

two skeletons at the base of a huge Bluegum tree at the edge of Oakley Brook, the rough location of which is indicated on Map 5. Apparently there had been rabbit warrens around the base of the tree, and the digging had resulted in the skeletons being exposed. Informants guessed that the discovery was made around the 1940s. No one was sure what happened to the skeletons, nor was there mention of an analysis being carried out as there had been in the two previous cases. Assuming that any non-Indigenous burials would have been recorded in the literature, it seems likely that the two skeletons were Aboriginal people. However, it is not certain whether they were victims of the Pinjarra Massacre, or had been buried at an earlier or later time.

#### Skeleton 5:

Another skeleton was reportedly found by the 'Simpson kids' beside a pump along the Murray River, the location of which is indicated on Map 5. The finding of the skeleton was again verified by reliable local sources, although, beyond confirming a finding at that particular location, no further details were known. As in the previous case, it can be assumed that the skeleton was of an Aboriginal person, but it is not certain whether the person was a victim of the Pinjarra Massacre.

#### Skeleton 6:

Theo Kearing relayed how in the 1970s, he was digging a grave in Pinjarra cemetery when he came across a leg bone. He stated:

We dug up a leg bone when we were digging Henry Riley's grave... Well I put the bones back in the same spot...

The bone was about half way down the hole being dug for the coffin – approximately 3-4 feet deep, and to the side of where the coffin was to be placed. Thinking about the discovery in later years, Mr Kearing felt that there could have been an entire skeleton lying just to the left of the grave. Again, it can be assumed that the skeleton was most likely Aboriginal, but it may or may not have been from the Pinjarra Massacre. The location is represented on Map 5.

### **Other physical remnants**

#### Musket Balls:

In addition to the musket balls found with two of the skeletons, other musket balls have been found along the Murray River over the years. The W.A. Museum currently holds a musket ball believed to be from the Pinjarra Massacre. It was submitted in July of 1949 by a Mr J. Grayson of Pinjarra. Unfortunately the exact location where the musket ball was discovered is not known.

According to Bindjareb Nyungar Richard Walley, when he was a boy, Nyungars and their Wadjella friends used to dig up musket balls along the river. In particular, Mr Walley remembered finding musket balls at 'The Marron Place' in the Massacre Memorial Area (see Map 5). He recalled how they used the musket balls for fishing sinkers. An old Wadjella who lived in the Pinjarra area when he was younger stated that he had found musket balls just north of where Oakley Brook meets the Murray River.

#### Soldier's Badge:

As mentioned above, a 'metal military badge' was found when land belonging to a Mrs McLernon in Pinjarra was being ploughed and scarified (possibly in the 1920s). It was