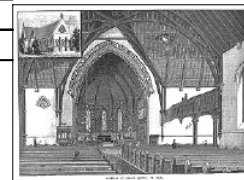










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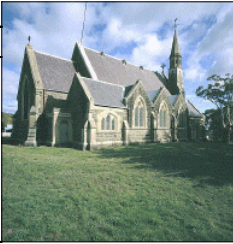


Husband		Albert PURCHAS	
Born	Abt 1825	Chepstowe, Monmouthshire, Wales	
Baptised			
Died	26 Sep 1909	Kew, Victoria, Australia ¹	
Buried	27 Sep 1909	Boroondara Cemetery, Kew, Victoria, Australia	
Father	Robert Whittlesey PURCHAS (-)		
Mother	Marianne GUYON (-)		
Marriage	1 Nov 1854	St Kilda, Victoria, Australia ²	
Other Spouse	Victoria Theresa MUNRO (Abt 1845-Abt 1902)	Abt 1875 - Victoria, Australia ³	
Events			
	Name	Description:	Date:
1	Immigration	as Unassisted Immigrant	Abt 1851
2	Occupation ⁴		1851/1852
		Contract Surveyor to Surveyor-General Hoddle	
Purchas disagreed with Hoddle over the line for St Kilda Road. Purchas successfully appealed to Governor La Trobe, and the deviation around the site of the Shrine of Remembrance is his legacy.			
3	Occupation ⁵	Surveyor, Village of Hawthorn	1852
4	Occupation ^{4, 6, 7}		1852/1909
		Architect and Surveyor, Melbourne General Cemetery	
By the end of 1854 Purchas was receiving a salary of £450 as Secretary and Surveyor of the cemetery.			
5	Occupation ^{8, 9}		5/2/1852-Abt 1~
		Melbourne, Victoria, Australia	
		Engineer, Surveyor and Architect, offices at 81 Collins Street West,	
6	Occupation ¹⁰		1852
		Melbourne, Victoria, Australia	
		Architect and Surveyor, laid out the grounds, Melbourne General Cemetery	
7	Occupation ¹¹		1853
		Melbourne, Victoria, Australia	
		Architect, designed two wooden cottages, Melbourne General Cemetery	
8	Occupation ¹²		1854
		Victoria, Australia	
		Surveyor, Map of Settled Districts around Melbourne	
9	Occupation ¹¹		1854
		Melbourne, Victoria, Australia	
		Architect, designed mortuary chapel, Melbourne General Cemetery	
10	Occupation ¹³		1854
		St Kilda, Victoria, Australia	
		Architect, designed Berkely Hall, 11 Princes Street	
11	Occupation ¹⁴		1854/1857
		St Kilda, Victoria, Australia	
		Architect (with Swyer), designed Christ Church, Church Square	
12	Residence	when married	1 Nov 1854
		St Kilda, Victoria, Australia	



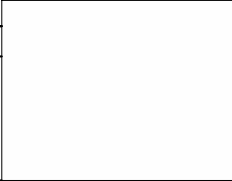



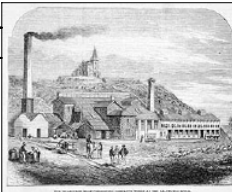



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Events:			
13	Occupation ¹¹	1855	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed lodges and entrance gates, Melbourne General Cemetery			
14	Membership ⁴	1856	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Council of the first Victorian Institute of Architects			
15	Occupation ⁴	1856/1862	Victoria, Australia
Architect, Partnership with Charles Swyer			
16	Appointment		Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Swyer - Architect of the Diocese of Melbourne (with Purchas?)			
17	Occupation ¹⁵	1857	Bulla, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed Glenara homestead			
18	Occupation ¹⁶	1857	Brunswick, Victoria, Australia
Architect (with Swyer), designed nave of Christ Church			
19	Occupation ¹⁷	Aug 1857	Beechworth, Victoria, Australia
Architect (with Swyer), designed Bank of Australasia			
20	Occupation ¹⁸	1858	Heidelberg, Victoria, Australia
Architect (with Swyer), rebuilt parapets and roof St John's Church			
21	Occupation ¹⁹	Jul 1858	Queenscliff, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed Walter Adamson's Australasian Hotel			
22	Occupation ²⁰	May 1859	Geelong, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed Bank of Australasia			
23	Occupation ²¹	May 1859	Heathcote, Victoria, Australia
Architect (with Swyer), designed parsonage			
24	Occupation ²⁰	Bef 1860	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed Savings Bank			





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Events:			
25	Occupation ²²	Feb 1860	Heathcote, Victoria, Australia
Architect (with Swyer), designed Bank of Australasia			
26	Occupation ²³	Oct 1860	Heathcote, Victoria, Australia
Architect (with Swyer), additions and alterations to hotel			
27	Occupation ²⁴	1861	Queenscliff, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed St Georges Church			
			
28	Appointment ²⁵	Jun 1861	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Surveyor, designed ground to be fenced for Zoological Gardens			
29	Occupation ²⁶	1861/1862	Malmsbury, Victoria, Australia
Architect (with Swyer), St John's Church			
			
30	Occupation ¹¹	1862	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Architect, laying out Zoological Gardens in Royal Park			
			
31	Membership ²⁷	Acclimitization Society	1862/1909
President at the turn of the century.			
32	Occupation ^{20, 28}	Bef 1864	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed offices of Northern Assurance Co, Collins Street West			
			




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Events:			
33	Occupation	1864	Kew, Victoria, Australia
Architect and Surveyor, Boroondara Cemetery		Purchas is credited with much of the botanic ornamentation and landscaping.	
			
34	Occupation ¹¹	1866	Kew, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed office, Boroondara Cemetery			
			
35	Occupation ²⁹	1866/1899	Kew, Victoria, Australia
Architect and Surveyor, multiple additions, Boroondara Cemetery		Assisted by son Claude in 1899.	
			
36	Occupation ¹¹	1867	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed new entrance gates, Melbourne General Cemetery			
			
37	Occupation ³⁰	1867	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed factory for Melbourne Meat Preserving Co			
			
38	Occupation ³¹	Jan 1868	Yea, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed Church			
			
39	Occupation ²⁰	1877	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed warehouse of Briscoe and Co			
			
40	Occupation ^{20, 32}	1877	East St Kilda, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed St George's Presbyterian Church			
			

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Events:			
41	Occupation ³³	1877/1878	Queenscliff, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed tower for St George's Church			
			
42	Occupation ¹¹	Bef 1881	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed Elephant House at the Zoo			
43	Occupation ²⁸	Bef 1882	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed Barristers Chambers, Little Collins Street			
			
44	Military Service ³⁴	Major Purchas V.D.F.	1882
		Victoria, Australia	
45	Occupation ³⁵	Bef 1884	Benalla, Victoria, Australia
Architect (with Swyer), designed Holy Trinity Church			
Swyer died in 1876 so either designed much earlier or by Purchas alone.			
			
46	Occupation ³⁶	Feb 1886	Greensborough, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed wooden cottage residence			
47	Occupation ³⁷	Jun 1886	Alexandra, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed brick residence for Dr Lethbridge			
48	Appointment ²⁰	Bef 1887	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Vice President, Victorian Institute of Architects (for several years)			
49	Election ²⁰	1887	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
President, Victorian Institute of Architects			
50	Occupation ²⁰	Bef 1888	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Architect, designed warehouse of Messrs. George and George, Collins Street			
			
51	Appointment ³⁸	Architect for the Zoo Buildings	1889
		Melbourne, Victoria, Australia	

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Events:					
52	Occupation ¹¹	1889	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia		
Architect, reinstatement of stone pier and gates, Melbourne General Cemetery					
53	Occupation ¹¹	1889	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia		
Architect, additions to office and entrance gates, Boroondara Cemetery					
54	Occupation ³⁹	1889	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia		
Civil Engineer, Architect and Surveyor, City of Melbourne					
John James Townsend indentured to Purchas for five years.					
55	Occupation ²⁰	Bef 1890	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia		
Architect, designed offices of Mutual Insurance Co, 406 Collins Street					
56	Occupation ²⁸	1891	Drysdale, Victoria, Australia		
Architect, designed United Service Home, Crimea Street					
57	Occupation ⁴⁰	Architect, designed Hotel	Feb 1891	Drysdale, Victoria, Australia	
Possibly Buck's Head Hotel.					
58	Occupation ¹¹	1893	Kew, Victoria, Australia		
Architect, additions to the lodge, Boroondara Cemetery					
59	Residence	Fitzwilliam Street	26 Sep 1909	Kew, Victoria, Australia	
Wife	Eliza Anne SWYER				
Born	Abt 1825	Manchester, Lancashire, England			
Baptised					
Died	Abt 1869	Victoria, Australia ⁴¹			
Buried					
Father	Robert SWYER (-)				
Mother	Elizabeth HARDIMAN (-)				

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Children				
1	F	Marian Eliza PURCHAS		
Born	Abt 1855	St Kilda, Victoria, Australia ⁴²		
Baptised				
Died	Abt 1875	Victoria, Australia ⁴³		
Buried				
Spouse				
2	M	Claude Albert Guyon PURCHAS		
Born	Abt 1857	St Kilda, Victoria, Australia ⁴⁴		
Baptised				
Died				
Buried				
Spouse	Rosamond Laura WADSWORTH (-)	Abt 1885 - Victoria, Australia ⁴⁵		
Events				
	Name	Description:	Date:	Location:
1	Occupation ⁴⁶	Architect, Boroondara Cemetery	1899	Kew, Victoria, Australia
Gained experience working with his father.				
3	F	Edith Matilda PURCHAS		
Born	Abt 1859	St Kilda, Victoria, Australia ⁴⁷		
Baptised				
Died	6 Oct 1885	St Albans, Christchurch, New Zealand ⁴⁸		
Buried				
Spouse	John Cowell BOYS (-)	Abt 1884 - Victoria, Australia ⁴⁹		
4	F	Violet PURCHAS		
Born	Abt 1860	St Kilda, Victoria, Australia ⁵⁰		
Baptised				
Died	Abt 1875	Victoria, Australia ⁵¹		
Buried				
Spouse				
5	M	Robert Guyon Whittlesey PURCHAS		
Born	Abt 1862	St Kilda, Victoria, Australia ⁵²		
Baptised				
Died	Abt 1940	Lilydale, Victoria, Australia ⁵³		
Buried				
Spouse	Mary TEAGUE (-)	Abt 1889 - Victoria, Australia ⁵⁴		
Events				
	Name	Description:	Date:	Location:
1	Occupation ⁴⁶	Architect, Boroondara Cemetery	1899	Kew, Victoria, Australia
Gained experience working with his father.				
6	F	Beatrice PURCHAS		
Born	Abt 1864	Kew, Victoria, Australia ⁵⁵		
Baptised				
Died	Abt 1864	Kew, Victoria, Australia ⁵⁶		
Buried				
Spouse				
7	F	Lillian PURCHAS		
Born	Abt 1864	Kew, Victoria, Australia ⁵⁷		
Baptised				
Died	Abt 1864	Kew, Victoria, Australia ⁵⁸		
Buried				
Spouse				
8	F	Ethel Annie PURCHAS		
Born	Abt 1865	Kew, Victoria, Australia ⁵⁹		
Baptised				
Died	Abt 1938	Kew, Victoria, Australia ⁶⁰		
Buried				
Spouse	Henry WALTER (-)	Abt 1894 - Victoria, Australia ⁶¹		

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Children (cont.)		
9	F	Adeline PURCHAS
Born	Abt 1867	Kew, Victoria, Australia ⁶²
Baptised		
Died	Abt 1867	Kew, Victoria, Australia ⁶³
Buried		
Spouse		
10	F	Elaine Alberta PURCHAS
Born	Abt 1868	Kew, Victoria, Australia ⁶⁴
Baptised		
Died	Abt 1891	West Melbourne, Victoria, Australia ⁶⁵
Buried		
Spouse		
11	F	Eliza Ann PURCHAS
Born	Abt 1869	Kew, Victoria, Australia ⁶⁶
Baptised		
Died	Abt 1960	Camberwell, Victoria, Australia ⁶⁷
Buried		
Spouse	Donald Stewart McCOLL (-)	Abt 1893 - Victoria, Australia ⁶⁸
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General Notes for Child Violet PURCHAS		
Unnamed female b. 1860 presumed to be Violet who died aged 14.		
Death Notes for Child: Beatrice PURCHAS		
Aged 2 months		
Death Notes for Child: Lillian PURCHAS		
Aged 2 months		
Death Notes for Child: Adeline PURCHAS		
Aged 12 Days		
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