

ABOUT THE COTTAGE

Patrick Taylor's Cottage is the oldest surviving dwelling in Western Australia, having been built by the Morley Brothers in 1832, when the town was a military outpost. The cottage was originally set on a 240 acre block (97 ha). Patrick Taylor purchased the Cottage in August 1834.

The wattle and daub construction is a representation of the traditional building used by the early settlers and is a clay which was literally packed into the cavities between the mats and poles. Sometimes the daub was mixed with chaff or cow manure for greater durability. The walls were given a final coat of cow manure to make them waterproof. The wooden floors of the cottage are the original boards, which are pit sawn jarrah affixed with hand made nails.



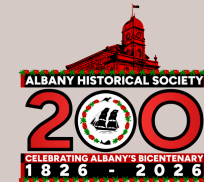
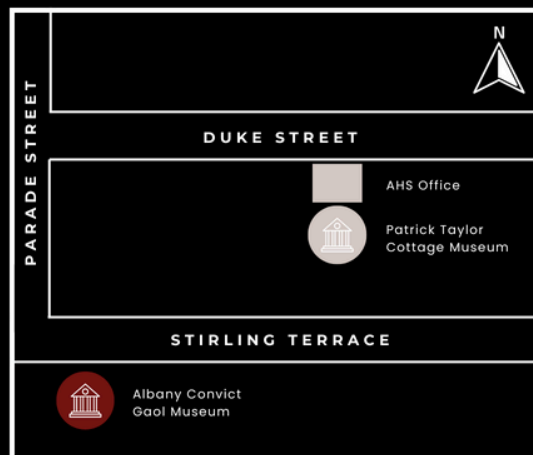
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PATRICK TAYLOR

Patrick Taylor was born in Scotland in 1807. Patrick's parents died when he was young and was brought up by a guardian. Patrick was educated in England and was a very wealthy young man of overwhelming religious conviction and also of delicate health.

Patrick arrived at Albany on the 12th May 1834 onboard the *James Pattison*. Patrick purchased Lot S44 from John H Morley in July 1834 for a total sum of £300 and was transferred by Morley to Taylor by public auction.

During the voyage Patrick meet Mary and they fell in love and Patrick wrote Mary many letters and poems over the next few years. They were married in September 1837 at Fremantle. The wedding was a quiet one but the guest of honour was Sir James Stirling, who acted as the father of the bride.

Patrick was appointed as Magistrate in Albany in 1836 and held the position to 1840 and was a member of the Albany Town Trust during 1845-1847.

Patrick passed away on the 30th December 1877 in the Cottage and he is laid to rest with his wife Mary and two children, Campbell and Christina in Memorial Park Cemetery on Middleton Road.

THE HAUNTED COTTAGE

While there are many haunted places and folktales around Western Australia, look no further than Patrick Taylor's Cottage Museum. It is believed that every September, the spirit of Major Frederick Ingoldby returns to the cottage around the anniversary of his death.

Major Frederick Ingoldby was a Boer War veteran and doctor and former tenant of Patrick Taylor's Cottage. He passed away at the Cottage on the 15th September, 1940. Major Ingoldby was injured in combat, he appears dressed in his military uniform with his arm in a sling.

According to staff, the feeling of a continued presence and being watched is reported often. Staff have also found items that have been moved or knocked over and voices from other rooms, only to find, no one is there.

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