



## BOSTOCK Edward Robe

**Parents:** Charles Bostock RN bap 13 January 1778 Kirkdale, Liverpool, Lancashire d 14 May 1939 Fareham, Plymouth, Hampshire m Sarah Ann Robe daughter of Edward Robe b Keith, Banffshire, Scotland. Sarah d c 1871. Capt Edward Robe d 1788, in Bonny, Nigeria

**Siblings:**

1. Elizabeth Anne [Elise] b 1819 *HMS Temeraire*, Azores, Africa d 1908 Sefton Park, Liverpool
2. Margaret Amelia b 1822 d 1918 m 23 November 1850 Liverpool, Lancashire John R Pollit
3. Mary m Captain Wetherell
4. Charles Henry served in Royal Navy and was lost at sea in 1839

**Birth:** c 1820 Plymouth, Devon England

**Marriage:** 30 April 1850, at St Luke's, Campbell Town, Van Diemen's Land Mary Mackersey b 27 October 1827. Parents James & Sarah Mackersey

**Immigration:** Edward Robe Bostock was inspired by his cousin Keith Jackson King to emigrate to Australia, as he suffered ill health. He had experienced a degree of trauma as a sailor in the Merchant Navy. Edward came to Australia c1836 and was in Melbourne 1837, where he owned land, now in the city centre

**Children:**

1. Charles James b 1851 at *Jellalabad*, Darlington, Victoria, m Emily Elizabeth. A daughter Lucy Adele Mary was born. They lived at 146 Portsdown Road, Maida Vale, Middlesex, where James d 19 January 1905
2. Sarah Letham b c 1852 at *Jellalabad*, Darlington, married Henry Sewell
3. Eliza Jane [Elise] bap 31 August 1853 St Mary, Bootle, Yorkshire. Will of Charles shows Eliza lived at 146 Portsdown Road, Maida Vale, Middlesex, London
4. John Edwin b c 1855 Islington, London, d 1926 *Sesbania Station*, Winton, Queensland, where he managed with the Manifolds. John married Edith Cleve Bartlam, daughter of William a Townsville merchant. The late 1870's saw John at home with Augustus Bostock at Grassmere, when he arrived from England, as his parents had died. John was a Justice of the Peace from 1906-1926 and served until his decease. John was first Chairman of Winton Club in 1913 and was Sheep Inspector at Gregory North when he was elected as the first Chairman of the Winton Shire Council in 1887
5. Louise was probably born England and died there
6. Mary [2] b 1867 d 1877 was born and died in England aged 10 years
7. Lucy Maria could be the Lucy Bostock known in Winton, after looking for her two brothers John Edwin Bostock and Edward Robert Bostock. (Her parents were both deceased in England.) Their graves can be seen on dry dusty plains of *Sesbania*
8. Emily Margaret married Mr Cassidy and lived in South Africa. They are known to have a son Ardagh Cassidy. Emily was a friend to relative Alice Austin
9. Edward Robert [2] of *Station Station* died young and was buried in 1895 on *Station Station*, next to his elder brother John Bostock in 1926

**Place of Residence:** Edward Robe Bostock RN was first in Van Diemen's Land in 1836 and moved across Bass Strait to Port Phillip in 1837. He became agent for his cousin Keith Jackson King as

King and Down at Launceston. At the Government Land Sales, Edward bought property at 126 Little Burke Street, East Melbourne. He had two adjoining tenements and was noted as residing at *Tarrinnuro* at Port Phillip in early days. Edward was at the home of Anne Drysdale on 19 September 1842. While he resided at *Jellalabad*, he held a residence at Ion Court, Geelong. Edward and his wife worked *Jellalabad* from c.1843 to 1852.

**Education:** nothing is known of his education, except that his father was a Captain in the Royal Navy. Edward probably joined the navy at a young age, which would include his higher education.

**Religious affiliation:** being residents of Bristol and Lancashire, who were baptised in Anglican services

**Death & Burial:** d 19 October 1869 at Highbury Grove, Middlesex, aged 50. Edward Robe Bostock is laid to rest with wife Mary Bostock [possibly James & Eliza] at Kensal Green Cemetery, Highgate, London

**Obituary:** As death was in London, no obituary is in hand

**Life:** Edward Robe Bostock was born at Plymouth, Devon, where his father Charles Bostock was serving in the Royal Navy. As a young man Edward also joined the Navy, but suffered trauma, during a shipping voyage. Keith Jackson King had come to Van Diemen's Land, maybe after encouraging letters from Uncle Robert Bostock of Vacluse, Conara, in the Midlands. From Van Diemen's Land, Edward moved over to new country at Port Phillip Bay. These events took place many years after the settlement of Hobart, in 1804. So the Port Phillip Fifteen met in Michael Connolly's store in Launceston and decided to cross the strait to explore possibilities of new development in the land of milk and honey. This was a time when a great many pastoralists in Van Diemen's Land moved across to Port Phillip Bay and settled there, and in the Western Districts. Edward was the Manager for the Clyde Company, conducting large operations in Van Diemen's Land and Port Phillip region. In c 1848 Edward R Bostock held *Dueran*, Mansfield, a large property, later held by Roy Bostock. Edward and Mary wrote some delightful verse to each other, during their distant courtship, before being married in 1850. Parents, James Mackersey and Mary Letham arrived in 1823 from Edinburgh, and settled at Wallace, then Greenhill at Macquarie River in Midlands of Van Diemen's Land. Mary's sister Catherine Jane [Jane] Mackersey married 15 April 1851 to Edward's cousin Thomas Edward Bostock[1]. There are many lovely and sad stories surrounding this family, following the early death of so many family members. Mary's sister C. Jane d 11 February 1866, while Thomas Bostock [1] d 23 September 1874. Edward Robe and Mary Bostock brought five of Tom and Jane's surviving children to England, to care for and help with education. Edward had a long association with *Jellalabad*, Darlington, before leaving Australia c 1853 becoming London agent for family and friends in Australia. Edward and Mary lived at 16 Lorraine Place, Holloway, before moving to 48 Highbury Grove, Middlesex, where Edward Robe Bostock died 19 October 1869. Thomas Bostock survived Edward Robe Bostock by four years, while Mary Bostock died six years later 1879. While living at Plymouth, Edward penned verse to Mary, while Mary replied with poems from 1844 -1847. After a long courtship they married in 1850.

Ah me! How many a gap appears,  
Along affections golden chain.  
Well may I feel foreboding fears,  
For the few links that still remain,  
And tremble as they touch my heart,  
Lest they should like the rest depart,  
by Mary Mackersey 1847.