



ADAM Peter

Parents: Robert and Ann Adam (née McIntosh)

Siblings:

1. Ann
2. Margaret

Birth: 24 November 1819, Leuchars, Fife, Scotland

Marriage: did not marry

Immigration: arrived Hobsons Bay, on the steamer *North Star*, on 8 February 1854

Children: no issue

Place of Residence: Mepunga, Allansford

Death & Burial:

Died on Monday 28 October 1907 Allansford

Buried in the Presbyterian Section of the Warrnambool Cemetery, Row 29, Grave 009, on 29 October 1907

Obituary

The Warrnambool Standard 31 October 1907

The death of Mr Peter Adam, of Messrs Adam and Kinnear, Allansford, on Monday last at the grand old age of 88 years, removes yet another name from the rapidly diminishing list of pioneers of this district. He had been a resident of Warrnambool for over 53 years. Early in 1864 - to be exact, on February 8 - he arrived in Hobson's Bay as a carpenter of a steamer named *The North Star* from Dundee, Scotland, and after spending six months at his trade in Melbourne he left for Warrnambool on August 15th in the *Mary Smith*, a sailing vessel, which occupied seven days on the voyage. Mr Adam found employment at his trade on a bridge over the Hopkins River at the Brefney Hotel, Framlingham, in company with his brother-in-law, Mr Arthur Kinnear, who was also a ship's carpenter. This work occupied them for three months their pay being 25/ per day and their board and lodging at the hotel, costing £2 per week. The two friends then worked, with others, on the ferry punt at Tooram, the punt being launched early in 1855, when they were employed at their trade on the *Tooram* estate. Early in 1856 Mr Adam joined Mr John Young at South Warrnambool in lighter building, after which he again joined Mr Kinnear, undertaking a contract to supply piles, beams and sawn timber from Allan's Forest for a new bridge at Dennington, and were next settled in that forest on Crown land until the death of Mr Kinnear in 1861. With his sister, Mrs Kinnear, he continued at the saw-mills in the same place until 1865, when they selected 219 acres under Grant's Land Act at Mepunga, where after Mrs. Kinnear's death in 1872, he joined his nephew, Mr David Kinnear, in business as dairy farmers and graziers, until his death, the firm of Adam and Kinnear now owning 670 acres of first class land. The late Mr Adam never married.

Life: The Scotland census of 1841 lists Peter as a ships carpenter residing at Lochee South Road, in the County of Angus, with his parents, Robert and Ann, and sisters, Ann and Margaret. The Census of 1851 lists him again, residing with his father and sisters, together with an Arthur Kinnear and 2 Kinnear children.

Around 1855, whilst he and his brother-in-law were engaged on the *Tooram Estate*, in Victoria, they built post and rail fencing and house and barn buildings for farmers.

Peter had some bad luck whilst residing in rented accommodation in Dennington. He and his family lost their belongings in the house fire and although insured, the Insurance company did not have to pay out as the owner had made a false declaration on his insurance. He had not informed them of previous claims he had made for other house fires in houses he owned. (*The Argus*, Friday 19 June 1896, page 6)