

# Biographical Family Report for Silas HARDING

Husband	Silas HARDING	
Born	1821	Buckfastleigh, Devonshire, England <sup>1</sup>
Baptised		
Died	13 Jun 1894	Newtown & Chilwell, Victoria, Australia <sup>2</sup>
Buried	16 Jun 1894	Geelong Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, Victoria, Australia <sup>3</sup>
Father	Robert HARDING ( - )	
Mother	Sarah SOPER ( - )	
Marriage	14 Jan 1890	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia <sup>1</sup>
Other Spouse	Mary Louisa HOWELL (Abt 1825-1882)	1845 - Victoria, Australia



### Events

1. Birth: 1821, Ashburton, Devonshire, England. Information from Death Certificate - Marriage certificate considered more reliable.
2. Birth: 1821, Buckfastleigh, Devonshire, England.<sup>1</sup>
3. Residence: Edgecombe, Aberdeen Street, 14 Jan 1890, Geelong, Victoria, Australia.<sup>1</sup>
4. Death: 13 Jun 1894, Newtown & Chilwell, Victoria, Australia.<sup>2</sup> Aberdeen Street  
 Silas HARDING, Gentleman  
 Male about 73 years  
 Bronchitis Senilic; General Exhaustion; Some months; Dr TEAGUE; 12th June 1894  
 s/o Robert HARDING, woollen manufacturer  
 and Sarah HARDING ms SOPER  
 born Ashburton, Devonshire, England, 53 years in Victoria  
 1st marriage Geelong, 27 years, Mary Louisa HOWELL  
 2nd Marriage, Melbourne, 69 years, Elizabeth Marguerite OLDHAM  
 No children from either marriage
5. Probate: After 1894, Victoria, Australia. HARDING Silas 1894 Grant of Probate VPRS 28 P0 56-554 [42 pages]  
 HARDING Silas 1894 Grant of Probate VPRS 28 P2 56-554 [22 pages]  
 HARDING Silas 1894 Will VPRS 7591 P2 56-554 [12 pages]  
 There are extensive details in Silas HARDING's Will and Probate Files - 76 pages in total.  
 These files are free to download from the Public Record Office Victoria site.  
 Silas's estate left £204,012.16.0 in real estate and personal assets including £130,000.0.0 in real estate in Queensland.  
 Most of Silas's assets were left in trust for his wife Elizabeth Marguerite HARDING and are including in her Letters of Administration - she died intestate.

Wife	Elizabeth Marguerite OLDHAM	
Born	Abt 1861	Dublin, Ireland
Baptised		
Died	10 Jan 1897	Toorak, Victoria, Australia
Buried		
Father	Marcus William OLDHAM ( - )	
Mother	Jane FAIRCLOUGH ( - )	

### Events

1. Residence: Cardigan Street, 14 Jan 1890, Carlton, Victoria, Australia.<sup>1</sup>
2. Death: 10 Jan 1897, Toorak, Victoria, Australia.<sup>5</sup> The Towers  
 Lansell Road, Toorak  
 Death registration index shows Dunkeld, Victoria
3. Probate: After 1897, Victoria, Australia. HARDING Silas 1894 Grant of Probate VPRS 28 P0 56-554 [42 pages]  
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 HARDING Elizabeth 1897 Letters of Administration VPRS 28 P0 66-783 [35 pages]  
 HARDING Elizabeth 1897 Letters of Administration VPRS 28 P2 66-783 [14 pages]  
 There are extensive details in Elizabeth HARDING's Letter of Administration totalling 76 pages from Silas's Probate Files and 49 pages from Elizabeth's Letters of Administration.  
  
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 Elizabeth's real estate totalled £17,795.0.0 and personal assets £56,217.16.0  
  
 Elizabeth's next of kin were listed as her brother Marcus William OLDHAM and her sister Anna Maria OLDHAM.

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They claimed that both estates required the continued attention of a person of trained business experience. They said that neither of them had this experience and were not staying in Victoria to look after these assets. They asked that their solicitor Frank Pilkington BRETT together with his partner William RIGGALL who is a trustee of Silas HARDING's Estate, be granted Letters of Administration. They have extensive experience in assets of both parties.

### Marriage Events

1. Marriage: Collins Street Baptist Church, 14 Jan 1890, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.<sup>1</sup>

### Children

Had no children

## Source Citations

1. Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages, *Victorian BDM Certificate*, Marriage reg 1385 in 1890.
2. Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages, *Victorian BDM Certificate*, Death reg 5998 in 1894.
3. *Geelong Cemeteries Trust* (<http://www.gct.net.au>), Eastern Cemetery  
Baptist Section 1  
Grave 1 01.
4. Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages, *Victorian BDM Certificate*, Marriage reg 32861 or 3481 in 1845.
5. *Public Record Office Victoria*, Harding Park - HARDING Elizabeth 1897 Letters of Administration VPRS 28 P0 66-783.