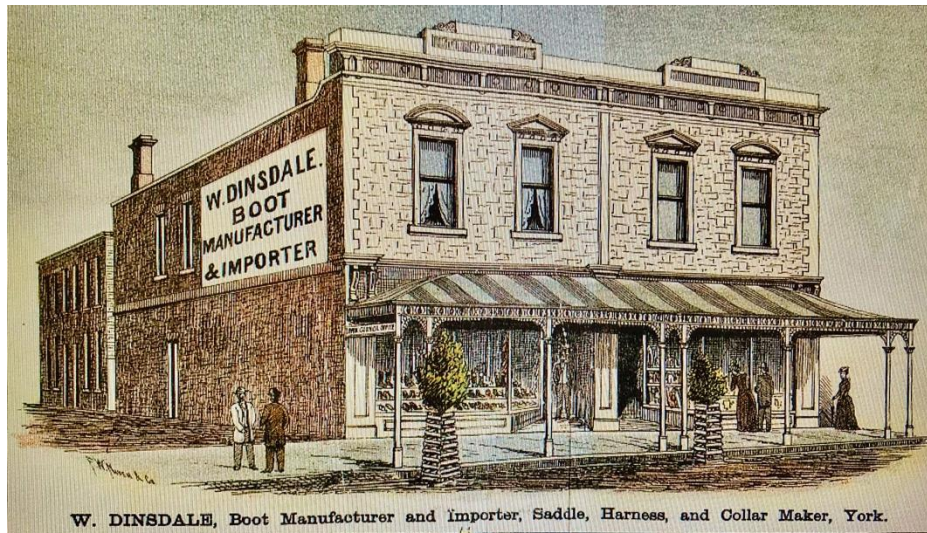


Streets of York

Do you live in Dinsdale Street?



Mary Dinsdale and her 6 children arrived in Western Australia from Malton, Yorkshire, England on the "Tartar" in 1863 to join her husband William who had arrived as a convict on the "Edwin Fox" in 1858, transported for stealing Post Office letters. William was only semi literate and commenced working in York as a shoemaker and small farmer. Business must have been good as by 1864 he was advertising to employ two good boot makers!

Their sons William and John were to achieve a record of long and honourable service to the town of York. They followed long careers with John involved in dairy farming, storekeeping, contracting, preaching at the Wesleyan Church, acting as superintendent of the Sunday School, committeeman of the Mechanics Institute and from 1893 as a member of the York Municipal Council.

William initially worked as a storekeeper, established his successful boot and harness manufacturing business and purchased the Empire Milling Company in partnership with Jos. Bower. He entered civic life in 1885 as a councillor, being first elected as Mayor of York in 1890. During his years as Mayor he inaugurated a series of town planning projects which included improvements and additions to town lighting, drainage, footpaths and street making. He secured the government reserves of Avon Park and the Forrest Oval for the Town of York and was instrumental in the building of the original Council Chambers. He spent many years as a town magistrate and was elected to three terms as Mayor 1891-1893, 1897-1898, 1902-1906, being known for his firm decision making and sound judgement on public matters

John died in York in 1910 and William in Victoria in 1921.