



## ARCHIBALD Joseph Patrick

**Parents:** Joseph Archibald and Mary O'Brien

**Birth:** 18 November 1823 Dublin Ireland

**Death:** 6 August 1909 St Kilda Melbourne

**Siblings:**

1. Sarah Archibald b 1828 d 1892

**Marriage:**

1. 9 January 1854 at St Francis Catholic Church  
Melbourne, Charlotte Jane Madden b 1828 d 1860
2. 1873 to Annie Theresa O'Mullane b 1850 d 1911

**Immigration:** Joseph arrived on the *Earl Grey* in May 1853 Charlotte arrived on the *Pekin* in Nov 1853

**Children:**

- 1.1 Stillborn daughter d 9 October 1854
- 1.2 John Feltham (Jules Francois) b 14 January 1856 d 10 September 1919 Sydney m 1885 Rosa Frankenstein b UK d 1914
- 1.3 Joseph Augustus b 18 January 1857 d 14 March 1912 m 1884 Ruth Hannah Sellars b Montreal
- 1.4 Mary b 28 January 1859 d 1860
- 1.5 Sarah b 4 October 1860 d 1884 m 1883 Hugh William Sheridan b 1858 d 1915
- 2.1 Edward b 1874 d 1874
- 2.2 Lucy b 1876 d 1943
- 2.3 Carl b 1878 d 1916
- 2.4 Edwin Hugh b 1880 d 1950 m 1911 Flor Madeleina Capp b 1888 d 1950

**Places of Residence:** Melbourne, Kildare and Warrnambool (Police Station). In 1860 the family was living in a stone cottage in Kepler Street opposite St Joseph's Catholic Presbytery. Creswick, Warrnambool and Bendigo, and back to Warrnambool. Moved with his family to Melbourne in 1898 after suffering a stroke and lived at 65 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda then moving to 1 Pollington Crescent St Kilda.

**Education:** First school was Sedgley Park in Lancashire – gave up ambition to be an engineer. After some instruction at a Mechanics' Institute in Cambridge worked as a draughtsman and at age 19 joined London's Metropolitan Police.

**Death and Burial:** Charlotte Jane (Joseph's first wife) was buried in Warrnambool Cemetery, Catholic Section, Row 27, Grave 23 on 4 October 1860. She shares the grave with Mary (see 1.4 above) who was buried on 1 January 1860. Joseph died 6 August 1909 at St Kilda, and was buried on 7 August 1909 at Springvale Cemetery in the Roman Catholic Area, Compartment G, Section 3, Grave 37. His second wife Annie Theresa was buried in the same Grave 14 September 1911.

**Obituary:**

The *Warrnambool Standard*, Monday 9 August 1909

It will be learned with much regret in Warrnambool and district that Mr Joseph Archibald, father of Mr J. F. Archibald, founder of the 'Bulletin', and of Mr Joseph Archibald, auctioneer, of Warrnambool, passed away on Friday morning at his residence, No. 1 Pollington crescent, St Kilda. The deceased, who was born in 1823, was a police pensioner, and was one of the original 'London Fifty' which was engaged in London in 1852, and arrived in Victoria by the *Earl Grey* in May, 1853. The contingent was under the command of Mr S. E. Freeman, who was afterwards superintendent in charge of the city police. Mr Archibald was one of three sergeants, and he served for many years as

sergeant in many parts of Victoria, principally at Warrnambool. On 13th July, 1877, he was promoted to the rank of sub-inspector, and transferred to Bendigo. On 1 August, 1878, he retired on a pension, and subsequently for a time occupied the position of curator of the Warrnambool Museum, where he found congenial scope for his wide and accurate knowledge of archaeology and natural history.

There were similarly brief reports of his passing in newspapers from all parts of Australia.

**Life:** Joseph Patrick Archibald, was born in Dublin 18 January 1831 - son of Joseph Archibald who had married Mary O'Brien, born c. 1803 in Dublin, Ireland. Joseph the father died in London. They were the parents of two known children, Joseph Patrick and Sarah.

Joseph had been ten years in the London police when recruits were called to form a new force in Victoria, Australia, and he was made second-in-charge of the detachment of fifty five troopers. Joseph Archibald came to Melbourne in May 1853, a good policeman if not a happy one. In the New Year 1854 his fiancée Charlotte Jane Madden arrived, and the couple were married on 9 January 1854 at St Francis' Church, Melbourne. In May of that year he wrote to his mother saying he was having a difficult time as a Sergeant, could not expect promotion or transfer, and found himself at odds with others and was saving the money for his sister Sarah's passage but 'must beg you to be patient'. A stillborn daughter was born at Russell Street Station on the 9 October 1854. He was later in charge of a station at Kildare, west of Geelong on the Ballarat Road. Here their first son John Feltham was born on the 14 January 1856. On the 18 January 1857 a second son, Joseph Augustus was born at Kildare. Joseph was transferred to Warrnambool in 1857. Here two daughters were born - Mary on the 28 January 1859 and Sarah on the 4 October 1860. Their mother Charlotte died at Sarah's birth - Mary had died of whooping cough in January that year.

After the death of Charlotte Jane, on the 21 October 1860, Mary (mother of Joseph) and Sarah (his sister) were here in Warrnambool, caring for the young family. The family lived in a stone cottage in Kepler Street opposite St Joseph's Catholic Presbytery.

Joseph then went to Creswick in 1861, Melbourne 1866 and returned to Warrnambool in 1867. In 1877 he was promoted to Sub-Inspector Bendigo. Joseph retired with a pension on 25 March 1880. In December 1879 Joseph was charged with rape at the Sandhurst Court before the Police Magistrate and 2 Justices of the Peace. On a split decision, they referred the case to the next assizes and bailed Archibald £100 with surety £100. On 25 February 1880 the case was raised before Sir Redmond Barry and a Jury. After legal argument, the jury, without retiring, returned a verdict of "Not guilty," and the defendant was discharged.

In 1873 Joseph married Annie Theresa O'Mullane, from County Cork, Ireland at Warrnambool. There were four children of this marriage – Edward born and died 1874, Lucy born 1876, Carl born 1878 died 1916 Perth, Western Australia, and Edwin born 1880 died 1950 at Geelong.

In Warrnambool, he pursued his interest in aborigines, fossils, whaling stories and wrecks. He was active in promoting the Mechanics' Institute and was an avid reader utilising the reading room of this Institute. He was often invited to outlying towns of Koroit and Mortlake to repeat a performance of Dickens or Lamb, or to recite a favourite piece of balladry. He was always to the forefront promoting searches for the elusive Mahogany Ship in the 1890's, was regarded as the leading authority on the matter, and has a paper on the subject read to the Royal Geographical Society. Further, he was credited at the time with discovering the oldest relics of humans in Australia.

Joseph Patrick Archibald was an important person in the history of Warrnambool. He was an unpaid founder and curator of the Warrnambool Museum for several years and in 1887 he was appointed curator at a salary of £10 per annum. He held this position until 1897 when he had a stroke from which he did not fully recover. He was instrumental in keeping copies of *The Warrnambool Examiner* which commenced publication, for the second time, in October 1853. Warrnamboolians and those looking for information about their ancestors should be grateful to him for his foresight.

Joseph Patrick and his wife Annie retired to Melbourne. Joseph died in 1909 in St Kilda. Annie died in St Kilda in 1911.

Archibald Street is named after Joseph Patrick.