

# George Charles Dufall

Died 11<sup>th</sup> September 1919

Aged 32

POSTMASTER ORA BANDA 1918— 1919

Outback Grave Marker Number: 0159

GPS Coordinates: 30 22"47.60'S 121 04"43.1'E



(Larment, 2008)

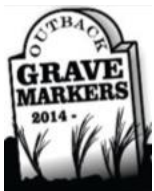
He was a native of Georgetown, South Australia.

At 11 years of age he came to Western Australia and at the age of approximately 14 years he entered the Postal Department and had been in the service for over 17 years at the time of his death. (Western Mail, 1919)

While on the Postal staff in Albany, he married Fanny Frances Susannah Alice Weltch the daughter of Mr Richard Henry and Mrs Mary Weltch of Albany in 1910. (Geni.com, 2016)

George was also quite a prominent person in the Albany community and member of the North Ward Football and Cricket Clubs. (Albany Advertiser, 1919)

From Albany he was transferred to Grass Patch, and about a year prior to his death he took charge of the Ora Banda Post Office. He was a most obliging and careful official, and as a private citizen was held in great esteem.



He was the son of Mr S and Mrs E (Elizabeth) Dufall, of 60 Charles Street Perth. (Western Mail, 1919)

He had two brothers Mr T. and J. Dufall, and three sisters Mrs A. Kimpton, Boulder, Mrs E. Wayland and Mrs T. Brady of Broken Hill.

From local newspaper reports he fell ill around the 5th of September, died on the 11th and was buried at Ora Banda Cemetery Roman Catholic Section Grave 1, on the 13th of September 1919, after contracting Pneumonic Influenza. (Western Mail, 1919)

Although his death Certificate (Coolgardie 17/1919) lists cause of death as Natural Causes (Black Plague). (Argus, 2000)

His wife Fanny and their children Ida, Richard, Mary and Clarice were also ill at the time of George's death, and Fanny's Mother had travelled from Albany to help with the care of the family. (Kalgoorlie Miner, 1919)

An excerpt from the Kalgoorlie Miner describes George's Funeral at Ora Banda as follows:

“Funeral – The Late G Dufall, Ora Banda, Sep.21

The funeral of the late Mr George Dufall, Post Master at Ora Banda, took place on Saturday, the 13th Inst at 4pm, and was largely attended by local residents. The deceased's brother came from Boulder for the funeral. (Kalgoorlie Miner, 1919)

The Ora Banda Minister, Mr T Haskell read the burial service. The Pall Bearers were Messrs A Baistow senr, A Baistow Jun, S Scotson, J Gillieland, W O'Brien and C Downing. The Undertaker was J H Sallows”. (Kalgoorlie Miner, 1919)

Wreaths and messages of condolence were received from numerous friends.

Great sympathy is felt for Mrs Dufall, who is left with three young children.

After George's death his wife and children returned to live in Albany. (Kalgoorlie Miner, 1919)

George left an estate of £233 3s to his wife after his death. (Sunday Times Perth, 1919)

Below is a picture of the Ora Banda minister who officiated at George's Funeral;



(Larment, 2008)

A year after his passing his wife and children inserted an “In Memoriam” notice as did his brothers T and J Dufall in a joint listing. (Western Argus, 1920)

Fanny remarried in 1921 to John McGlade at the age of 32, unfortunately John passed away leaving Fanny widowed again in August 1949. (Geni.com, 2016)

Fanny survived George by some 50 years passing away at the age of 83 years on the 9th of March 1972. (Geni.com, 2016)

His children survived him by between 50 and 55 years.

Ida Mary - 1910 to 1970

Richard— 1911 to 1973

Mary Elizabeth— 1913 to 1993

Clarice Frances (Bobby) - 1917 to 1995 (Geni.com, 2016)





*Grave of George Charles Dufall - By D Sutton 2016*



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