



## ATKINSON Edwin

**Parents:** Thomas Atkinson & Harriet Parkin

**Siblings:**

1. John
2. Robert
3. William
4. Sarah
5. Thomas
6. Charles
7. George
8. James
9. Mary

**Birth:** 14 September 1826, Kilham, Yorkshire

**Death:** 12 July 1887 Julia Street Portland

**Immigration:** appears to have sailed from Launceston, Tasmania, to Port Jackson, Sydney, on the vessel *Favourite* on 24 September 1851

**Children:**

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| 1. Louisa Harriet      | b 1853 Sydney NSW  | d 1893                |
| 2. Kate                | b 1855 Warrnambool | d 1881 Portland (25Y) |
| 3. Florence Parkin     | b 1857 Warrnambool | d 1858 (10M)          |
| 4. Frank Parkin        | b 1860 Warrnambool | d 1860 (4M)           |
| 5. Henry Alfred        | b 1862 Warrnambool | d 1862 (1D)           |
| 6. Ellen Frances       | b 1864 Portland    | d 1911                |
| 7. Alice Parkin        | b 1866 Portland    | d 1951                |
| 8. Edwin Thomas Fisher | b 1868 Portland    |                       |
| 9. Alfred              | b 1872 Portland    | d 1872 (1M)           |

**Marriage:** 28 August 1852 by special license, at Trinity Church, Sydney, by the Rev J C Grylls, Mr Edwin Atkinson, youngest son of the late Thomas Atkinson, Esq, Surgeon, of Kilham, Yorkshire, to Charlotte, only daughter of Mr Stephen Dorman, Melbourne

**Death & Burial:**

*Portland Guardian*, Monday 13 June 1887

ATKINSON.- On 12th June at his residence, Julia Street, Portland, Edwin Atkinson, Secretary of the Shire of Portland, aged 60 years. The funeral will leave his late residence at 11 a.m. on Tuesday for the south cemetery. (HENRY E. SAMPSON, Undertaker).

**Funeral:**

*Portland Guardian*, Wednesday 15 June 1887

The mortal remains of the late Mr Edwin Atkinson were laid to rest in the South cemetery yesterday. Although the hour of the cortege was timed to move, namely 11 a.m., was one which precluded many people from attending who would otherwise have been glad of the opportunity of paying a last respect to the departed, yet the number who followed the hearse was large. Amongst those present were members of the Borough and Shire Councils and many other prominent citizens. Flags were half-mast in the town from the time the sad news was known, and on Sunday the *Nelson* and *Dawn* also had their flags in the same position. Archdeacon Allnutt conducted the service at the grave.

**Obituary:**

*Portland Guardian*, Monday 13 June 1887

## DEATH OF MR ATKINSON

Many of our readers will learn with regret that Mr Edwin Atkinson, the Secretary of the Shire of Portland, died at his residence in this town at an early hour Sunday morning. The deceased gentleman has been a resident of Portland for upwards of a quarter of a century, and for almost 25 years he held the responsible position of Town Clerk. He also took a prominent part in the management of St. Stephen's Church, and for a great many years was closely identified with it as a church-warden or secretary. Some three years ago he secured the position of Shire Secretary, in which capacity he discharged the duties of his office to the satisfaction of all. The deceased gentleman has been suffering from dropsy for some time, but although unwell he was able to retain the position up to the hour of his death. The funeral takes place tomorrow morning at 11 a.m.

**Life:** Edwin arrived in Warrnambool from Sydney around 1854. In 1855 he was an agent for James Davidson a merchant storeman. He purchased a furniture business which developed into an iron store and timber yard. Later he built a new wooden shop beside the store. From here he sold accordions and flutinas and later provided music lessons together with pianoforte tunings and instrument repairs, with the assistance of a musician. Edwin also had an interest in art and displayed paintings for sale. In 1860 he was appointed agent for shares in an Art Union of valuable paintings. There were 100 shares at one Guinea each. In 1856 Edwin purchased an allotment at Dennington.

In 1859 he was elected as an agent for the Australian Mutual Provident Society, the Commercial and Agricultural Bank and also the Australian Fire and Life Insurance Company. He was also granted an Auctioneers licence in this year. Edwin was an active member of the community. He was Secretary of the Warrnambool Benevolent Asylum, the Warrnambool Cricket Club and also a cricket player. He was on the Committee of the Mechanics' Institute. He delivered a lecture on literature to aid the church and performed at a concert to aid the hospital.

In 1863 he sold his home *Sea View Cottage* prior to leaving Warrnambool to move to Portland where he remained for the rest of his life. In January 1864 Edwin was appointed Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths for the District of Portland. In July 1867, Edwin, as Town Clerk, was appointed by the Commissioner of the Savings Banks in the colony of Victoria to be the auditor of the Savings Bank at Portland. Edwin continued to be active in the community in Portland. He was Electoral Registrar, Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths, Town Clerk, Agent for Portland branch of European Assurance Society and Auditor of the Savings Bank Portland