



Annie Louisa Toovey



Annie was born in Perth on May 25th 1851, Eldest daughter of Lomas and Sarah Toovey Of Round Swamp (now Tenterden) Annie was a nurse and then became a Midwife. First she married Thomas Richardson when she was 24 years old in Albany. She had four children to Thomas, who died shortly after their fourth child Annie remarried in 1882 to a Widower James George Tylor, who already had Two children of his own, he was a Wheelwright, They lived at Etipup near Broomhill and had a Smithy shop. Annie had five children to James Tylor but still managed to continued her work of midwifery at the local inn, as there was no Hospital there, the town was dying so they moved to Katanning in 1897. Both James and Annie were members of the Baptist Church that was a big part of there lives. In the following years Annie became a familiar figure in her long black skirt and bonnet and high buttoned boots, sitting erect in her buggy drawn by old Prince as she drove to various farms to act as midwife. She later after her husband died in 1911 and the children left home began taking patients at her house on the corner of Piesse and Dare (now Park street) and it became known as Annie Tylor's Hospital. She was registered nurse number 32 and took patients until she retired in 1917 after the war were Annie's Son was Killed Annie went to live next door to her son Horace, and his family, giving assist when it was needed. Annie died in Katanning on jan 26th 1937, at the age of 86. Annie has a plaque up at Kings park for all the hard work she done For the community of Katanning and other communities.