



# Place of Worship

## 1862 to 1879



Jesse Hammond  
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### I am Jesse Hammond

When I was a young man in the 1870s,  
I came to church services here.  
They were on Sundays at 3 pm.  
Most of the residents of Claremont and Dalkeith came too.

Convicts from the depots near the main road (now Stirling Highway)  
and Point Resolution attended as well.  
Did you know that convicts built the road between Perth and Fremantle?

The Reverend CG Nicolay conducted the service.  
We sang hymns such as 'Glory to thee, my God'  
and at Christmas, 'Hark the herald angels sing'.

The convict depot near Stirling Highway closed in 1875  
and in 1880 church services moved there.

In 1893, the current Christ Church in Claremont opened for worship.

*Rode to church or rather a bush school house  
at a place called Freshwater Bay.  
Half the little room was filled with convicts  
and in the absence of Bishop Hale, Mr Barlee officiated.  
For the first time I heard the penal prayer  
which asks for the punishment of all sinful men and wicked doers  
and that the sword entrusted to the care of the governor  
may be wielded with justice etc.  
I did not like the idea somehow.*

Henry Prinsep's diary for his first Sunday in the colony, 27 May 1866

Right: Henry Prinsep, 1866  
Courtesy Malcolm Allbrook



Reverend CG Nicolay  
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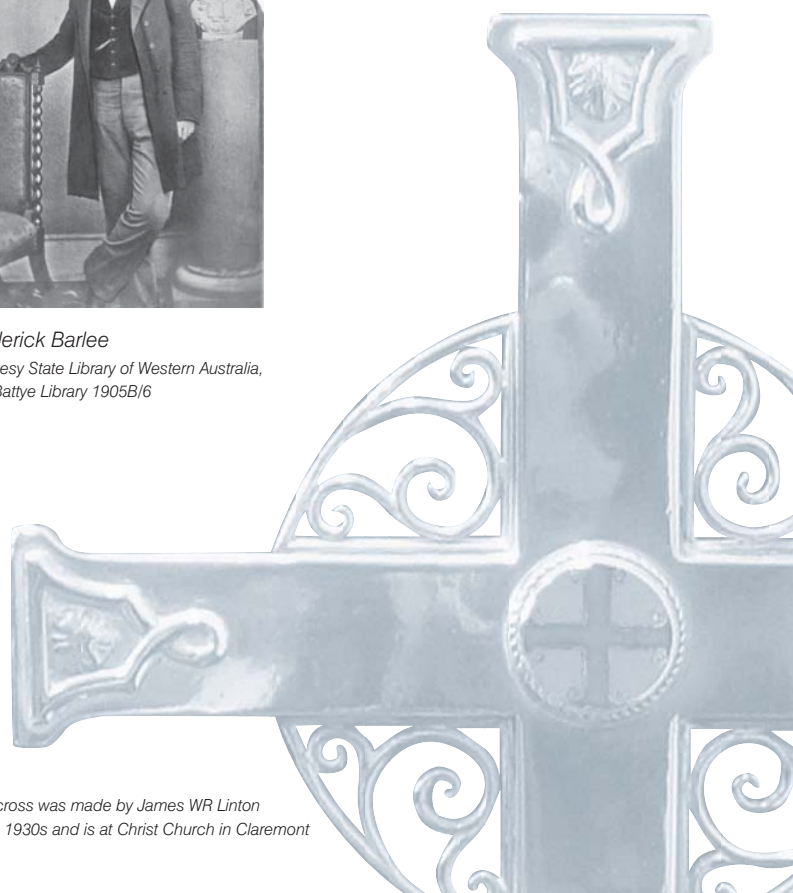
Bishop Hale  
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Frederick Barlee  
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Jesse Hammond's story based partly on  
Jesse Hammond, 'History of Mrs Herbert',  
held Claremont Museum

**O**UR Father which art in  
heaven, Hallowed be thy  
Name. Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth,  
As it is in heaven. Give us  
this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespass-  
es, As we forgive them that  
trespass against us. And  
lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil.  
Amen.



This cross was made by James WR Linton  
in the 1930s and is at Christ Church in Claremont