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# LONE GRAVE OF KATHERINE PATTERSON AND MARY LUMSDEN PATTERSON, KNOWSLEY

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## Location

235 MOORABBEE FORESHORE ROAD KNOWSLEY, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7824-0103

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Interpretation of Site

. 1843 John Hunter Patterson purchased T ooraborac Station, in 185 I purchased the neighbouring Campaspe Plains

Station, renaming it Moorabbee Station

. First known burial 18.61852, Mary Lumsden Patterson (daughter of John?), followed by her grandmother (mother of

John) Katharine Patterson in September of that same year.

. I 870s Jane Ettersahnk arranged the white marble stone headstone and white picket fencing (now replaced?) be

erected

Historical Significance      The site is of historical interest to the Heathcote region and potentially the State of Victoria through links with early **pastoral settlers the Patterson family. It is also of historical significance for as a mid 19th century burial site.**

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## History

The following history is an extract from 'Where They lie: Early Burials on the Bendigo Goldfields 1852.1870' by Annette O'Donohue and Bev Hanson, 1993

### *Lone Grave near Lake Eppalock*

*This solitary grave is situated next door to the Moorabbee Lodge Caravan Park, Knowsley. One has to climb through a wire fence to view this very neat grave site on a high piece of ground on what used to be known as Moorabbee Station. Katharine Patterson (nee Hunter) was born at Callander House Edinburgh in 1774, the daughter of John Hunter and Jacobina Yorston. She married Myles Patterson some time before 1802 in Scotland, and late in 1821, Katharine, Myles and the 6 youngest of their 7 children, born at Cabongate Edinburgh, embarked on the Castle Forbes and migrates to Van Diemen's Land arriving on the 1st March 1852. Catharine's widowed sister Jacobina Burn and her son David who has previously arrived in Hobart Town on 5th May 1821 aboard the Westmorland with Katharine & Myles eldest son William, were there to meet them. Both families settled in the New Norfolk district and immediately went into farming, eventually owning thousands of acres which Myles names **Hunterstoun but eventually it became known as Hunterston and is still known as that today.***

**Myles Patterson** died at the early age of 57 years at New Norfolk Tasmania in 1828 and is buried in the Old graveyard at New Norfolk. Sometime in 1843 Katharine's son John Hunter Patterson purchased Tooborac Station in Victoria (although still known as NSW at the time) where he and his wife Martha and their children lived for several years. In 1851 John Hunter Patterson bought the large and well improved Campaspe Plains Station which lay along his northern boundary at Tooborac for £12,000. He renamed it Moorabbee Station and made a fortune supplying the fold diggings with meat. **In March 1852 his mother Katharine came from Tasmania to visit her sons in Victoria, She went to stay with John at Moorabbee Station but was prevented from returning due to the heavy winter rains and flooded creeks. She became ill ... Katharine was buried beside her granddaughter Mary Lumsden Patterson who had died on 18.6.1852 at the tender age of only 7 months. The burial site was adjacent to the Homestead, 'the big stone house', which is now in ruins.** Some time in the 1870s Katharine's granddaughter Jane Ettershank (John and Martha's daughter) arranged to have the white marble headstone erected at Moorabbee Station over her grandmother and sister. It has survived the ravishes of time for the past 120 years and with its white picket fence is a fine memorial of one of Victoria's early Pastoral families.

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