



ALLAN William Osborne

Parents: David Allan and Sophia Johnston

Siblings:

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| 1. Andrew | 6. Henry Blair Watson |
| 2. David Hendry | 7. George Octavius |
| 3. Robert Innes | 8. Mary Antoinette |
| 4. Sophia | 9. Erskine Johnston |
| 5. John McMahon (qv) | |

Half Siblings:

10. Maxwell Rennie
11. Elizabeth Janet

Birth: 4 November 1809 Heligoland, a British island 46 km off the German Coast - William was baptised in Edinburgh

Marriage:

1. Jemina Christine Thomson at Scots Presbyterian Church, Melbourne on 23 June 1840
2. Alice Mullaly in 1844 at St. Francis Roman Catholic Church, Melbourne

Immigration: arrived in Australia with his parents in 1813, on the *Fortune*, returned to Scotland with them in 1819, on the *Surrey*. John together with most of the family returned to Australia on the *Prince Regent* in 1829.

Children:

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| 1.1 Christina Maria Augusta | b 1842 Port Fairy |
| 2.1 William John | b 1845 Port Fairy |
| 2.2 John David | b 1847 Port Fairy |
| 2.3 James Henry | b 1848 Port Fairy |

Place of Residence: *Allandale*, Allansford, Victoria, Australia

Death & Burial: 13 January 1860 - Warrnambool Cemetery, Church of England Section, Row 16, Grave 5

Obituary:

Warrnambool Examiner, 17 January 1860

Again it falls to our lot to notice a blank in our district - the death of a man universally respected. We allude to the demise of William Osborne Allan, Esq., one of the oldest settlers in the Western District. Nearly nineteen years ago, the two well-known brothers, William and John Allan, settled on the banks of the Hopkins, where for many years they have enjoyed the fruits of their enterprise and industry. The deceased gentleman had very little preparation for his awful change. On Saturday previous to his death he was in town attending to his duties as chairman of the Road Board, and it was remarked that he never looked better in his life. On the same evening, after returning home, he was taken suddenly ill, and Dr Clarke, the medical attendant of the family, was sent for. Every remedy was promptly adopted, but Mr Allan rapidly got worse. On Monday, he made out his will, and on the following day, Dr O'Hara was called in, and subsequently Dr. Boyd of Belfast. Medical skill, however was not of the slightest avail, except to prolong life for a few hours. On Friday morning last, Mr Allan breathed his last, having been for the two days previous in a state of unconsciousness. Mr Allan was chairman of the Warrnambool Road Board for nearly three years, being in his third year of office when he died. He had previously taken little interest in public matters, but since his term of chairmanship, he took great interest in the leading questions of the day, and as

proof of his assiduity, we may state that he was only absent at one meeting of the board, and that was when a contested election was going on – a time when all should be excused. As a faithful and impartial chronicler, we are bound to state that although he had some peculiar crotchets, which no force of argument could combat, still a more generous or simple hearted man could be than William Allan. Both by the white and black population, his death will be universally deplored. The deceased was buried in the Warrnambool Cemetery on the Sabbath last, the funeral procession leaving his late residence via Allansford a distance of eleven miles. The funeral was the largest and most respectable that ever took place in the district. There were about twenty vehicles and about two hundred horsemen, and which with the townspeople at the cemetery, there must have been upwards of four hundred persons present. The members of the Road Board and the Municipal Council formed part of the procession, besides several gentlemen from Belfast.

Life:

The Allan Brothers were driven out of New South Wales and the Murrumbidgee. They rested their cattle at Pirron Yallock in early 1840. They erected cattle yards in the sand dunes east of the Hopkins River, and a year after arriving they were shipping fat cattle to Van Diemen's Land.

The first Warrnambool District Road Board was formed in 1854 and William was one of the nine members. Four years later he received a presentation from them, for his services.

William was one of the trustees named, after William Bateman Snr. transferred his property interests, Bateman & Co., to his wife in 1855. In 1858 William was appointed as Territorial Magistrate. He was a judge of stock at the Villiers and Heytesbury Agricultural Association Show. In 1859, he was elected Vice-president of the newly formed Warrnambool & Belfast Turf Club. In this same year he helped establish the Contractors & Labourers Hospital Fund and was elected President of the fund.