

John Capewell

(1823 - 1890)

John [Capewell](#)

Birth 28 December 1823 Milwich, Staffordshire, England

Parents

Father-Henry Capewell

1794 - 1864

Mother-Elizabeth Merryjohn

1798 - 1851

Death 19 May 1890

Jaundice

Colonial Hospital

Perth, Western Australia

Buried East Perth Cemetery-grave location unknown, no headstone,

Protestant religion

WA Registry of Deaths-Capewell	John	Male	64 yrs	-	-	Place Perth	1890	-	Reg No 225	Year 1890
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Spouses

Number 1 - Lydia (Massey)

married 1842

St Mary the Virgin, in Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, England

(*6 children)

Number 2 -Lydia (Maiden name Pritchard)

Widowed name Jones)

born 1824 - died 1892

Married 1 June 1864

Fremantle, Australia

(* 1/2 children?)

WA Registry of Deaths-WA Gov	Given Names	Sex	Age	Father	Mother	Place of Death	Year of Death	Registration District	Registration Number	Reg Year
Capewell	Lydia	F	68	-	-	Perth	1892	-	6	1892
WA Registry of Marriages-Capewell	Given Name-John	Male	Spouse Surname Jones	Spouse Given Names Lydia	Female	Place Fremantle	Year 1864	District	Reg No 2147	Reg Yr 1864

***Note there is only ONE marriage in WA Gov Registry of Marriages as stated above to Lydia Jones-widowed surname!

Number 3 -Lydia (Maiden name Jones)

born 1846-died 1884

Marriage Date unknown, Fremantle WA (*4/5 children?)

***No evidence of legal marriage to John Capewell although took his surname!

WA Registry of Births-WA Gov	Given Names	Sex	Father	Mother	Place of Birth	Year of Birth	Registration District	Registration Number	Registration Year				
Jones	Lydia	F	William JONES	Lydia PRITCHARD	Perth	1846	-	758	1846				
WA Registry of Deaths-WA Gov Capewell				Lydia	F	38 yrs	Father	Mother	WA	1884	-	Reg No 12465	1884

John Capewell had 12 children to the above three women-

William Capewell

1843 - 1908

John Capewell

1845-1889

Mary Capewell

1848 - 1887

Elizabeth Capewell

1850 - Unknown

Charles Capewell

1851 - Unknown

Annie Capewell

1855 Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, England - Unknown

Priscilla Prudence Capewell

1863 - 1925

WA Registry of Births-Surname	Given Names	Sex	Father	Mother	Place of Birth	Year of Birth	Registration District	Registration Number	Registration Year	
Capewell	Priscilla	F	John CAPEWELL	Lydia PRITCHARD	Fremantle	1863	-	7022	1863	
WA Registry of Marriages-Surname Capewell	Given Names Priscilla Prudence	Female	Spouse Surname Howson	Spouse Given Names Robert T	Male	Place Fremantle	Year 1880	-	Reg No 5016	Reg Yr 1880
WA Registry of Deaths-Surname Howson	Priscilla Prudence	Female	62 years	Father John CAPEWELL	Mother Lydia PRITCHARD	Place Perth	Year 1925	Perth	Reg No 101617	Reg Yr 1925

First Name	PRISCILLA PRUDENCE		Application Number	
Last Name	HOWSON		MCB-73576-B1Q7N4 KB00032410 <small>KARRAKATTA CEMETERY Burial</small>	
Aged Years	62	Date of Death	28/11/1925	
Suburb	VICTORIA PARK			
Grave Location	KARRAKATTA CEMETERY <small>Cemetery</small>	ANGLICAN <small>Area or Denomination</small>	VC Section	0125 <small>Gravesite</small>
Grant Number	K0016967	Grantee	THOMAS HARRY HOWSON	
Grant Status	Expired <small>At today's date</small>	Expiry	01/01/1753	
Open map in new browser tab				
Reference Karrakatta Cemetery website				

Frederick Pritchard Capewell

1867 – 1893

Buried East Perth Cemetery -grave location unknown

Registry of Deaths Surname- CAPEWELL	Given Names Frederick Pritchard	Male	26 yrs	Father-	Mother-	Place of death Perth	1893	District-	Reg No 935	Year 1893
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Alfred (Arthur) Edward Capewell

1873 - 1952

WA Registry Deaths- WA Gov	Given Names	Sex	Father	Mother	Place of Birth	Year of Birth	Registratio n District	Registratio n Number	Registratio n Year
Capewell	Alfred Edward	M	John CAPEWELL	Lydia JONES	Fremantle	1873	-	14990	1952

Florence Lydia Capewell

1876 - 1960

WA Registry of Deaths- Surname Waters	Given names Florence Lydia	Female	84 yrs	Father John CAPEWELL	Mother Lydia JONES	Place Perth	Year 1960	Perth	Reg No 103451	Reg yr 1960
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Ada May Capewell

1879 - 1971

William George Capewell

1883 - unknown

WA Registry of Deaths- WA Gov	Given Names	Sex	Father	Mother	Place of Birth	Year of Birth	Registration District	Registration Number	Registration Year	
Capewell	William George	M	John CAPEWELL	Lydia JONES	WA	1883	-	24328	1883	
WA Registry of Deaths- WA Gov Capewell	George	Male	27 yrs	Father- John CAPEWELL	Mother- Lydia JONES	Place Carnarvon	1910	Gascoyne	Reg No 2800011	Year 1910

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Born 1823 in Milwich, Staffordshire, England

Husband of Lydia (Massey) Capewell -1st wife married 1842, St Mary the Virgin, in Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, England.

Husband of [Lydia \(Pritchard\) Capewell](#) — 2nd wife married 1 Jun 1864, Fremantle, Western Australia

Defacto/Husband of Lydia (Jones) Capewell
1846-1884

-3rd partner

(date unknown) Fremantle, Western Australia

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Jones-117209>

DESCENDANTS BORN IN AUSTRALIA

Father of [Priscilla Capewell](#), [Frederick Pritchard Capewell](#), [Arthur Edward Capewell Snr](#), [Florence Lydia \(Capewell\) Grant](#), [Ada May \(Capewell\) Hawkins](#) and [William George Capewell](#)

Biography

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In 1842, John Capewell married Lydia Massey at St Mary the Virgin, in Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, England.

In 1851 England Census, John Capewell (28), a shoemaking journeyman, and Lydia (26) were living at Heath, Uttoxeter, with their 4 children, William (7), John (5), both scholars, Mary (3) and Eliza (1).

On 10 December 1856, John Capewell was convicted of Larceny at Derby Assizes and sentenced to 8 years transportation to the Colony of Western Australia.

The Western Australia, Convict Records has John Capewell as Convict no.5280, aged 34 yrs, with his physical description, occupation shoemaker, married with 6 children.

The Ancestry copy has the Convict Department record dated 1 November 1958. He was transported on the ship "Edwin Fox" with 283 convicts.

A summary sheet in Ancestry Family Tree 104322111 has that he arrived on 21 November 1958, had a ticket of leave dated 31 October 1860; a conditional pardon date and place as 2 May 1863 at Fremantle; certificate of freedom date as 12 December 1864; and that he had married a Lydia Pritchard on 1 June 1864.

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Then Arthur Edward Capewell, although his ABI record has his first name as Alfred, in 1873, also born in Fremantle with his mother as Lydia Jones.

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<https://waconvicts.fhwa.org.au/exhibits/5280-capewell-john-web-links.pdf?mibextid=Zxz2cZ>

<https://waconvicts.fhwa.org.au/g0/p212.htm?mibextid=Zxz2cZ#i5280>

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After marrying Lydia Massey in Uttoxeter, Staffordshire on the 11th of July 1842 the couple had six children between 1842 and 1855, 4 appear in the 1851 Census.

1851 England Census, John Capewell (28), a shoemaking journeyman, and Lydia (26) were living at Heath, Uttoxeter, with their 4 children, William (7), John (5), both scholars, Mary (3) and Eliza (1).

Five years later, on 10 December 1856, John Capewell was convicted at Derby Assizes for burglary and sentenced to 8 years transportation to the Colony of Western Australia.

At the time of conviction, he is recognised as a widow. It is believed his wife passed in 1856 along with his infant daughter Annie. This is quite possibly the cause of his behaviour. He started drinking heavily and found himself with unsavoury characters.

1861 census 5 of the 6 children are living with John's father and brother. There is no reference to his wife Lydia Massey or the sixth child Annie.

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After receiving his conditional pardon 1863, John continues his trade as a shoemaker and appears in the WA Almanack from 1863 to 1875. He is known to have employed up as many as 45 Ticket of Leave Men during this period. John never again finds himself in trouble with the law. He takes on the role of a bailiff in his later years. A position that sees him beaten for doing his job.

He received his Certificate of Freedom on 12th December 1864.

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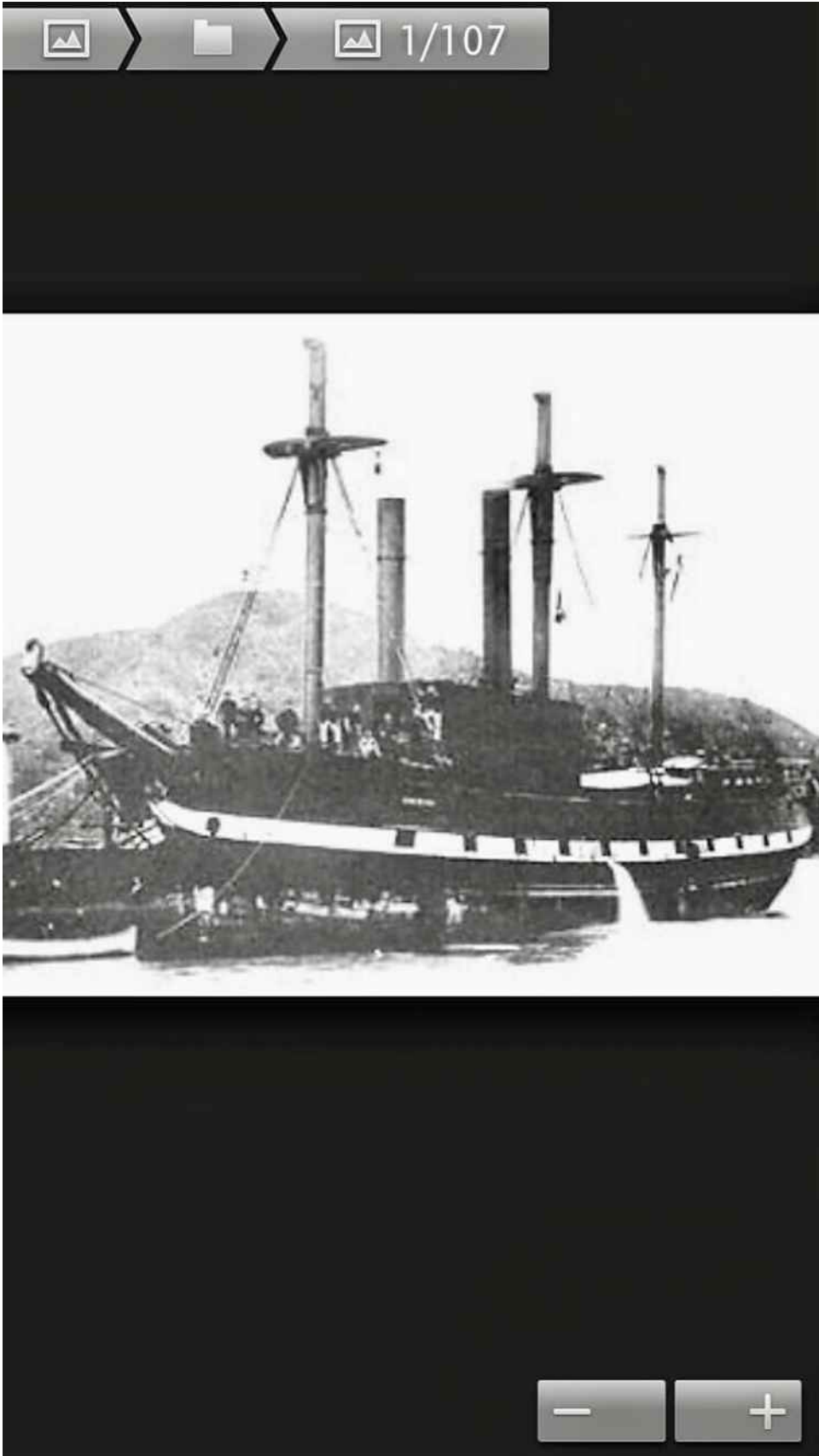
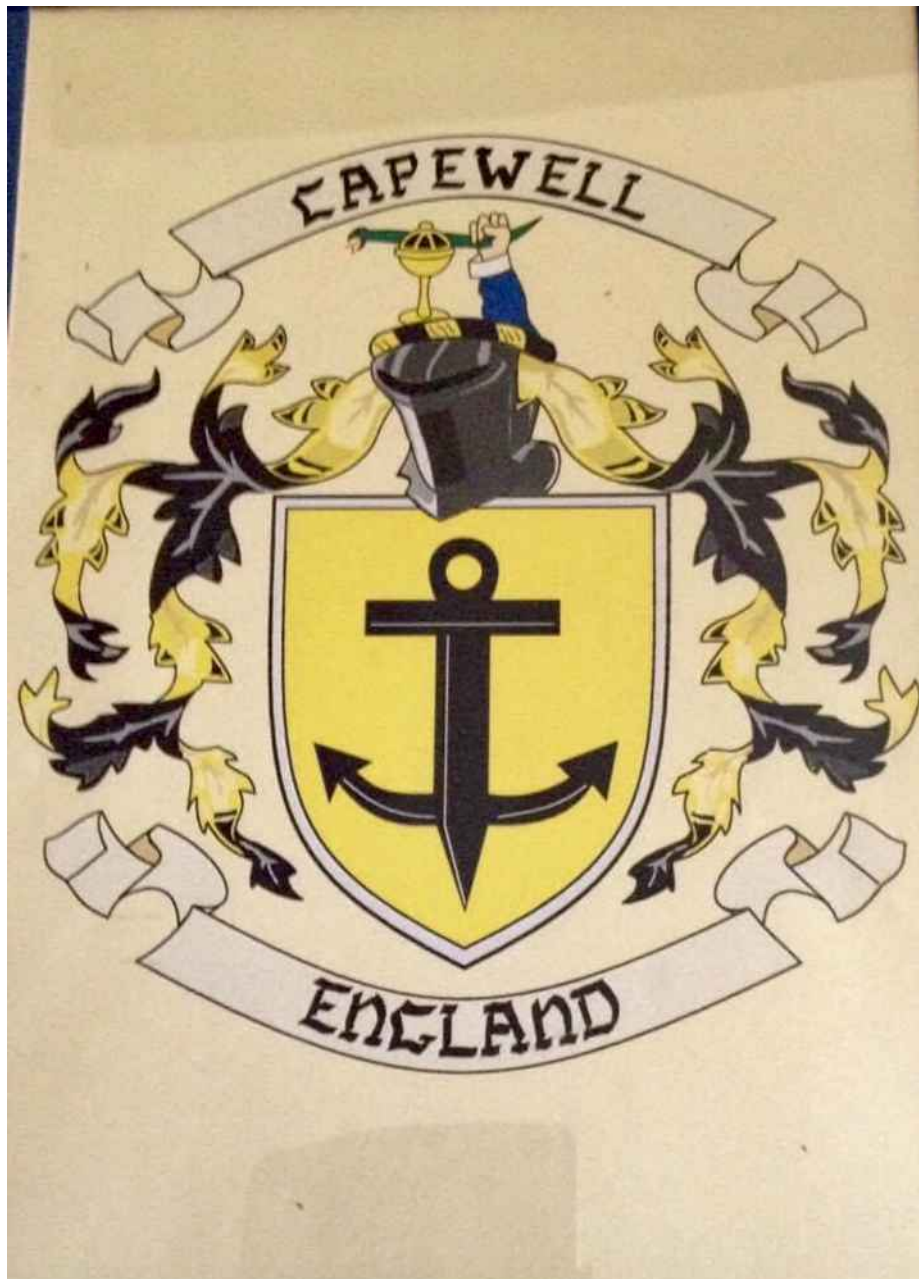


Photo of Convict ship Edwin Fox

Coat of Arms



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