



*Maiden name* Harriet Walker  
*Born* 9 November 1865 Hexham  
*Married* 12 June 1890 Hexham  
*Died* 28 September 1939 Colac  
*Buried* Colac Cemetery  
*Father* Johnson Walker 1830 Yorkshire, England –  
 29 September 1912 Hexham  
*Mother* Hannah Nicholson 1830 Yorkshire – 126  
 November 1914 Hexham  
*Spouse* Henry Thomas Gaylard 27 August 1867  
 Colac – 12 July 1957 Colac  
*Spouse parents* Thomas William Gaylard 1845 Somerset –  
 10 August 1927 Colac  
 Elizabeth Bachelor 1847 Geelong – 9  
 January 1913 Colac  
*Religion* Church of England

### Children

1891 Johnson Gaylard – Hexham *d.*1947 Geelong  
*m.*Gladys Loveday James *d.*1980 Geelong  
 1893 Henry (Jim) James Gaylard – Colac *d.*1958 Colac  
*m.*Ella Beatrice Williams *d.*1992 Lorne  
 1896 Charles Frederick Gaylard – Colac *d.*1963 Daylesford  
*m.*Irma Ritchie *d.*1973 Norlane  
 1904 Leslie Walker Gaylard – Colac *d.*1965 Geelong  
*m.*Isabel Bessie Graham *d.*2002 Geelong  
 1908 Eric Thomas Gaylard – Colac *d.*1960 Geelong  
*m.*Ella May Eddy *d.*1953 Colac

Harriet Gaylard was a leading example of a woman who was involved in community groups and activities to help other people around her and beyond. Born in 1865 in Hexham, a small farming community near Mortlake, the daughter of Johnson Walker and Hannah Nicholson, Harriet married railwayman Henry Gaylard in 1890. It was a wonderful marriage and they were a devoted couple.

When Harriet signed the petition in 1891, she had been married one year and was the mother of a new born son. Life would have been exciting and daunting, similar to how Harriet may have viewed the concept of women voting in the Victorian electoral process.

Three children were born by 1896, then an eight year gap before the arrival of the next child, followed by the fifth and final child in 1908. During all this time, Harriet was actively involved in the local church, organising many functions and fundraisers for the ladies guild. It meant no work on Sundays, everything having to be cooked and cleaned the day before.

Harriet loved to cook and her granddaughter Edna remembered cooking together with her grandmother, taking home samples to share. Harriet also played croquet and was an extremely hard worker for the Red Cross during the First World War.

Harriet passed away in 1939, dearly missed by her beloved husband and family. Harry Gaylard died in 1957 aged 90 and is buried with Harriet in the Colac cemetery.

### MRS. HARRY T. GAYLARD

The many friends of Mrs. Harry T. Gaylard, of Miller street, Colac, regretted to learn of her death, which took place on Thursday at the age of 73 years. The deepest sympathy will be extended to the bereaved relatives. The deceased was born at Hexham, and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Walker, of Hexham. She was an enthusiastic worker for the Red Cross during the last war. She was a member of the Colac Hospital Auxiliary, and was one of the oldest members of the Church of England Ladies' Guild.

The funeral took place at the Colac cemetery on Friday, and was largely attended.

Among the many wreaths were tributes from the Church of England Mens' Society, St. John's Vestry, and St. John's Ladies' Guild.

The coffin-bearers were Messrs. Johnson, James, Charles, Leslie and Eric Gaylard (sons), and L. Walker (nephew), the pall being supported by Messrs. G. Nicholas, W. Nash, W. Higgins, A. Orchard, B. Diaper, M. Walker, J. Gaylard, A. Gaylard, B. Rowarth, S. Coe, J. Walker, W. Evans, J. Moloney, Alex. Nicholas, Len Gaylard and G. C. Gray.

The Rev. Canon J. A. Macquess conducted the services at the home and the graveside, and the funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. I. W. Sharrow.

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