



BATEMAN William Junior

Parents: William Bateman and Sarah Smith

Siblings:

1. Patience b 1817 d 1868
2. Daniel b 1819
3. James b 1837

Birth: 1830 Wibsey, Bradford, Yorkshire, England, baptism November 1830, Low Moor, Holy Trinity, Yorkshire, England

Marriage:

1. Jane McDowell 1853, daughter of William McDowell, on 4 March 1854 at Christ Church, Warrnambool.
Jane died in 1887 at age 54 years, in Warrnambool
2. Hannah O'Connor, in c 1890, in Montevideo, Central America (Uruguay)
Hannah died in March 1943, at age 90 years, in Gardenvale, Victoria

Immigration: It appears William, together with his brother James arrived at Port Phillip in May 1853 on the *Prince Arthur*

Children:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1.1 Lucy | b 1855 d 1931 |
| 1.2 Alice Jane | b 1857 d 1937 |
| 1.3 William Henry | b 1859 d 1928 |
| 1.4 Arthur Willoughby | b 1866 |
| 1.5 Ellen Maud | b 1867 d 1951 |
| 2.1 William John | b 1891 d 1969 |
| 2.2 Carlos James | b 1893 d 1962 |

Death: 28 June 1913. William was residing at Rooding Street, Brighton

Burial: Brighton Cemetery, Roman Catholic Section, Row C, Grave 70 on 30 June 1913. Also in the grave are Hannah Bateman and William John Bateman.

Life: William came to Warrnambool from Yorkshire where he had been engaged in the woollen trade with his father and brothers. The family brought considerable capital, in the form of stock, with them.

Early in 1853, the Batemans bought into a partnership with Thomas Denney, who had previously been in partnership with William McDowell. The new firm was named William Bateman Jr. & Co.. Later in 1853, William Bateman Sr financed the buying of Denney's interest in the firm, paying £6,000 for the share. Later he paid a further £3,000 of a remittance he had received from England. William Bateman Sr does not appear to have taken an active interest in management of the firm, leaving his son William Jr to the exclusive conduct of the business. The business consisted of extensive premises in Banyan Street together with store sheds at the jetty. There was a range of stock including soft goods, furnishings, hardware, timber, farmers' wagons and carts, tools, machinery and implements, spirits, wines, liquor, oils, paints, harness, hides, wool bales, bar iron, galvanised iron, roofing materials, palings, boats and boat gear. The business also financed cropping and loaned against wool and wheat. They acted as shipping agents too.

The firm issued copper tokens, known as 'Bateman's pennies', imported from Birmingham. (The obverse - William Bateman Jun. and Co, Warrnambool, Victoria, General Merchants, 1855. Reverse - a standing figure holding scales of Justice in one hand, and cornucopia (horn of plenty) in the other) On 19th April 1854 William became registered with the Spirit Merchants and Brewers.

In May 1854 the Villiers Building Society first started, William was on the Committee. The Western Steam Navigation Company was formed by the merchants of Melbourne, Warrnambool and Port Fairy during the last quarter of 1854. William was one of the elected directors. William bought land in the district in 1855. He involved himself in the community. He was elected to the Warrnambool District Road Board, he was on the committee for the Warrnambool Benefit Land & Building Society and on the committee for Warrnambool to become a municipality group. He was Hon Treasurer of the Warrnambool Hospital & Benevolent Asylum and Hon Secretary and Treasurer of the Warrnambool Racing Club. He was Trustee of the Church of England and donated a stained glass window at Christ Church as a tribute to his parents.

Towards the end of 1856 the business was in financial trouble. The Batemans estates were signed over to the banks. Shortly afterwards a disastrous fire destroyed the store. This left many of the districts businesses and farmers in dire circumstances. William went to New Zealand after this, where he became a produce buyer. He then went on to America and became a farmer. He remarried in America. In 1894 William, together with his wife and two young sons, sailed from Buenos Aires to Southampton arriving there on 4 May 1894 on the ship *Magdaline*. Some-time later he returned to Australia.

William travelled and presented lectures and assisted in the establishment of several Co-operative Societies in New Zealand and Victoria. William wrote a book called *The Colonist* on the past and present position of the colony of New Zealand.

William retired to Brighton in Melbourne where he remained till his death.