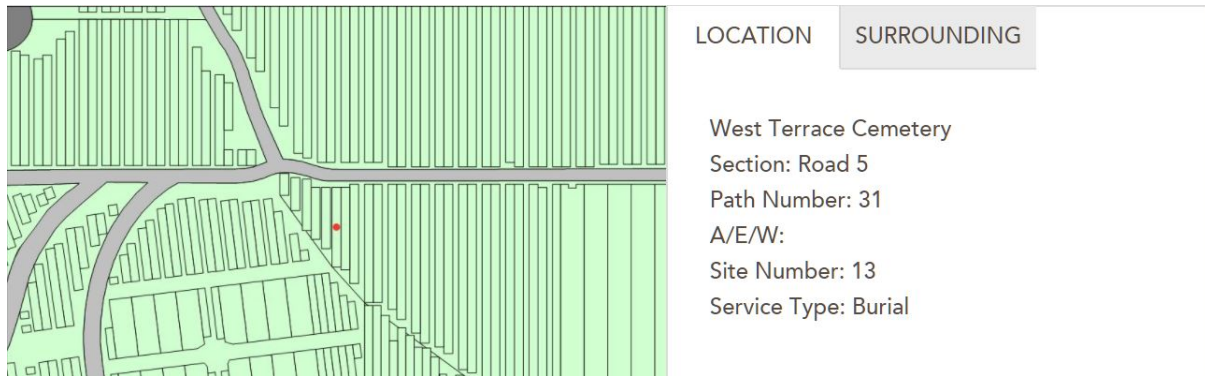


Altmann, Eliza



Eliza Altmann (nee Griffin, formerly Mrs Alfred Leane)

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Eliza was born 18 June 1835 in Limehouse, London, England. Her parents were William Griffin, a policeman, and Ann (nee Loxton). Eliza was the youngest of five children, Albert (a half brother), James, Mary Ann and Emma. She was baptised at St Anne's Limehouse on 20 September 1835. Eliza came to Australia on the ship Gloucester in 1852, unaccompanied, arriving at Port Adelaide on 13 August 1852 when she was 17 years of age. Her father and two sisters had already arrived in the colony a year or two before her. On the 1st of January 1854, Eliza married Alfred Leane, who had also travelled to South Australia on the Gloucester; it is presumed that they met during the voyage. They were married in St. Matthew's Church of England, Kensington. They had ten children, eight of whom survived to adulthood, and lived at Plympton, Athelstone, Chain of Ponds and Adelaide city. Alfred and Eliza divorced in 1884 after several years of difficulty. In late 1884, Eliza married Carl Gustav Altmann, an upholsterer and music teacher who was born in Melbourne. They lived at various locations in Adelaide city, until Carl died in 1887. Carl died in the Destitute Asylum and his cause of death was listed as "phthisis" (most likely pulmonary tuberculosis). It is presumed that he is buried in the pauper section of West Terrace Cemetery. Eliza's last few years were also plagued by ill health, and she died 25 October 1895. The cause of death is officially listed as "pulmonary tuberculosis." She is buried at a known, but unmarked, location in the cemetery not too distant from the pauper unmarked graves, where it is most likely that Carl was interred. Eliza's descendants are numerous. May she rest in peace.