



BOSTOCK Augustus

Parents: Robert Bostock b 22 April 1784, Bootle, died 10 June 1847 *Vaocluse*, Rachael Rhodes/Walker b 6 April 1800, d 7 February 1837 *Vaocluse*, Conara

Siblings:

1. Elizabeth b 29 October 1816 at Sydney d 12 April 1825 at Hobart, Van Diemen's Land
2. Charles b 8 August 1818 at Bootle, Lancashire England d 1838 at Ross Van Diemen's Land
3. Robert Walker b 6 February 1820 at Bootle, Lancashire, England d 9 July 1853 at Westbury Van Diemen's Land
4. Rachael Emeline b 21 May 1822 at Hobart, Van Diemen's Land d 25 April 1856 Port Fairy m 1841 Michael Connolly d 12 May 1855, buried Sandhills Cemetery
5. Margaret b 9 February 1824 at Hobart d 15 January 1853 Forest Creek, Victoria m 10 September 1842 to Francis Crossman Doveton
6. George (qv)
7. Thomas Edward (qv)
8. Eliza Anna b 20 April 1830 at *Vaocluse*, d 6 January 1902 at Castlemaine, Victoria m 5 September 1850 Alexander McLean Hunter b 1821 Scotland d 1892 at sea. Eliza d 6 January 1902
9. Ernest b 9 December 1834 *Vaocluse* Van Diemen's Land
10. James (qv)

Birth: Augustus Bostock b 14 January 1833 at *Vaocluse*, Conara, Van Diemen's Land [aka Gussy]

Death: 20 October 1920 *Vaocluse* Warrnambool

Children:

1. Jane [Jean] b 28 June 1866 at Warrnambool d 1923 unmarried
2. James b 11 July 1869 at *Ellerslie*, Warrnambool m 22 January 1901 Margaret Gregg. James d 16 September 1910 aged 41 at Yambuk, Western District
3. Ernest b 25 June 1871 at Coomete, d 23 November 1822 aged 52 unmarried
4. John Augustus [Jack] b 12 September 1873. O.B.E. for Philanthropic Services 1 January 1954 m 12 December 1913 Anna Mayo Willan, d 1968. John Augustus d. 23 August 1954 at Mansfield
5. Rachel Annie (Rae) b 1880 at Caramut d 1952 age 72 at Ararat, Victoria

Marriage: Rev. John Anderson, Presbyterian Minister, on 6 July 1865 married Augustus Bostock Esq, *Coomete*, son of Robert Bostock Esq., *Vaocluse*, Tasmania. to Margaret Aitkin, fourth daughter of James Aitkin Esq, of *Glen Esk*, Tasmania. Margaret d 1919

Place of Residence: Augustus' first 12 years were at *Vaocluse* Van Diemen's Land. He came to Port Fairy per Brig *Essington* in 1845 under the care of older brother George and may have stayed at *Leura* with uncle Michael Connolly. From 1853 to 1865, he resided on *Grasmere* estate before moving to *Coomete* estate. Later he purchased and moved to *Marramook* at Hawkesdale. His retirement years were spent from mid-1909 onwards at Hopetoun Street, Warrnambool, where he purchased *Gladiswood* and re-named it *Vaocluse*, the name associated with his parents in Sydney, Hobart and Conara, Van Diemen's Land

Education: A cross-written letter shows he was a pupil at Bishopsbourne College, Cressy Van Diemen's Land.

Robert Bostock encouraged his son George Bostock to help young Gussy with mathematics and reading.

Religious affiliation: Episcopalian/Anglican, Christ Church, Warrnambool.

Death & Burial: ‘*Augustus Bostock -20.8.1920. Death On the 20th instant at his residence Vauchuse, Warrnambool, Augustus Bostock aged 87 years. The funeral will leave his late residence today Saturday, at 3.30.p.m. Beattie & Phillips, Undertakers. Telephone 165 day or night.*’

Augustus and Margaret Bostock are laid to rest in the cemetery in Bostock Street, Warrnambool, without a memorial stone. Church of England Section, Row 17, Grave 25, on 21 August 1920

Obituary:

The *Warrnambool Standard* 21.8.1920

AUGUSTUS BOSTOCK: The last member of a very old and esteemed pioneer family, passed peacefully away early on Friday morning in the person of Mr. Augustus Bostock, the sad event taking place at his residence ‘*Vauchuse*’. The name of Bostock was very closely and honourably woven in the early history of the city and district. Ever since the demise of his late wife some year or so ago, it was patent that he was failing, but during his weakness, he was devotedly administered to, by Miss Jean Bostock and other members of his family. Although never having taken any active part in municipal or political life his affable and courageous disposition, won him troops of friends and he will be sadly missed. The remains were interred on Saturday, funeral being of a semi-private character. The service of the Church of England was performed by the vicar. There were many beautiful floral tributes sent. The flag at the Club fluttered half-mast during the day. Vale Augustus Bostock

Life: Augustus acquired the lease of *Grasmere* c1853 from Thomas Manifold and was in Rate Books on Allotment 2, Section Hopkins for 1859, 1860 and 1863. He grazed sheep and cattle, grew crops, and also fruit and vegetables for family, friends and workers who lived on *Grasmere*. His horse transported him and his many friends from farm to farm, where they shared in a host of pastoral activities, adventures, races, concerts or balls. Augustus, often in collaboration with brothers James, Thomas and Ernest, and employing contractors, leased, developed and managed nearby properties: *Hoy’s Farm* 1857; *Rosehill* 1857 (rented by brother Thomas Bostock from Clark); *Purnim* 1858 (from Manning); and *Junction of Hopkins and Black River* 1859 (from Francis Tozer). Up to April 1856 he and his younger brother James operated a partnership, A and J Bostock Co. After his marriage in 1865, he leased *Coomete* from Wm.Bayles MLA and in June 1864, agreed with Aitkin and Bostock Co to manage *Kilmorie* for them. In the 1880s he expanded into Queensland grazing properties *Sesbania* and *Werna* with Manifold, and Mackenzie. About 1900, he purchased *Marramook* at Hawkesdale, which he sold for £10,250 around 1909, then moving to *Shadwell House* in Warrnambool and putting his possessions into storage at *Laudman’s Cottage* on 1 February 1909. On 11 March 1909 Gussy let his *Korongah* farm to A.Beard & Cathcart at 38/- per annum for 3 years. As a Magistrate, he sat at the Courts in Warrnambool and Hexham or Mortlake. In 1871, he served as Hon. Secretary of the Long Wooled Sheep Association. He became a member of the Belfast Road Board; was on the first ratepayer’s list of 1854; was elected to the first Municipal Council 1856, when the District Road Board ceased operation; was elected Councillor in 1857; and served again 1862-63. Cricket was a favourite passion for Gussy. From 1854, each Bostock lad played and served on the Cricket Committee for years. Writer R.Osborne was not one to single out special people, but found it difficult not to mention the Bostocks - five brothers, who were a host in themselves. This Cricket Club was privileged to play against *Lilywhite’s English Eleven* during their visit to Warrnambool 14 January 1874. Gussy cared as Executor and Guardian for the offspring of his brothers and sisters who predeceased him, as in the case of brother George Bostock’s children. His Diary was written daily in large leather bound books from 1854 to his decease in 1920, an incredible feat by a busy grazier. (Diaries held at State Library of Victoria.)