

**Courtenay Puckey**

by

**Peter Doyle****MARRIAGE**

RECORD #1 OF 1

SURNAME

GIVEN NAME (S)

SEX

INDEX YEAR

SPOUSE SURNAME

SPOUSE GIVEN NAME (S)

SPOUSE SEX

PLACE OF REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION YEAR

REGISTRATION NUMBER

PUCKEY

COURTENY

MALE

1897

SPENCE

GRACE

FEMALE

SYDNEY

1897

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Courtenay Puckey, chemist of Wollongong m. 6/3/1897 Grace Spence, 3rd Dau. of John Spence and Grace Peacock of Bega. Grace a teacher at Balgownie Public School. (Ill. Merc. 23/3/1897)

**INFORMATION FROM THEIR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE 1897****493**

6 March 1897 Courtenay Puckey, bachelor, b. Alvest?? ENG, chemist, 35, of Wollongong, son of John Courtney Puckey, Inland Revenue Officer & Mary Ann Downing was married to Grace Spence at St Paul's Church of England by Rev. T B Boyce. Grace was a spinster born Bega, 34, living in Wollongong daughter of John Spence a tanner and Grace Peacock. Witnesses were Clara Sydney Scott and Robert Spence.

**BIRTHS****RECORD #1 OF 3**

SURNAME	PUCKEY
GIVEN NAME(S)	MARY G
INDEX YEAR	1898
FATHER	COURTENAY
MOTHER	GRACE
PLACE OF REGISTRATION	WOLLONGONG
REGISTRATION YEAR	1898
REGISTRATION NUMBER	8667

**RECORD #2 OF 3**

SURNAME	PUCKEY
GIVEN NAME(S)	SELENA
INDEX YEAR	1899
FATHER	COURTNEY
MOTHER	GRACE
PLACE OF REGISTRATION	WOLLONGONG
REGISTRATION YEAR	1899
REGISTRATION NUMBER	36166

**RECORD #3 OF 3**

SURNAME	PUCKEY
GIVEN NAME(S)	AMELIA G
INDEX YEAR	1901
FATHER	COURTNEY
MOTHER	GRACE
PLACE OF REGISTRATION	WOLLONGONG
REGISTRATION YEAR	1901
REGISTRATION NUMBER	28150

**DEATHS****RECORD #1 OF 1**

SURNAME	PUCKEY
GIVEN NAME(S)	WILLIAM
INDEX YEAR	1897
FATHER	JOHN C
MOTHER	MARY A
PLACE OF REGISTRATION	WOLLONGONG
REGISTRATION YEAR	1897
REGISTRATION NUMBER	14205

No will. bu. Wollongong General Cemetery. CE S1 F13. d. 27/11/1897  
son of J C Puckey of London, England. Died at Wollongong.

**COURTENAY PUCKEY** died Wollongong 27 September 1944 leaving an Instrument P (Probated Will) No. 293904.

Cert. 480 16/2/85 (or 83), Puckey Courtenay, Wollongong, admitted a pharmaceutical chemist. PO, GB. (Archives Office of New South Wales: Pharmacy Board of NSW: Register of Chemists and Druggists 1876 - 1920)

Obituary in *Illawarra Mercury* of Friday 6/10/1944. Dr Mary Puckey, Dr Selina (Mrs Marshall, Grace (Mrs Walker). Courtenay 83 years on death i.e. b. c1861.

[I suspect the Birthplace of Courtenay Puckey was actually 'Alvechurch'. His death notice appeared in the Mercury on September, 29th, 1944, stating simply that he died at "his residence Seafield" on the 27th September. His obituary, published on the 6th of October, reads as follows, Ed.]

### "The Late C Puckey

As briefly mentioned in a last issue, the death has occurred of Mr. Courtenay Puckey, who carried on business as a chemist in Wollongong for over half a century. He was a familiar figure in Crown St. until ill health caused his retirement some months ago. Born in England, he was in his 83rd year.

In his business he gained no mean reputation in diagnosing illnesses and for many of his prescriptions for various ills.

Many years ago he carried out extensive experiment in an endeavour to extract the salt from sea water on a commercial basis. These experiments were carried out at his home on the northern side of Fairy Creek, near the sea. Little was heard of the result, but apparently they were not successful.

He is survived by his widow and three daughters, Dr. Mary Puckey, Dr Selina (Mrs Marshall) and Grace (Mrs Walker)."