1902 by the Balranald Police Court; bondsmen were D.C. McInnes and James Horn (Anonymous, 1902).—received goods at Echuca railway station in 1904 (Anonymous, 1904g).—donor to charity in 1915 (Anonymous, 1915c); Hay Hospital in 1922 (Anonymous, 1922g) and 1924 (Anonymous, 1924d).—Same Juan Singh?—Defendant (convicted) in Wangaratta court case Sunda Singh vs Juan Singh for monies owed (Anonymous, 1905ab). It appears that Juan Singh borrowed money to acquire trade goods in Melbourne.—mentioned as witness in a court case for threatening language brought by Carlo Singh against Lal Singh (Anonymous, 1915k).

118. SUNDI SINGH.—*ca 1853, † 24 February 1933 at Beechworth (Vic BDM 12203/1933),—age unclear (Anonymous, 1934d, 1934h) but grave marker states 88 years.—father Gunda Singh (Vic BDM 12203/1933).—Died in the Ovens Benefvolent Asylum, Beechworth, on 21 February 1933; buried in the Strangers section (grave 209) of Beechworth Cemetery on 25 February 1933 (Beechworth cemetery records, T. Walsh, 2017); exhumed and cremated on 26 October 1934 (Anonymous, 1934d, 1934h).

119. NARAN SINGH.—*ca 1876, † 18 August 1933 at Dederang (Anonymous, 1933c) (Vic BDM 17175/1933).—Also on record as Narau Singh (Anonymous, 1933b).—Father Canara Singh (Vic BDM 17175/1933).—cremated on 18 August 1933, main person officiating was Nupetarp Singh (Anonymous, 1933a); ashes buried at the Albury Indian cemetery (Anonymous, 1933a).

120. DALY SINGH GILL.—*ca 1865; † February 1934 at Beechworth (Victoria BDM 1934/12222).—father Dalae Haakin Gill (Victoria BDM 1934/12222).—died at the Ovens Benevolent Asylum (Beechworth cemetery records, T. Walsh, 2017).—On record as Dalae Singh Gill (grave marker at Beechworth cemetery, see Figure 12; Daly Singh Gill (Anonymous, 1934c).—Arrived in Australia ca 1889 and worked as a hawker in the Cudgegwa area (Anonymous, 1934a, 1934c).—The body was initially buried in the Strangers section (grave 92) of Beechworth Cemetery on 24 February 1933 (Beechworth cemetery records, T. Walsh, 2017), but exhumed and cremated on 4 August 1934 (Anonymous, 1934a, 1934k).—The cremation was carried out by Nupetarp Singh assisted by Canam Singh of Henty (Anonymous, 1934c).

121. JUNGA MALIK.—* ≤1834 Ludhiana, Punjab; † 26 April 1934 Pullopet near Wagga Wagga.—(NSW BDM 7286/1934).—on record as 'Sung Mullick' (Anonymous, 1934d); 'Jung Mullieck' (Anonymous, 1934e); 'Jung Mullick' (Anonymous, 1906a), 'Jung Mullic' (NSW BDM 7286/1934).—coronial inquest determined that he died of age and heart failure (Anonymous, 1934b); resident on Oberne
near Wagga (W. M. J. Walsh, 1905); resident at Pulltup near Wagga (Anonymous, 1934b); referred to as 'scrub cutter' (Anonymous, 1903g, 1904a).—mentioned in debt issues among the Indian community, with rival factions in Wagga Wagga (Anonymous, 1903a).—unsuccessful claimant in debt recovery case brought in the Wagga Wagga Small Debts Court in September 1903 against Sundal Salgram for monies lent to purchase possum and kangaroo skins from Hazara Sin of Oberne near Wagga Wagga (Anonymous, 1903g). Hazara Sin, Basaba Singh and Pera Bux appeared as witnesses for the plaintiff, while Boota Singh and Basant Singh appeared for the defendant. The case was brought again in October (Anonymous, 1903f); successful claimant in debt case against Basant Singh brought in the Wagga Wagga Small Debts Court (Anonymous, 1903a); mentioned as creditor in Basant Singh's bankruptcy (Anonymous, 1904a, 1906a).— whereabouts sought in December 1905 (W. M. J. Walsh, 1905).—found dead in his bark hut by Sahib Dad (Anonymous, 1934h, 1934e, 1934d).— buried in the Wagga Wagga cemetery (J. C. M'Donald, 1934). Funeral ceremony conducted on 28 April 1934 by M. Bux Mohammed, Muslim priest from Melbourne, accompanied by Sundal Khan from Gippsland (Anonymous, 1934f). Funeral attended by Mr and Mrs Sahib Dad (Anonymous, 1934i, 1934j).—Probate application, Sahib Dad named executor (Sheekey & Co, 1934a, 1934b).

Ludhiana, Junga Malik's birth place, is spelled variously as 'Luddinina' (Anonymous, 1934i), 'Luddina' (Anonymous, 1934e).


In 1928 Gharne Singh temporarily went back to India (Anonymous, 1935c), where he married Sham Kour (Kur), also known as Shamoo Jwar Rami, daughter of Jawahar Singh of Dadja (Anonymous, 1935m). The Singh’s returned to Australia in February 1929 aboard RMS Mahiga (Anonymous, 1929f). Their first child, Frederick ‘Freddie’ Darra Singh, was born at Lockhart on 13 June 1930 (Anonymous, 1930b; Buedges, 1935a). Two more sons followed, William ‘Billy’ Khartara Singh (3 March 1932) (Buedges, 1935c) and James ‘Jimmy’ Sirraddar (24 February 1934) (Buedges, 1935b; Mitchell, 1935).—After Gharne’s death, Sham Kour, with her three children, returned to India on 22 October 1935 aboard RMS Narkunda and lived at Old Rest House, Moga Town, District of Ferozepur, Punjab (Anonymous, 1935f). As the Singh’s three sons had been born in Australia, they were entitled for re-entry ten years after departure (Maddison, 1939).

Reputedly came to Australia as a wrestler, then turned hawker and later farmer (Anonymous, 1935d, 1935m). Before settling down as a farmer at Brookdale he demonstrated dumbbell exercises and club swinging (Anonymous, 1935e), for example at the boxing carnivals in Henty in 1915 (Anonymous, 1915d), and Culcairn in 1916 (Anonymous, 1916d).

Farmer at Brookdale (Anonymous, 1935n) or Pine Grove (Anonymous, 1922i) or Bullenbong, The Rock (Anonymous, 1922d); Bullenbong-road, The Rock (Symonds, 1919a, p. 3279).—Reputedly stopped the wearing of a turban, but wore a European-style hat (Anonymous, 1951d, 1951f).

In 1912 Gharne Singh lists his Savings Bank account book as lost and requests that the finder contact Nicholas Abikhair (Anonymous, 1912j).—granted a hawker’s license for 1915 by the Henty Police Court (Anonymous, 1914j).

Gharne Singh acquired section 1, lot 7 (1 acre) in Henty; street address 485 Keighran Street, today part of Myooroora Village 2-4 Allan Street; purchase 1903-4049 on 19 January 1903, purchased for £17/10 on a three-year payment term as after auction purchase, initially offered at auction on 23 December 1902 (Anonymous, 1902d; Crick, 1903).

In February 1917 Gharne Singh, then formally resident at Henty, bought a 500 acre property at Milbrulong (Portion 56, Parish of Osborne) “at a very high figure” (Anonymous, 1917n). In 1918 Singh, with an address at Bullenbong Road, The Rock, registered his brand for both cattle and horses (Symonds, 1919a, p. 3279; 1919b, p. 3719; 1919c, p. 3827) and a year later he requested a re-evaluation of the property value (and thus the annual rental payments) (Anonymous, 1919f). Allegedly careless conduct when burning off of 100 acres of wild oats in May 1917 set off a bushfire that affected a neighbouring property causing £200 to £250 worth of damage. For this he was fined £10 with £1/18 costs (Symonds, 1919a, p. 3279; 1919b, p. 3719; 1919c, p. 3827) and a year later he requested a re-evaluation of the property value (and thus the annual rental payments) (Anonymous, 1919f). Allegedly careless conduct when burning off of 100 acres of wild oats in May 1917 set off a bushfire that affected a neighbouring property causing £200 to £250 worth of damage. For this he was fined £10 with £1/18 costs (Anonymous, 1922c, 1922r). Involved in a law suit (v. J.P. Smithen-becker) over the sale of 100 sheep in 1922 (Anonymous, 1922i, 1922m, 1922n).

Contracted pneumonia in January 1935 (Anonymous, 1935f). Gharne Singh was cremated on 25 January 1935 by Sundah Singh and Curram Singh at his farm at Brookdale (Anonymous, 1935k). Present were also Rule Singh, Nutta Singh, Pellah Singh and Putab Singh (Anonymous, 1935k). Whereas the newspaper reported that the ashes would be collected and sent to India to be thrown into the Ganges (Anonymous, 1935f, 1935k), his widow requested that the bones (two bags) be thrown into the nearest river, i.e. the Murumbidgee (Anonymous, 1935i). Mistaking Yarra-gundy Lagoon for the river (Anonymous, 1935g), or because the river could not be reached due to flooding (Anonymous, 1935c) the bags were deposited in Yarragundry Lagoon. When the lagoon’s water levels dropped, the bags were exposed and caused major concern among the residents and police (Anonymous, 1935g). Upon
reading the news, Sundah Singh contacted police (Anonymous, 1933g) and rectified the situation. Survived by his wife and three children (Anonymous, 1935h) who subsequently returned to India (Anonymous, 1951d).

Probate 26 March 1935 (Lappin & Griffin, 1935). (NSW Records Service, Series 4, file no. 202804).—D. Martin (1981, p. 183) claimed that Gharne Singh’s wife was Australian-born but of Indian descent (but Martin also, erroneously, states that Gharne Singh had only one child and that he died in the summer of 1951).

123. SHENAK SINGH.—*ca 1851, † Aug 1935 at Finley.—Age 80 years (NSW BDM 13897/1935); 88 years (Anonymous, 1935b).—Had been working in the Finley area since about 1892 (Anonymous, 1935h, 1935i).

124. ARGON (‘JOHNNIE’) SINGH.—*ca 1863, † 14 Aug 1935 at Gundagai.—On record as Argon (‘Johnnie’) Singh (NSW BDM 17830/1935); Argon (‘Johnnie’) Singh (Anonymous, 1935a); Johnnie Singh (Geddes, 1936).—hawker (Anonymous, 1899p, 1906h); mentioned as witness in an indecent assault case heard at Gundagai court in August 1899 (Anonymous, 1899p); mentioned as defendant, as well as claimant in an assault case with Emily Singh and Persin Singh (witness Zarah Singh) at Brungle near Gundagai in 1909 (Anonymous, 1909n, 1909o); mentioned as witness in Gundagai Small Debits Court in 1906 (Sunda Singh vs John McGuire and John McGuire vs Sura Singh)(Anonymous, 1906h).—prior to settling in Gundagai he worked in Tarrabandra and Wantabalgery (Anonymous, 1935a).—Market gardener near the bowling green in Gundagai (Anonymous, 1935a); died at Gundagai Hospital; funeral 16 August 1935 (Anonymous, 1935a); no details on the nature of the burial. —Probate 16 January 1936, (NSW Records Service, Series 4, file no. 209599)(Geddes, 1936).

125. HAMEL (AMEER) SINGH.—*ca 1833 Jundiala, Julundur, Punjab, † 27 December 1935 at Albury (Anonymous, 1935b)(NSW BDM 5049/1936); no surviving children at the time of his death.—arrived Australia ca 1888 (Anonymous, 1935b).—worked as a hawker until 92 years of age (Anonymous, 1935b); in NSW since 1888 (death certificate)—lived in retirement at Thurgoona (Anonymous, 1935b).—died of pneumonia (death certificate); cremated at Albury Indian cemetery 28 December 1935 (Anonymous, 1935b).

126. SHAM SINGH.—*ca 1850 Punjab, † 24 July 1936 at Moama.—Age at death 80 years (NSW BDM 18179/1936), 98 to 102 years (Anonymous, 1936d).—reputedly saw service in the Boer Rebellion in China (Anonymous, 1915p).—on record as having been granted a hawker’s licence at Moama Licensing Court for 1906 (Anonymous, 1906e); 1910 (Anonymous, 1910e), 1914 (foot licence) (Anonymous, 1913e); 1915 (Anonymous, 1913e), 1918 (Anonymous, 1918e) and 1919 (Anonymous, 1918e).—obtained goods directly from Melbourne as he is on record on various railway manifests for Echuca in December 1900 (Anonymous, 1900), October 1908 (Anonymous, 1908k), February 1909 (Anonymous, 1909a).—enlisted in May 1915 (Anonymous, 1915p); listed on the honour roll for Swan Hill for 1916 (Anonymous, 1916n) and 1917 (Anonymous, 1917o) as having served in World War I.—claimant in small debts court 1904 (Anonymous, 1904m); on record as victim of assault at Moama in 1918 (Anonymous, 1918e, 1918h) and 1921 (Anonymous, 1921b).—worked the Moama and Echuca area with a hand barrow (Anonymous, 1936c).—died next to his hand barrow on the Moama to Echuca road (Anonymous, 1936e, 1936d).—cremated on 31 July 1936 at the Moama cemetery (Anonymous, 1936d), with a fellow Sikh from Deniliquin carrying out the funeral rites; for the pyre two tons of firewood and three gallons of kerosene were used (Anonymous, 1936b, 1936d).—probate (Philips, 1936), claim on estate by Meera Navy Bux of Moama (Anonymous, 1937a).

127. HYAT MAHOMED KHAN.—*ca 1868, † 6 Jul 1937 Echuca (Vic BDM 16161/1937).—Also known as Ayat Mahomed Khan (reconstructed cemetery records) (Rendle, 2017); Argat Mahomed Khan (Anonymous, 1906f).—Father Shahmuth Khan; mother Beechy (Vic BDM 16161/1937).—Son Galam Hayder Khan (*1910, arrived in Australia in 1925) (Anonymous, 1925a, 1952b).—Noah Khan was his nephew (Anonymous, 1909k) who is likewise a hawker (Anonymous, 1906f).—hawker, later on record as gardener at Leitchville.—Hawkers’ licence granted in the Kerang Police Court in December 1904 (Anonymous, 1904k) and December 1906 (Anonymous, 1906f); licence granted in the Barham Police court in September 1907 (Anonymous, 1907a).—Injured in a horse-bolting incident (Anonymous, 1909k).—Departed temporarily for India in 1909 (Anonymous, 1909k).—Brought before the courts for having “committed an unnatural offense” in December 1913 at Lake Charm (Anonymous, 1913b) but acquitted (Anonymous, 1914a).—Buried on 7 July 1937 in an unmarked grave in the Methodist section (grave 5L) of the Moama general cemetery (Rendle, 2017).—Probate 17 May 1938, estate bequeathed to his only son, Galam Hayder Khan farmer at Leitchville (Anonymous, 1938c).

GALAM HAYDER KHAN was committed for trial in February 1938 “at the Kerang General Sessions on a charge of having corruptly and falsely declared that at Gunbower on December 24, by the destruction by fire of a house, he had suffered the loss of £150, and also for having made a similarly false statement respecting the destruction by fire of a stack of hay to the value of £150” (Anonymous, 1938b) The charges were withdrawn as the size of the haystack could be proven. Khan lost his tool shed (a quarter of a mile distant) with many implements also by fire on the same evening (Anonymous, 1938b).—In 1952 Galam Hayder Khan came to national attention when he was convicted to twelve month imprisonment (suspended on a three year good behaviour bond) for
consensually having taken (under traditional Islamic law) an underage girl as his wife with the consent of the girl’s parents and also with the consent of his first wife, who facilitated a divorce to allow for the marriage to be legalised under Australian courts (Anonymous, 1952a, 1952b).

128. DARRAH SINGH.—*ca 1862, † 26 Oct 1937 Lacey near Wangaratta (Vic BDM 18945/1937).—Father Sundah Singh (Vic BDM 18945/1937).—On record as Darrah Singh (Anonymous, 1937c); Darrah Singh (Anonymous, 1918n).— Hawkess licence renewed at Wangaratta Police Court (Anonymous, 1918n).—Found dead in his hawker’s caravans at Lacey (Anonymous, 1937e); reputedly had been in ill-health for some time (Anonymous, 1937c).—Cremated on the common at Wangaratta; ceremony conducted by Gauda Singh in the presence of two other Punjabi (Anonymous, 1937b).

129. DHERA MULL VAZEER SINGH.—*ca 1873, † 1938 at Corowa (NSW BDM 12907/1938); also known as Dhora MV Singh (NSW BDM 11190/1910 marriage).—On record as having married Ada D Wyatt in Albury in 1910 (NSW BDM 11190/1910 marriage).—The newspapers are silent on his death.—Buried in an unmarked grave in the Corowa Catholic Cemetery (row and plot number unknown) (Corowa cemetery records, Houlihan, 2017).

130. KISSIM SINGH.—* 6 June 1874, † 16 April 1938 at Deniliquin.—On record as Kissin Singh (Anonymous, 1906c); Kisin Singh (Anonymous, 1911c); Kissin Singh Sundoo (NSW BDM 9702/1938)(Anonymous, 1938a).—Together with Ghan Singh he was injured in a hotel room fire in Townsend Street on 30 June 1906 and convicted of drunkenness (Anonymous, 1906c).—Injured at Finley while being run over by his own wagon in August 1911 (Anonymous, 1911c).—Successfully requested a twelve-months (liquor) prohibition order against himself (Anonymous, 1913b).—Donated to the Deniliquin hospital fund in 1932 (Anonymous, 1932b) and 1934 (Anonymous, 1934g).—Died on 16 April 1938 at Deniliquin, cremated at the Northern Enclosure, Deniliquin (Anonymous, 1938a).—Probate 27 September 1938 (NSW Records Service, Series 4, file n° 233249); finally handled 21 November 1941 (Winderley, Phillips, & Co, 1941).

131. PARTAP SINGH.—*ca 1865, † 16 May 1938 at South Hay.—On record as ‘Putarb Singh’ (NSW BDM 10359/1938)(McCracken, 1938); ‘Pattar Singh’ (Anonymous, 1939c);—resident at Moama Street, South Hay (McCracken, 1938).—Inmate of the Hay hospital since September 1936 (Anonymous, 1938d).—Buried in the Methodist portion of Hay Cemetery (Anonymous, 1938d); unmarked grave, row H lot 18 (Hay Cemetery records, T. Murphy, 2017).—Auction sale of household furniture as well as Hawkess wagon (no horses mentioned) 9 July 1938 (Anonymous, 1938e; McCracken, 1938); will dated 9 July 1917; probate 26 January 1939 (NSW Records Service, Series 4, file n° 236489); newspaper advert 10 February 1939 (Anonymous, 1939e).

132. JAMES HASHANTALLIE.—*ca 1860 † 12 May 1939 Echuca (Vic BDM 14535/1939).—Father Mun-doeche Aalce; Mother Smance Aalce (Vic BDM 14535/1939).—On record as James Hashantallie (Vic BDM 14535/1939); J Hasmatali (Anonymous, 1901b), Ashmatali (Anonymous, 1901a); original name probably Hasmat Ali—hawker in 1901 (Anonymous, 1901b), greengrocer at time of death (Brady, 1939).—J Hasmatali brought an unsuccessful assault case against Natt Khan in the Albury Police Court in March 1901 (Anonymous, 1901b), with successful counter suit brought by Natt Khan (Anonymous, 1901b) (Anonymous, 1901a).—In the second news item ‘J Hasmatali’ is spelled ‘Ashmatali.’

Sharf Deen and Ashmatali (not the same?) are on record as opening a shop in Wollar (near Mudgee) in December 1913 (Anonymous, 1912). In terms of the fluidity of names and variations for the Australian ear, attention is drawn to the (unrelated) ‘Farman Hasmatt Ali,’ late of Eldon Village (Kissin Singh Sundoo) († 29 July 1939), who was also known as ‘Aisham Thally’ (Phillips, 1939).

James Hashantallie is possibly buried in Moama, as his wife Martha (née Wilkinson *ca 1871 † 18 June 1946, Vic BDM 14512/1946)(Anonymous, 1946a) is buried there, as well as a son (Rendle, 2017). The son was Frank James Hashantallie (*1901 NSW BDM 27248/1909, † 1921 Vic BDM 1419/1921).—Probate 18 October 1939 (Brady, 1939)(NSW State Records, Series 4-243648).

133. RUR SINGH.—*1867 Gindallah, near Lahore, † 24 June 1939 at Albury.—(Anonymous, 1939a)(NSW BDM 9922/1939),—had family in India, including a son (Mechar?, death certificate), who was born a month after Rur Singh’s arrival in Australia and whom he had never seen (Anonymous, 1939a).

On record as Rur Singh (Anonymous, 1939b); Rul Singh (Anonymous, 1914, 1939a, 1951f); Rool Singh (Anonymous, 1935f); Rural Singh (Anonymous, 1939a)—arrested Australia ca 1891 (death certificate); died 1898 (Anonymous, 1939a).—granted a hawker’s license for 1915 by the Henty Police Court (Anonymous, 1914).—On record as looking for Devant Singh of Melbourne (Anonymous, 1929h); injured in a horse accident at Henty and treated at Albury Hospital (Anonymous, 1929g)—present at the cremation of Gharne Sing at Brookdale on 25 January 1935 (Anonymous, 1935f); primarily hawking in the Pleasant Hills, Alma Park, Walla, Henty and Mangoplah area (Anonymous, 1939a).

Apparently owned a farm at the time of his death (E. M. Williams, 1978, p. 106).

On record as being in Albury Hospital in early December 1939 (Anonymous, 1939a); died of cerebral apoplexy (death certificate)—his cremation was carried out on the Albury Indian cemetery by Currum Singh, Henty, with a crowd of some 350 onlookers (Anonymous, 1939a); Partap Singh also

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amp; 8 January 1905 (Anonymous, 1905a) witnessed by Della Singh (Anonymous, 1905b, 1905c, 1905a).—A Curram Singh mentioned as brother of Putar Singh in 1911, then living in Lahore and desirous to come join his brother at Tallangatta (Anonymous, 1911g).—His bondsman on record are Betro Abhikair and Zachariah Salamy (Anonymous, 1907b).—Curram Singh held a licence issued by the Wodonga Court for 1911, but failed to appear for the 1912 licence court in 1912 and his licence lapsed. Granted Albury license on 4 Dec 1912 (Anonymous, 1912g). The Wodonga license was reissued for 1913 (Anonymous, 1913c).—Together with Sunda Singh (n° 101), Curram handled the cremation of Gharme Singh at Brookdale near Henty on 25 January 1935 (Anonymous, 1935e, 1935f); mentioned as carrying out the cremations of Daly Singh Gill (n° 76) at Beechworth in August 1934 (Anonymous, 1934c) and of Rur(a) Singh in Albury on 26 June 1939 (Anonymous, 1939a).—In 1936 advertised cool drinks with an address in Keighran Street, Henty (Anonymous, 1936a).—Curram Singh, died on 1 May 1942 at Henty (Anonymous, 1943a); was cremated by Partap Singh (n° 109) (Anonymous, 1951a, 1951f).—Estate auctioned off on 14 Aug 1942, comprised of wagonette, tools and galvanised iron (Geddes, 1943; Knobel & Sons, 1942) — Probate 8 February 1943 (Anonymous, 1943a, 1943b) (NSW Records Service, Series 4, file n° 275965) — see also (Public Trustee, 1946).

139. BISHIN SINGH.—*ca 1864, † 13 April 1944 at Savernake.—On record as Bishin Singh (NSW BDM 8646/1944), Married to Jane Levina Singh (*ca 1882, † 26 June 1940, Savernake). store keeper in Savernake in 1932 (Anonymous, 1932a); beneficiary of will of Son Moll (Anonymous, 1932a), owned property in Savernake (Section 19 Lot 6, ½ acre) (Tasker, 1968).—at time of death was a widower with nine surviving children (4 girls, five boys).—According to the cemetery records, he is buried with his wife in the Roman Catholic section of Savernake Cemetery (grave 482N). His wife has a head stone, Bishin Singh does not (Parker, 2017).—Probate 25 December 1944 (Abbott, 1944).— executors Percy Lawrence Singh and John Singh (Abbott, 1944). Probate completed 14 March 1945, (NSW Records Service, Series 4, file n° 297947).

140. INDER SINGH.—*ca 1870, † 17 May 1944 at Wagga Wagga hospital (NSW BDM 13249/1944) (Anonymous, 1944f; Douglass, 1925) (Anonymous, 1944d); married to Mrs Snowden (widow of A Snowden) (Anonymous, 1944e) — initially hawker, then store keeper and finally general dealer at Adelong (Anonymous, 1944f); later moved to Yathong Street, Wagga Wagga (Anonymous, 1944f).—described as grazier and dealer (Douglass, 1925),—interred on 19 May 1944 in Wagga Wagga cemetery (Anonymous, 1944f; J. C. MacDonald, 1944).—property, primarily household furniture and two wagonettes, auctioned off on 12 August 1944 (Isaac & Co,
141. RUTTEN SINGH.—CA 1854 ↑ 16 May 1944 at Albury.—also known as Rutter Singh (Anonymous, 1914i) and Ruttan Singh (R. Singh, 1926);—had family in India, including a son, who was born a month after Rutten Singh’s arrival in Australia and whom he had never seen (Anonymous, 1944e);—granted a hawker’s licence for 1903 by Henty Police Court (Anonymous, 1902d);—granted a hawker’s licence for 1915 by the Henty Police Court (Anonymous, 1914i);—on a record of donating a packet of safety pins to the Walbundrie Red Cross appeal (R. Singh, 1918);—on a record as hawker until ca. 1924, then resided in Henty (Anonymous, 1944g);—placed notice in the Daily advertiser (Wagga Wagga) for Eser Singh to contact him in Henty to via Mr Heppner, Gerogery (R. Singh, 1926). Rutten Singh acquired section 1 lot 18 (1 acre) in Henty; today 54 Sladen Street, purchased 30 March 1903 (book 1463/207) (W. G. H. Williams, 1903, p. 5854);—initially offered at auction on 23 December 1902 (Anonymous, 1902d). Also on record at same auction as purchaser of section 1 lot 10 (30 ½ perches) in Henty; Allan Street; today part of Myoora Village 2-4 Allan Street; purchase price £30 on a three-year payment term; but the purchase record was corrected in March 1903 (Curry, 1903). Yet “R Singh” is entered on the hand annotated office copy of the second edition parish map (Department of Lands, 1904a), formally so printed in second edition (Department of Lands, 1904b), corrected on hand annotated office copy of the second edition parish map (Department of Lands, 1922a) and so printed in the third edition (Department of Lands, 1922b).

Died at Albury Hospital, cremated in Albury on 23 May 1944 (Anonymous, 1944g) (Anonymous, 1944b).—the cremation was carried out by Purtah Singh and Sundar Singh, both from Henty (Anonymous, 1944g).—on record as having lost two medium draught mares from Henty (R. Singh, 1917a, 1917b).

142. HUMMO KHAN.—↑ 26 June 1945 Narrandera. —(NSW BDM 10812/1945).—Muslim.—Father Sanlmandeo or Saulmandoo (NSW BDM 10812/1945).—On record as ‘Hummo’ (Anonymous, 1945b); ‘Hammo’ Khan (Anonymous, 1914c);—hawker until 1911 (Day, 1911); thereafter farmer at Boree Creek (Anonymous, 1914b, 1945b).

Acquired 639 acres of land at Boree Creek (settlement purchase 1910/13, portion 85 farm no 15, Parish of Faithful, County of Mitchell) (Anonymous, 1946b); owned ‘Pine Hill’, Boree Creek (Anonymous, 1924f);—property mortgaged to Rural bank of New South Wales (on 11 Dec 1918 Book 1143/644).—also acquired by auction (on three-year terms) lots 11 and 14 in the village Boree Creek on 9 Dec 1910, but the sale was annulled in March 1914 for non-payment of balance due (Anonymous, 1914o).—clearing sale for ‘Pine Hill’ 19 February 1924 (Anonymous, 1924b, 1924e, 1924f) as he was giving up farming reputedly on account of ill health (Anonymous, 1924b);—successful sale (with prices mentioned) (Anonymous, 1924e).—Pine Hill put up for public auction (to recover debt) on 19 August 1936 (G. F. Murphy & McCarthy, 1936); appears that he retained ownership; at the 1946 the property to settle Kahn’s estate, it was described as “639 acres, 2 roads... Improvements: Galvanised Iron Hut of 4 small rooms, 2 Grain sheds, 40ft x 16ft, 30ft x 16ft; 3 tanks of approximately 1000 yards, 1200 yards and 1500 yards; subdivided into 5 main paddocks and 4 smaller ones; all fencing in good order; boundary half netted, balance six wires” (Lloyd Bros & Fisher Bros, 1946b);—under notice from the Pastures Protection Board for failure to adequately control rabbits in 1911 (Anonymous, 1911i), 1912 (Anonymous, 1912d), 1918 (Anonymous, 1912h), 1922 (Anonymous, 1922n);—rabbit free in 1934 (Anonymous, 1934d);—rabbits active 1938 (Anonymous, 1938g);—unsuccessfully requested to ringbark several box trees in September 1928 (Anonymous, 1928).

In January 1911 put up all his hawking stock in trade (“men’s and boy’s clothing, Cashmere, muslin, calico, silk, bow, dress pieces, overcoats, hats, fancy goods, etc”) up for auction at Lockhart (Day, 1911).—Khan was reputedly not much liked by neighbouring farmers in 1914 (Anonymous, 1914e).—charged in Lockhart Police Court with maliciously killing a neighbour’s sheep (Anonymous, 1914b, 1914e);—at trial found not guilty (Anonymous, 1915l);—unsuccessful defendant in wages claim brought by Thomas H Clancy in Narranderra Police Court in May 1921 (Lloyd Bros, 1946b);—successful claimant in case of nonfulfillment of duties as a servant brought against Thomas H Clancy in Narranderra Police Court in May 1921 (Anonymous, 1921b);—claimant for non-payment of £170 for wheat in 1934 (Anonymous, 1934d);—lost a branded horse in February 1945 (Anonymous, 1945c).

Died in Narranderra Hospital (Anonymous, 1945b), buried in Narranderra Cemetery (Anonymous, 1945b).—Probate application (Geddes, 1946; Nicholson & Lethbridge, 1946; Nott, 1946b) (NSW Records Service, Series 4, file no 309966); will dated 27 November 1936 with codicil 28 October 1941 (Nicholson & Lethbridge, 1946); left his estate to a relative in India, administered by public trustee (Anonymous, 1946b);—estate auctioned on 9 August 1945 (farm clearing sale) (Fisher Bros, 1945) and on 29 May 1946 (land and property) (Lloyd Bros & Fisher Bros, 1946b, 1946a).

143. PAUL SINGH.—*ca 1867, ↑ June 1945 Benalla (Vic BDM 19901/1945).—Age reported as 78 years (Vic BDM 19901/1945) or 79 years (Anonymous, 1945a).—hawker.—Paul Singh apparently eschewed the wearing of a turban, offending his Punjabi countrymen (Anonymous, 1945a).—Buried at Benalla Cemetery without other Punjabi present (Anonymous, 1945a). According to the Benalla cemetery database he was buried as a pauper in the open ground area of the Old Benalla...
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Cemetery (no plot number known) (Benalla Cemetery Trust, 2017).—No relatives known (Anonymous, 1945a).

144. **GUNGAH SINGH.**—ca 1852, † 12 March 1946 at Berrigan.—(Nott, 1946a).—hawker. On record as Gungah Singh (NSW BDM 2013/1946) (Anonymous, 1917b).—successfully sued in the Yarrawonga Police Court for non-payment of services and good by the McCulloch Luggage company in 1917 (Anonymous, 1917b).—charged with assaulting and robbing Sundah Singh at Old Berrigan on 27 February 1920, but was acquitted (Anonymous, 1920d).—Owned four properties in Berrigan (H. Martin & Co, 1947). Berrigan Section 1 Lot 2 six-roomed cottage and attachments, with large galvanized iron shed at rear (Book 1043/38); Section 1 Lot 1 four roomed weatherboard dwelling with front verandah (Book 1342/84); Section 2 Lots 17–20 four roomed galvanized iron dwelling with front and back verandahs (Book 3582/240); Section 10 Lot 23 four roomed weatherboard dwelling with front verandah and two skills at rear (Book 2994/117).—In 1922 Gungah Singh requests permission (granted) to erect two rooms on the Harris Subdivision (Anonymous, 1922c).—Probate 10 October 1946, (NSW Records Service, Series 4, file no 318655) (Nott, 1946a).—Land holdings auctioned off on 6 November 1947 (H. Martin & Co, 1947).—buried in the Corowa Pioneer Cemetery (East section, Row 4, Grave 2) (Corowa cemetery records, Houlihan, 2017). Just outside the time frame of this report is Javah Singh, who died 85 years old, at Corowa and who is also buried in the Corowa Pioneer Cemetery (South section, Row 9, Grave 14) (Corowa cemetery records, Houlihan, 2017).

145. **SUNDAH SINGH.**—ca 1880; † 12 December 1947 at Henty.—On record as Sundah Singh NSW BDM 5234/1948 (Anonymous, 1920d, 1951c); Sundha Singh (Anonymous, 1920d).—ex-soldier in the Indian army (Anonymous, 1920d); granted hawker’s licence for 1903 by Henty Police Court (Anonymous, 1903d).—charged with theft by military personnel stealing his motor vehicle in 1939 (Anonymous, 1939d).—Died 18 May 1947 (Pullen, 1948); will dated 9 February 1943 (Nott, 1947); probate granted 7 May 1947 (Pullen, 1948).—no information on the nature of the death of the location and nature of the burial could be found in the newspapers.—Buried on 18 May 1947 in the un-nominalisation section of the Leeton cemetery (Row B grave no 2) (Senti, 2017).

146. **BARAKET ALI KHAN.**—ca 1886; † 18 May 1947 Leeton.—(NSW BDM 10408/1947).—Father Rode, Mother Bargie.—On record as ‘Blanakat Alu Khan (Leeton cemetery records) (Senti, 2017).—Probate 6 September 1948 (Wehrmann & Co, 1948a).—at the time of death his old hawker’s van still contained a large quantity of goods (probate file).—Buried in the general section of Henty Cemetery, row B grave 4 (Greater Hume Shire, 2016).

147. **MOKKAM MARM DEEN.**—ca 1883, † 10 Oct 1947 Beechworth (Victoria BDM 1947/22060).—Mayday Hills (Beechworth Hospital for the Insane); buried in the Strangers section (grave 23) of Beechworth Cemetery on 11 October 1947 (Beechworth cemetery records, T. Walsh, 2017).—The newspapers of the day are silent on the nature of the burial or cremation.

148. **GOURDIT (‘GANDA’) SINGH.**—ca 1862, † 1948 North Wangaratta (Vic BDM 21655/1948).—On record as Gourdit Singh (McSwiney & Doyle, 1948), Gauda Singh (McSwiney & Doyle, 1948) Ganda Singh Anonymous, 1918).—no relatives known (Anonymous, 1918).—age at death reported as 80 years (Anonymous, 1948b); 90 years (Vic BDM 21655/1948).—hawker.—in Wangaratta area since the 1890s (Anonymous, 1948g).—in the 1940s selling “ties, boot laces and crockery” (McSwiney quoted in Anonymous, 1948g).—Hawkers licence renewed at Wangaratta Police Court (Anonymous, 1918n).—Cremated at Wangaratta aerodrome, using butter with two other Punjabi present (Anonymous, 1948d, 1948g).—Probate 6 September 1948. Will dated 5 April 1948 (McSwiney & Doyle, 1948). Property auctioned by executors of estate on 30 November 1949: 15 Drummond Street, Carlton (Gippsland and Northern Cooperative, 1949a, 1949c, 1949b). Estate valued at £19,937, comprised of £2,676 in real estate and the remainder in other assets.
(Anonymous, 1948c); his three sons and a grandson (Darshan Singh, residents in India) the beneficiaries (McSwiney quoted in Anonymous, 1948g).

A Ganda Singh is mentioned as an uninvolved beneficiary of forged cheques (drawn on a bank in Albury) in Wagga Wagga (Anonymous, 1893).

149. SAHIB DAD.—*ca 1858; † 9 April 1948 Wagga Wagga (Anonymous, 1948c).—Muslim.—Married to Annie Dad, widowed Wheatley, née Kelly (Anonymous, 1933d); her son Percival Roy ‘Wheeler’ Wheatley (*1912) was killed by lightning on 14 Jan 1938 (Anonymous, 1938b); at least two daughters, Beg(an) Sahib Dad and Bebe Sahib Dad (Anonymous, 1933d).

On record as Sahib Dad (Anonymous, 1948c); Sahibdad (Anonymous, 1908g).

In Wagga district since the early 1890s (Anonymous, 1948f). Sahib Dad is on record as farming at Pullitop since 1913 (Symonds, 1914, p. 2288).—On record as leasing 685 of his 700 acres at Pullitop to a John Wise of Buorowa on 8 May 1919 for grazing purposes (and retaining 15 acres as a fowl run) with a rental of £300 for three months (Anonymous, 1919e). Sahib Dad acquired 680 acres in the Parish of Pullitop (settlement purchase 1920–70, plan M3051-1888); for boundaries, see Department of Lands (1924); ran sheep in 1920 (Symonds, 1920, p. 119). An attempt to sell his land in June 1924 (Box, 1924) did not gain the approval of the Minister of Lands (Anonymous, 1925k).—notice regarding stray steer in August 1924 (Dad, 1924).

In October 1935 Sahib Dad instructed his lawyers to petition the Commonwealth for his 24-year-old nephew Martin to be permitted to immigrate to assist in on his farm as he was ageing (Sheekey & Co, 1935). The request was declined (Secretary Department of the Interior, 1935). At the time, Sahib Dad still owed £2036 (with annual instalments at £127/10) (Inspector of Police Wagga Wagga, 1935). His property, on which he employed two men all year round, provided him with an annual income of well under £250 pa (Inspector of Police Wagga Wagga, 1935).

In 1945 Sahib Dad’s property was reputedly still owned by (presumably mortgaged to) the Union Bank of Australia but occupied by Dad (Tully, 1945).—Farm clearing sale announced for his property at Burandana as he was giving up farming due to ill-health (Angel & Sons, 1946).

Sahib Dad 9 April 1948 Wagga Wagga (Anonymous, 1948e), buried on 12 April 1948 in the general section of Wagga Wagga cemetery, where ‘Mohammedan rites were observed’ (Anonymous, 1948a, 1948b, 1948f).—Will 29 May 1939.—Probate application 15 April 1948 (Sheekey, Reynolds, & Co, 1948).

150. POWAN SINGH.—*ca 1870, † ca 12 Mar 1949, Beechworth (Vic BDM 16250/1949).—died at Mayday Hills (Beechworth Hospital for the Insane); buried in the unmarked grave in the Strangers section (grave 331) of Beechworth Cemetery on 12 March 1949 (Beechworth cemetery records, T. Walsh, 2017).—The newspapers of the day are silent on the nature of the burial or cremation.

151. BESANT SINGH.—*ca 1868, † ca 17 Sep 1949, Beechworth (Vic BDM 20037/1949).—died at the Ovens Benevolent Hospital; buried in the unmarked grave in the Strangers section (grave 333) of Beechworth Cemetery on 17 September 1949 (Beechworth cemetery records, T. Walsh, 2017).—The newspapers of the day are silent on the nature of the burial or cremation.

152. HERMAN SINGH.—*ca 1870, † 4 July 1951 Shepparton (Vic BDM 19211/1951).—operating in the Shepparton area since before 1900; cremated Fawkner, Melbourne 7 July 1951 (Anonymous, 1951c).

153. PARTAP ("PUTTAR") SINGH (*ca 1868, †29 September 1951, Henty).—committed suicide in Henty.—As one of the last surviving Sikh hawkers in the area, he had officiated at many of the cremations listed here. Partap Singh (n° 109) was present at the cremation of Gharne Singh at Brookdale on 25 January 1935 (listed as ‘Putah Singh’) (Anonymous, 1935f). Partap Singh died under mysterious circumstances. The inquest found that it appeared that he set his hut alight and cut his own throat (Anonymous, 1951b, 1951c), and who was interred in the cemetery at Henty (Anonymous, 1951d, 1951f); general section, row C, grave 3 (Greater Hume Shire, 2016).

154. NOOR PARTAP SINGH.—† Jun 1952 in the Wangaratta Base Hospital (Anonymous, 1952c); left widow in India (Anonymous, 1952e); his primary area of activity was Beechworth, Yakkaandah and Myrtleford region (Anonymous, 1952c); his base seems to have been in Myrtleford. On record as ‘NewPutata (Anonymous, 1934h); ‘Nieu Pattap (Anonymous, 1925b), ‘Newpartapa’ (Anonymous, 1952c); ‘Nue Potapa’ (Anonymous, 1951e).Colloquially called ‘Spud’ as his name Niu-partapa rhymed, for Australian ears, with New Po-tapa’ (Anonymous, 1952e).—He assisted and later led the cremations of Charm Singh (n° 59), Sunda Singh (n° 74), Naran Singh (n° 75); Daly Singh Gill (n° 76), and served as witness in the inquest into Partap Singh’s (n° 109) suicide Henty (n° 109) cremated at Fawkner (Melbourne) in accordance with Indian rites (Anonymous, 1952c).

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