

ABERLINE Joseph



Parents: Andrew Aberline and Rebecca Griffiths

Siblings: not known

Birth: 10 Dec 1809 Oswestry County Salop England

Death: 29 June 1874 Yambuk

Marriage: Martha Williams in Newport, Shropshire, England on 23 Sep 1832. Martha died in 1896, 84 years of age, the daughter of James Williams and Mary Lewis

Immigration: Joseph, Martha & Sarah left London on 28 April 1836 aboard the *Amelia Thompson* arriving in Launceston, Tasmania on 20 Aug 1836. On 1 November 1837 Joseph came to Melbourne, followed by his family a few days later. On 11 June 1840, Joseph, Martha and the three little girls left Sydney aboard the *Transfer* for New Zealand. They returned to Sydney on the schooner *Coolangatta* in May 1845 and then down to Port Phillip on the schooner *Phoebe* in December 1845

Children:

- 1 Mary b 1833 d 1833
- 2 Sarah b 1835 d 1836 at sea
- 3 Ann b 1836 d 1905 m James Andrew
- 4 Mary b 1838 d 1867 m Isaac Wormald
- 5 Emma b 1839 d Bay of Islands, New Zealand
- 6 James b 1841 d 1887 m Jeanett McFarlane
- 7 Jane b 1842 d 1897 m Joseph Harper
- 8 Rebecca b 1844 d 1867 m Peter Gordon
- 9 Joseph b 1846 d 1920 m Christina Mitchell
- 10 Adam b 1850 d 1910 m Mary Swinton (Steel)
- 11 John b 1853 d 1940 m Elizabeth Emily Monk

Place of Residence: *The Grove*, Three Chain Road, Warrnambool. Later retired to Yambuk

Death & Burial: *Warrnambool Examiner*, Wednesday 1 July 1874

DIED

ABERLINE - At his residence, Yambuk (near Belfast), on the 29th inst., Joseph Aberline formerly of Warrnambool, and one of its earliest residents. Aged 64½ years.

[The funeral procession will reach the Warrnambool Cemetery at about four o'clock this afternoon. Friends will please accept this intimation.]

Buried at Warrnambool Cemetery, Wesleyan Section, Compartment 7, Grave 36, on 1 July 1874. His wife Martha was buried in the same grave on 1 July 1896.

Obituary: *Warrnambool Examiner* 1 July 1874

Another of the old colonists has gone, Mr Joseph Aberline, who came to Warrnambool in the year 1849. The deceased resided for many years in Warrnambool, and was well known as the owner of two allotments in Timor Street opposite the Post Office. Mr Aberline arrived in Victoria in 1836, and after residing some years in Melbourne, went to New Zealand, where he, with other settlers, were burnt out by the Maoris, and narrowly escaped being massacred. He then returned to Melbourne, subsequently came to Warrnambool, and resided here till about twelve months ago, when he and Mrs Aberline went to Yambuk, a few miles west of Belfast. Mr Aberline has left a widow, one daughter and five sons. 'Aberline's Orchard' on the Three Chain Road, going to Mr F. Tozer's, Wangoom

Park, is well known here. The funeral procession will reach the Warrnambool Cemetery about four o'clock this afternoon. The deceased was born in Oswestry, a celebrated market town in Shropshire, and so therefore was an old 'Salopian.'

Life: Joseph, Martha and Sarah, who was born in Chester in 1835, set sail from London for Launceston as Bounty Immigrants on 28 April 1836 aboard the *Amelia Thompson*. The ship arrived on 28 August 1836, but Sarah had died off the Cape of Good Hope, aged 11 months.

On 1 November 1837 Joseph, whose occupation at this time was a plasterer, was present at the second land sales held in Melbourne where he purchased Block 20, Allotment 20 for £39 - a block of land on the south-east corner of Queen Street and Little Bourke Street.

On 5 November, Martha and Ann sailed in the cutter *Domain* for Melbourne. The Aberlines seemed to settle in and become involved in the new community. Joseph was on a building committee with the Rev. Waterfield and Messrs J P Fawkner, E M Sayers and H Kettle for an Independent Church in Collins Street. In November 1838 Mrs Aberline opened a Tuscan Straw Bonnet establishment in Queen Street.

On 11 June 1840 Joseph, Martha and the three little girls left Sydney aboard the *Transfer* for New Zealand and the Bay of Islands. They went to Kororareka (or what is now Russell). The Bay of Islands at that time was the centre of European settlement in New Zealand and was to be the capital. Joseph had acquired several sections of land in the town, and his land is shown on a map which hangs in Pompallier House in Russell today.

In 1844, due to Maori grievances, the population of Kororareka was taken by boat to Auckland and most did not return. This was the beginning of the Maori Wars. Joseph, Martha and family left their land and returned to Australia on board the *Coolangatta* in May, arriving in Sydney in June 1845, Joseph's occupation still being a plasterer. They left Sydney on the *Phoebe* to return to Melbourne arriving on 27 December 1845.

The family arrived in Warrnambool in 1849. A quote about Warrnambool from *Victoria, and its Metropolis* stated, showing the scarcity of the ordinary requirements of civilization in the early days, it is a humorous tradition in the family that Mrs Aberline owned the first chair in the district. Joseph bought land in Timor Street, opposite what was to become the Post Office. Mrs Aberline was in the 1851 census as being a straw bonnet maker with a business in Leibig Street.

In 1854 Joseph bought 2 country lots, a total of 199 acres in the Parish of Wangoom. In 1856 the Aberline family moved to the property at Wangoom, a few miles from Warrnambool. As well as farming the land, rocks were removed and carted into Warrnambool for the building of the new breakwater. Joseph also had a well-known orchard and grew vegetables, in one instance a cauliflower weighing 24 pounds.

Joseph appeared to prosper and had farms at Wangoom, Tallangatta, Keilambete and properties in Lava and Timor Streets, Warrnambool.

Joseph was a member of the Warrnambool Volunteer Artillery and won prizes for rifle shooting. In 1871 Joseph Aberline applied for a reserve of 50 links on the bank of the Hopkins River for boat building purposes. The application was agreed to, and in February 1872 an advertisement in the paper advised he had boats for let or hire. Fishing parties and others can now be accommodated with Pleasure Boats, either for rowing or sailing on the Hopkins. Shortly before his death he and Martha moved to the township of Yambuk where he had bought several parcels of land.

Aberline Road, Warrnambool, was named after the family.