

Auguste Friedericke Manitzky (née Bergann)

1843 - 1932

Auguste Friedericke Manitzky (née Bergann) was born 7 July 1843 in Pomerania, a province of Prussia. She emigrated with her husband (Rudolf Manitzky) and four children in 1887, settling in the Logan District.

After land was selected on the Blackall Range, 45-year-old Auguste made a difficult trip from Waterford to Teutoburg (Witta). Reaching Landsborough, she had no option but to walk up the range carrying her 6-week-old baby. Her family would tell of a horseman offering her a ride or to hold her baby, of Auguste refusing, possibly because she didn't understand English. With a few treasured possessions on one arm and a crying baby on the other, she finally threw her possessions over a gorge when she was unable to carry them further – never to be seen again.

Auguste worked in the district as a nurse and midwife. She died in Witta in 1932 and is buried in the local cemetery.



Photo from the family of Phylis Manitzky