



# *Obituaries*

## *Parish of Rodbourne Cheney*

### **William Nipperas/Nipperess/Nippress**

**Baptised:-** 27th April 1800 at Rodbourne Cheney, Wiltshire, England (I have not yet verified this from the Parish registers, but I have relied on others for this information)

**Died:-** 2nd June 1882 at Walbundrie, New South Wales, Australia

### **Case of Suicide**

#### **Albury, Saturday**

A determined case of suicide is reported from Walbundrie. An old man, named William Nippress, aged 82, had been ailing some time, and his nephew, named Hall, was in the habit of sitting up all night to watch him. After watching all night, Hall went to sleep, and waking up shortly after, found Nippress covered with blood. He had inflicted two wounds, one injuring the windpipe, the other completely severing the jugular vein. Both wounds were made with a penknife. On the knife being taken away, Nippress said, 'I've been a cripple long enough,' and gave a few gasps, and expired.

**Evening News, (Sydney, New South Wales), Saturday, 3 June 1882, Page 3**

Information has reached Albury to the effect that a man named William Nippress committed suicide at Walbundrie by cutting his throat with a penknife. A magisterial inquiry resulted in a verdict of temporary insanity.

**Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser (New South Wales), Thursday, 8 June 1882, Page 3.** Also reported in the **Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser' (New South Wales), Saturday, 10 June 1882**

#### **OPC Note:**

William NIPPERESS was convicted of sheep stealing and sent to New South Wales aboard the 'Katherine Stewart Forbes' in October 1829