Family Group Record for William KEY

Husband	**William KEY**			
Born	Abt 1844	London, England		
Baptised				
Died	27 Jun 1893	Wallington, Victoria, Australia [1]		
Buried	29 Jun 1893	Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, Victoria		
Father	David KEY (Abt 1799-1868)			
Mother	Frances ATKINS (1802-Abt 1866)			
Married	Abt 1866	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia [2]		

	Events			
	Name	**Description:**	**Date:**	**Location:**
1	Immigration		26 Apr 1853	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
		Assisted Immigrants on ship "Sacramento" from London 25/12/1852		
		Wrecked near Port Phillip Heads, 360 government immigrants - all saved		
2	Occupation		1865/1886	Geelong, Victoria, Australia
		Photographer, Wilmot & Key Studio, 31 Malop Street		
3	Residence	Herne Hill	9 Apr 1876	Geelong, Victoria, Australia
4	Occupation	Hotelkeeper - Wallington Hotel	1887/1893	Wallington, Victoria, Australia
5	Occupation	Councillor, Shire of Bellarine	1890/1892	Drysdale, Victoria, Australia
6	Residence	Wallington Hotel	27 Jun 1893	Wallington, Victoria, Australia

Wife	**Elizabeth LLOYD**			
Born	Abt 1839	Wales		
Baptised				
Died	Abt 1926	Leopold, Victoria, Australia [3]		
Buried	2 Dec 1926	Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, Victoria		
Father	Edwin LLOYD (-)			
Mother	Mary Maria UNKNOWN (-)			

	Events			
	Name	**Description:**	**Date:**	**Location:**
1	Residence	At death	Dec 1926	Leopold, Victoria, Australia

Children

1	F	**Frances Mary KEY**		
Born		Abt 1869	Geelong, Victoria, Australia [4]	
Baptised				
Died		10 Mar 1954	Geelong, Victoria, Australia [5]	
Buried		11 Mar 1954	Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, Victoria	
Spouse		Alex THOMSON (-)	Abt 1912 - Victoria, Australia [6]	

2	F	**Lily Ada KEY**		
Born		Abt Oct 1870	Geelong, Victoria, Australia [7]	
Baptised				
Died		Abt Mar 1876	Geelong, Victoria, Australia [8]	
Buried		27 Mar 1876	Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, Victoria	
Spouse				

3	F	**Alice Rose KEY**		
Born		Abt Oct 1870	Geelong, Victoria, Australia [9]	
Baptised				
Died		Abt Apr 1876	Geelong, Victoria, Australia [10]	
Buried		9 Apr 1876	Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, Victoria	
Spouse				

4	M	**William Edward KEY**		
Born		Abt 1872	Geelong, Victoria, Australia [11]	
Baptised				
Died		Abt Apr 1876	Geelong, Victoria, Australia [12]	
Buried		16 Apr 1876	Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, Victoria	
Spouse				

Children (cont.)			
5	**F**	**Florence Amelia KEY**	
Born	Abt Dec 1873	Geelong, Victoria, Australia [13]	
Baptised			
Died	Abt Apr 1876	Geelong, Victoria, Australia [14]	
Buried	5 Apr 1876	Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, Victoria	
Spouse			
6	**F**	**Edith May KEY**	
Born	Abt 1878	Geelong, Victoria, Australia [15]	
Baptised			
Died	11 May 1961	Geelong, Victoria, Australia [16]	
Buried	12 May 1961	Eastern Cemetery, Geelong, Victoria	
Spouse	George MARTIN (Abt 1875-)	Abt 1904 - Victoria, Australia [17]	

General Notes (Husband)

BURIAL : Death Certificate states Kensington Cemetery however Geelong Advertiser reported funeral to Eastern Cemetery and plot identified as COEO A 122 in Geelong Eastern Cemetery fiche.
CHILDREN : 4 of their 6 children died within a 3 week period from March to April 1876.

1853, 26th April, Great Ocean Road web site : The three-masted sailing ship Sacramento was just three years old when it struck disaster on the Point Lonsdale reef at the treacherous entrance to Victoria's Port Phillip Bay in April 1853. It was when the newly created colony was in the grip of gold fever and thousands of emigrants were pouring in from all over the globe seeking their fortunes. Dozens of ships with large passenger-carrying capacities were plying the oceans bringing their human cargoes to Australia and many met with disaster. In the case of the Sacramento, there were more than 300 passengers and crew on board, en route to Melbourne from London. The drama unfolded on the night of April 26 1853 after land near Port Phillip's entrance was sighted. The captain ordered the ship to stand off the heads until morning when he planned to enter the harbour. During the night, the ship began drifting toward shore but no immediate attempt was made to do anything. The captain was called from his bed at 3am but it was too late to save the ship. It struck Lonsdale reef 10 minutes later. Luckily, all passengers and crew were able to safely go ashore, averting what could have been a major calamity. They were taken in drays to Queenscliff and later continued their journey to Melbourne aboard a bay steamer. The Sacramento quickly began breaking up, and within a week the hull snapped in two, littering nearby beaches with wreckage.
Before the ship was lost, 12 chests of coins holding $120,000 were recovered. The captain and second mate were charged over the wreck. The captain's case was tossed out after all the witnesses disappeared. The mate was sentenced to four months jail.

1887, History of Geelong and Corio Bay, pp. 387-8 : The Wallington-hotel, on the Queenscliff-road, was one of the well known district houses. It is not in existence now. Coaches to and from Ocean Grove and Queenscliff used "The Wallington" as a stopping place. It was quite famous for the orchard and tea gardens, the dancing saloon, and particularly for the strawberries which were grown and served there to picnickers. The Wallington-hotel went through several changes of management. One of the most active proprietors was William KEY, who previously had been a partner in the Geelong firm of photographers - (G.C. Wilmot and Key). He bought the hotel property at auction from Alexander and Robert Thomson in October 1887. The decision to remove to Wallington and abandon photography seems to have been the result of a sudden change of plans by KEY, for he had just built a splendid villa residence in Myers-street West. He sold the villa to Isaac George HODGES a few days after his purchase of the Wallington-hotel and grounds. William KEY died at Wallington in June 1893 at the age of 50 years.

1887, History of Geelong and Corio Bay, pp. 451-2 : On a Saturday afternoon in 1887 a Cobb & Co. four-horse coach, travelling from Geelong to Ocean Grove, overturned just beyond the Kensington hill owing to the breaking of an axle and the collapse of a wheel. The coach was conveying several Wesleyan clergymen and 14 laymen to Ocean Grove for the inspection of a site for a sanatorium for clergymen. The driver was Tom VINES (son of Joshua VINES, one of the coach service proprietors). VINES fell on the pole, and then on the road, as the horses broke loose. They were stopped by a mog of cattle which occupied the road a short distance farther on, and a drover took charge of the runaway horses till VINES arrived. VINES then rode to Wallington, and sent vehicles to bring the clergyment and laymen - they included G.M. HITCHCOCK and Howard HITCHCOCK - to the Wallington-hotel, which was kept then by its new proprietor, William KEY, formerly of the firm of WILMOT & KEY, photographers, Geelong.

1887, 25th October, Geelong Advertiser : Wallington Hotel purchased at auction for £1,975 by William KEY of WILMOT & KEY.

1889, 22nd November, Geelong Advertiser : W KEY advertised as proprietor, Wallington Hotel.

1889, 20th December, Geelong Advertiser : Licences granted at Drysdale Licensing Court, 18/12/1889: "Wallington" Hotel - W KEY.

1889, 31st December, Geelong Advertiser : William KEY defeated H.B. SMITH on 30/12/1889 for the Moolap Riding, Bellarine Shire.

1891, Balla-wein, pp. 53-4 : In the same area [Wallington] W. KEYS was making efforts to improve the strawberry gardens at the Wallington Hotel; he had brought 200 of the choicest plants from Tasmania and expected good yields of fruit.

1891, 14th August, Geelong Advertiser : William KEY elected to Moolap Riding, Bellarine Shire.

1891, 19th December, Geelong Advertiser : Licences granted at Drysdale included the "Wallington" Hotel - William KEY.

1892, 5th September, Geelong Advertiser : W KEY advertised as proprietor, Wallington Hotel

1892, 19th December, Geelong Advertiser : Publicans' Licences granted at Drysdale Court on 17/12/1892: "Wallington" Hotel - William KEY.

1893, 28th June, Geelong Advertiser : Death 27/6/1893 at Wallington Hotel of William, 50 years, husband of Elizabeth K KEY. Funeral 29/6/1893 to Eastern Cemetery.

General Notes (Husband)(cont.)

1893, 25th September, Geelong Advertiser : Charles TAYLOR, saddler, Geelong, said to be an executor of the late William KEY, Publican, Wallington.

1893, 14th October, Geelong Advertiser : Wallington Hotel and Strawberry Gardens in the estate of the late William KEY, was for auction 28/10/1893.

1893, 7th December, Geelong Advertiser : Mrs Elizabeth KEY, widow of William KEY, gave notice of transfer of the licence of the Wallington Hotel to her.

1893, 19th December, Geelong Advertiser : Publicans' Licences granted at Drysdale Court for the Bellarine District, 16/12/1893: "Wallington" Hotel - Mrs William KEY.

1894, 17th May, Geelong Advertiser : Mrs W KEY said to have disposed of the Wallington Hotel. Clearing sale 6/6/1894.

1894, 13th June, Geelong Advertiser : Licence of the Wallington Hotel transferred 12/6/1894 from Mrs Elizabeth KEY to George ASHMORE.
NOTE : Further information, sketches & photos available on ship Sacramento and Wallington Hotel - refer Susie Zada.

General Notes (Wife)

Burial : COEO A 122

General Notes for Child Frances Mary KEY

Burial : COE*13***250 buried with sister Edith May MARTIN

General Notes for Child Lily Ada KEY

Burial : COEO A 122 aged 5 years, 6 months

General Notes for Child Alice Rose KEY

Burial : COEO A 122 aged 5 years, 6 months

General Notes for Child William Edward KEY

Burial : COEO A 122 aged 4

General Notes for Child Florence Amelia KEY

Burial : COEO A 122 aged 2 years, 3 months

General Notes for Child Edith May KEY

Burial : COE*13***250 buried with sister Frances Mary THOMSON

Source Citations

1. Vic BDM Indexes, Reg 6421.

2. Ibid, Reg 3332.

3. Ibid, Reg 14464.

4. Ibid, Reg 2519.

5. Ibid, Reg 18710.

6. Ibid, Reg 9143.

7. Ibid, Reg 23262.

8. Ibid, Reg 1814.

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10. Ibid, Reg 5555.

11. Ibid, Reg 2667.

12. Ibid, Reg 5568.

13. Ibid, Reg 24168.

14. Ibid, Reg 5543.

15. Ibid, Reg 2928.

16. Ibid, Reg 7893.

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17. Ibid, Reg 209.