William Irving Winter-Irving's Personal Coach

Location: Rippon Lea Mansion 192 Hotham St Elsternwick Victoria Australia Coach Manufacturer: T Craine – Princes Bridge Melbourne Established 1854 Refurbished By: Mr. Heywood Victoria St Richmond late 70's early 80's

Referenced by William Alison Winter-Irving in his book "Beyond the Bitumen" (1971 P35-36), he recalls "the coach house, where grandfather's lovely drag coach was abandoned in idleness for years, until the place was sold. Later on, it turned out that the National Trust got hold of the coach in some devious way and completely resurrected it in all its pristine glory. It now reposes at Ballarat with Grandfather's crest painted once again on a side panel. At one period somebody wanted to buy it to use the teak timber spokes for the wheels as ash trays or something but we scotched that, so it's still in one piece."

Andrew Winter-Irving of Nagambie recalls seeing a coach belonging to William Winter-Irving at Beechworth when he was very young. Knowing there was a high probability the coach still existed, Andrew Mead was motivated to find the missing coach. Enquiries around Beechworth proved fruitless but, after contacting the National Trust Victoria, Andrew found the coach had been donated to the National Trust who had renovated it and were housing it at Rippon Lea Mansion in Elsternwick, a suburb of Melbourne.



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Winter-Irving Coat of Arms

Located on both doors



The Coat of Arms on the LH door



Top Motto: *Haud Ullis Labentia Ventis* (for Irving) *Yielding under no winds*

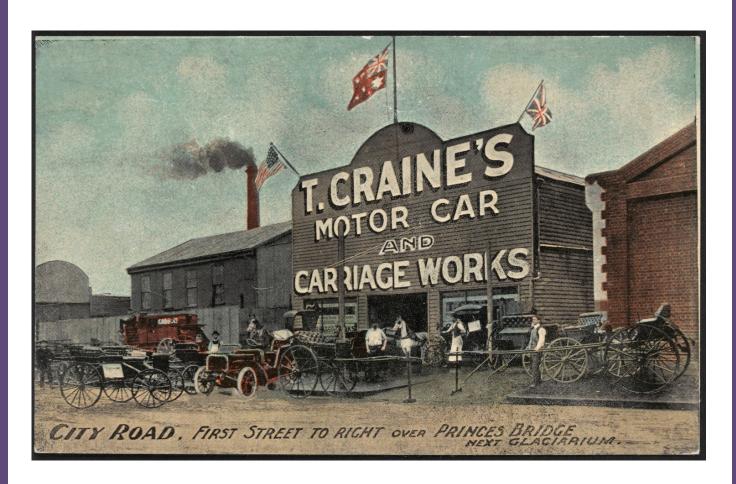
Bottom Motto: *Sub Sole Sub Umbra Virens* (for Winter) *Flourishing both in sunshine and in shade*

Coach Manufacturer

Located on the end of each axle is the name of the manufacturer

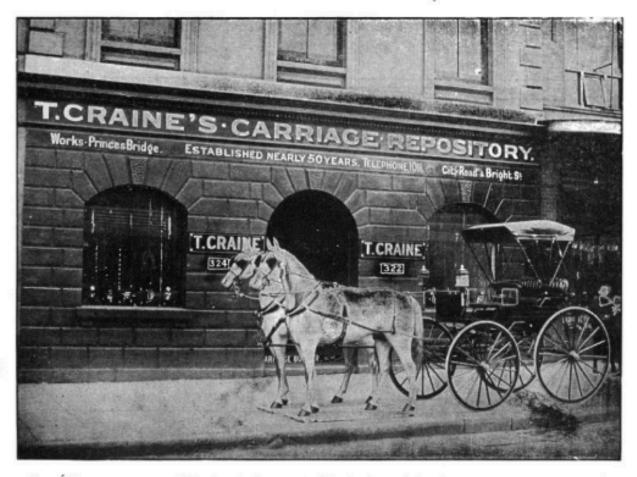
T. Craine – Princess Bridge Melbourne







Mr. T. Craine's Carriage Works, 50 and 52 City Road.



Show Rooms, 322-4 Elizabeth St., next Little Lonsdale St., same side as G.P.O.



Coach Draw bar approx. 3m long

If you have any recollections, stories, pictures or detail on the coach, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact us via the website.

www.winter-irving.com

Many thanks go to Katie Potter for helping in locating the coach.

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For more detail on the family crests,
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