

ALIENS

According to the Colonial Secretary's Office an alien was a non-British or foreign resident of the Colony of New South Wales, including the Port Phillip District, who did not have the rights and privileges of British subjects, which included the purchase of land.

PPPG Member Ken Smith recently came upon a certificate of naturalization dated 1 April, 1852, issued in favour of one William WENZEL of the County of Grant, farmer, who came to Port Phillip in 1850 on the ship *Emmy*.

Name— <i>William Wenzel</i>	Occupation	<i>Farmer</i>
	Address	<i>Wrist of Duned, County of Grant</i>
	Age (on date of naturalization)	<i>20</i>
	Native Place	<i>Sprutan, Prussia</i>
	Date of Certificate	<i>31. 1. 52 & 1. 4. 52</i>
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His memorial application declared that he was a 20 year-old native of Sprutan in the Kingdom of Prussia, and was desirous of purchasing and holding real estate in the colony.

Once the Lieutenant-Governor had assessed and granted his Certificate of Naturalization, in accordance with Act XI Vic., No. 39, he was required within 60 days to take the following oath of allegiance, presupposing he had acquired some proficiency of the English language.

'I William WENZEL do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria and will defend her to the utmost of my power against all conspiracies and attempts whatever which may be made against her person Crown or dignity and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to her Majesty her heirs and successors all treasons and traitorous conspiracies which may be formed against her and them; and I do faithfully promise to maintain support and defend to the utmost of my power the succession of the Crown which succession by an Act intituled "An act for the further limitation of the Crown and better securing the rights and liberties of the subject" is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia, Electress of Hanover and the heirs of her body being Protestants hereby utterly renouncing and abjuring any obedience or allegiance unto any other person claiming or pretending a right to the Crown of this Realm. So help me God.'

William went on to marry Anne Farmer in 1866 and they had issue. William died in 1897 at Kambalda, Western Australia, aged 64. Photos: Ancestry.com.au /Find a Grave