



ANDERSON James

Parents: James Anderson and Elizabeth Grigor

Siblings:

1. Alexander
2. William
3. John
4. Isobel

Birth: 11 March 1805 Montrose, Scotland

Marriage: 23 February 1827 at Montrose, Scotland, Hannah Aikenhead daughter of Robert Aikenhead & (mother unknown)

Immigration: James, Hannah and their son William migrated to Launceston, Tasmania aboard the *Arab* in 1842. In 1844 they sailed from Launceston to Belfast (Port Fairy) aboard the *Lowestoft*

Children: William b 1828 d 1909 m Anne Broadbent (qv)

Place of Residence: *Rosemount*, Yangery

Death & Burial: James died at *Rosemount*, Yangery 23 April 1869, aged 64years. He is buried in Tower Hill Cemetery, Presbyterian Section B, Row 22, Grave 422

Obituary:

The Belfast Gazette and Portland & Warrnambool Advertiser 29 April 1869

Our obituary notice of this week contains the announcement of the death of Mr James Anderson of Rosemount, one of the early pioneers of the district. The deceased gentleman was a native of Montrose, Scotland, whence he emigrated in 1841 to Tasmania, residing in Launceston till the beginning of 1844, when he moved to Belfast, then better known as Port Fairy, arriving in the schooner *Lowestoft*, under Captain John Griffiths, and commenced business as a builder, to which he had been brought up. His integrity of character, active and industrious habits, were early recognised, and he soon attained social position amongst his fellow townsmen; our scholastic and charitable institutions, then in their infancy receiving a large share of his attention. In 1851 he erected the present Union Inn in Cox Street, which he conducted successfully and creditably till July 1853, when he retired from business, and has since, until his decease, resided principally upon his property at Burrell's Flat, the comfortable and neat appearance of which marked the energy and good taste of its late proprietor. His strong practical good sense, and kindly disposition, endeared his memory to a numerous circle of acquaintance, whose presence at the grave evinced the high estimation and respect in which the deceased gentleman was held by all to whom he was known.

Life: James was employed by the Montrose Linen Works as a flax spinner and later as a joiner. When he left their employ to migrate to Tasmania, he brought with him two glowing testimonials. Montrose 19th Oct 1841.

This is to certify that the bearer James Anderson has been in my employment for eight years as a Joiner and I consider him a very superior workman and competent to execute any work in the House Carpenter department that may be entrusted to him and that he is a sober honest and trustworthy man. Signed John Middleton.

This is to certify that the bearer James Anderson has been employed in our Works during the last four years as an overseer in our spinning mill here and as I have had a constant opportunity of seeing him, I can say that I believe him to be a thorough honest, sober and attentive man & very regular &

steady: he leaves his situation from his own choice being about to go abroad. Signed Richard Hay, Wm Jameson.
Montrose Linen Works. October 22 1841.

The voyage to Australia was 146 days departing London 6 November 1841, arriving Launceston 1 April 1842. James worked as a Carpenter and lived in Launceston for more than two years.

The Andersons sailed from Launceston on 16 August 1844 to settle at Port Fairy. James leased a building and one acre from James Atkinson on condition he build a house upon the acre, within three years. James' son William worked with him in the building business. In 1849 James transferred the flourishing business to William.

James was amongst the founders of the Port Fairy Presbyterian Church. He was on the inaugural committee of the Benevolent Society, referred to as 'Strangers' Friend Society', the aim of which was to relieve the distress of their poorer brethren, especially when aggravated by sickness or bereavement. He was also appointed trustee of the first cemetery in Port Fairy. In 1854 James bought Crown Land, in all totalling 596 acres, one of the largest freeholds in the Yangery district. He named it *Rosemount*.