

# The Gold Mines Hotel

MARONG ROAD, BENDIGO  
PROPERTY HISTORY

Sterry builds the original single storey weatherboard Gold Mines Hotel and adjoining two storey stone building housing the kitchen opposite the Victoria Reef Mining district – the weatherboard hotel is replaced in 1872 with the current Vahland & Getzchmann designed and constructed double storey stucco brick hotel.

Jane dies aged 89 – the hotel licence is transferred to daughter-in-law Bertha Sterry aged 43 as Jane's son David William Sterry is no longer with the family – they have four children (David Chaplin, Robert William, Agnes Jane & Sydney Francis who dies aged 16).

Recognising the profitability of quartz mining Sterry formed Luftsmann, Sterry & Company – building considerable wealth and a small empire over several decades from his investments in the rich Victoria Reef.

Sterry becomes the member of the Victorian Legislative Council (State Parliament) for the Northern Province & later on the Legislative Assembly (Upper House) in 1890 where he became the Member for the newly formed electorate of South Sandhurst from 1889 up until 1904.

The Walduck family purchases the Gold Mines at Auction rejuvenating the hotel, garden & courtyard - reinstating the property as a key landmark in the Historic Victoria Hill precinct.

The hotel closed and was used solely as a family home.

1853

1859

1876

1904

1941

2002

2015

1857

1861

1882

1918

1980s

2010

David Chaplin Sterry (27) marries Jane Moss (30) - a Welsh born immigrant and widow with two children (George Hunt & Robert Jones) - they go on to have four more children (Elizabeth Jane who dies at birth, John Chaplin, David William & Alfred Ernest).

Sterry dies age 72 – Jane applies for & is granted the Gold Mines Hotel licence the following year aged 74.

The Gold Mines Hotel is sold to Ray Condello & Grace Brown after being held by the one family for 140 years – The new owners re-establish the hotel as a premier regional destination for fine dining, regional wine & craft beer, entertainment & the arts

Sterry emigrates to Australia from Suffolk England (born 1832) - arrives in Bendigo aged 21 – Sterry was a sailor with an adventurous spirit – led him to seek his fortune in gold.

Sterry is elected to the Bendigo City Council as a representative of the Sutton Ward serving as Mayor from 1878 – 79 funding the erection of the Alexandra Fountain at Charing Cross.

Agnes becomes sole owner and licensee of the Gold Mines Hotel on the death of her mother Bertha after buying out her siblings David & Robert

Owner Rick Walduck enlists Dr Gary Hill from Minerva Heritage with support from the City of Greater Bendigo's Heritage Restoration Loan Scheme to complete major restoration works of the Gold Mines Hotel façade

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“During a long and useful public career, Mr Sterry made a great number of staunch friends, to whom the news of his death will cause sincere regret. Of an unassuming and genial disposition, he was held in high esteem by all classes, and his memory will long survive in the recollection of the public of this district as one of the sturdy pioneers, who did much to lay the foundations of the city’s wealth and prosperity.”

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