

Fred Fisher's Ghost

New South Wales, Australia

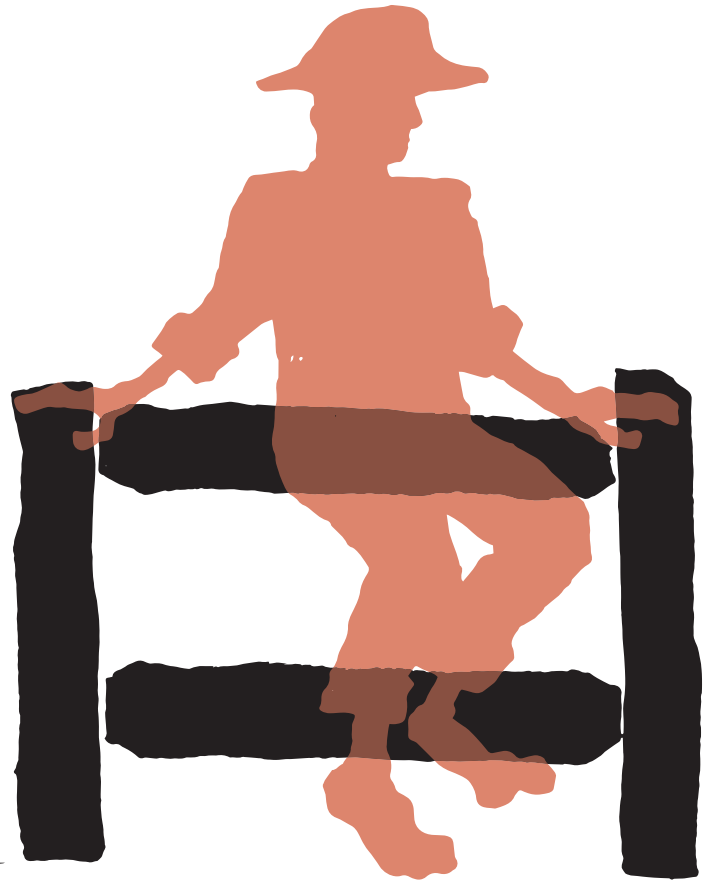
IN THE 1800s in the small town of Campbelltown, there was a man named Fred Fisher. Fred had just arrived from England, where he had been caught with forged bank notes, and had been sent away to Australia as punishment. He bought a piece of property in Campbelltown, a little town just outside of Sydney.

Fred had a neighbor named George. They became good friends. When Fred got into a fight over money with another person in town a few months later, he was sent to jail. Fred asked his neighbor George to look after his property while he was gone.

Fred returned to town a year later, but George still had control of his property. June 17, 1826 was the last time anyone saw Fred Fisher. The townsfolk began to suspect George, as he was the last person seen with Fred, and had also begun to sell Fred's belongings. George was arrested in Fred's disappearance, but he claimed Fred had gone back to England. They searched for him, but turned up no trace of Fred himself. As time went on, the search for Fred went cold.

Months later, a local farmer burst into the lobby of a hotel, looking terrified. He told the man at the desk what happened: He had been walking down the road when he saw the ghost of Fred Fisher sitting on a fence. The ghost said nothing; just slowly pointed a finger toward an old barn.

At first, people laughed it off, but then they began to wonder. When police searched the area, they found a skeleton buried deep underneath the floor of the barn – right where the ghost had pointed.



Often times, fictional stories contain real elements. It is said that this story is based on real people that lived in Campbelltown in the 19th century.

What sounds real?

What sounds made-up?
