



BATEMAN William Senior

Parents: Daniel Bateman and Patience Wilkinson

Birth: c1789 Wibsey, Bradford, Yorkshire, England

Marriage: Sarah Smith, daughter of Thomas Smith and Mary 20 November 1815 in the Bradford Parish Church. Sarah died in 1868 at the age of 69 years in Warrnambool and buried Warrnambool Cemetery CE7 009

Immigration: Possibly, Mr and Mrs Bateman embarked at Liverpool in September 1851 and disembarked at Port Phillip in January 1852. This couple came as cabin passengers on the *Lord Stanley*

Children:

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| 1. Patience | b 1817 d 1868 |
| 2. Daniel | b 1819 |
| 3. William | b 1831 d 1913 |
| 4. James | b 1837 |

Place of Residence: *Fern Cottage*, Spring Gardens, Warrnambool

Death & Burial: 30 March 1868 at *Fern Cottage*, Warrnambool at the age of 79 years. Buried Warrnambool Cemetery, Church of England Section, Row 7, Grave 10

Obituary:

The Warrnambool Examiner and Western District Advertiser, 31 March 1868

We regret to learn that William Bateman Senior died yesterday at his residence, Spring Gardens, near Warrnambool. He has been many years in this colony, and was nearly eighty years of age. For some years past Mr Bateman has led a retired life, not taking any part in public business, but he was well known to all as a hale and hearty old man, associated with the early days of this neighbourhood, and still taking a keen interest in all that transpired. His illness was very short. It was only on Friday last that he was present in his conveyance on the hill overlooking the Racecourse.

Life: William came to Warrnambool from Yorkshire where he had been engaged in the woollen trade with his sons. Two of his sons, William Jr and James also came to Warrnambool. 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. and Co.

Later in 1853, William Bateman Sr financed the buying of Denney's interest in the firm, paying £6000 for the share. Later he paid a further £3000 of a remittance he had received from England. William Bateman Sr did 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 Warrnambool Examiner* 25 January 1856 writes in part, '----- In social position he is a gentleman of very considerable fortune, -retired from active business-has almost the whole of his time at his disposal,-----'

William Snr purchased property in Banyan Street and Wangoom.

He was on the steering committee for the WMC and was also a Warrnambool Gold Reward Fund Member. In 1857 he resigned as a trustee of the Warrnambool Benefit Land and Building Society. (WBL&BS).

Richard Osburne states in his book; '*The old gentleman and his wife were both splendid specimens of old English people, and were noted for their hospitality.*'