



BOSTOCK Ernest

Parents: Robert Bostock 1784-1847 and Rachael Rhodes/Walker 1800-1837

Siblings:

1. Elizabeth b 29 October 1816 at Sydney d 12 April 1825 at Hobart, Van Diemen's Land 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 Bostock (qv)
7. Thomas Edward Bostock [1] (qv)
8. Eliza Anna BOSTOCK b 20 April 1830 at Vaucluse Van Diemen's Land, d 6 January 1902 Castlemaine, Victoria, m 5 September 1850 St James Church, Melbourne Alexander McLean Hunter b 1821 Ayrshire, d 1893 at sea
9. Augustus Bostock b 14 January 1833 Vaucluse Van Diemen's Land
10. James Bostock (av)

Birth: 9 December 1834, *Vaucluse*, Conara Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania)

Marriage: 4 May 1860 at Warrnambool to Lucy Hannah Aitkin b 10 May 1839 at Glen Esk, Van Diemen's Land, to James Aitkin & Mary Manifold

Children:

1. Charles Ernest b 25 November 1861 d 20 September 1883 at Hexham, aged 21
2. Antoinette Mary b 1862 d 1 March 1888 m 1 October 1883 William Arthur Armstrong, daughter Maude b 22 May 1885
3. Ernesta Margaret b 31 January 1865 Wangoom d 23 July 1935 buried family plot
4. Lucy b 13 September 1866 Glen Esk d 1 July 1932 Victoria m 7 August 1889 to John Ware b 27 July 1859 d 26 June 1919 - lived in historic *Weeripnong* on Hopkins River
5. Maud Alice b 1869 Hamilton d 9 February 1872 at *Brisbane Hill*, aged 2 years
6. Ethel b 16 July 1871 at Warrnambool d 6 February 1899 at Fitzroy, aged 27 years.

Place of Residence: Rate Book entries indicate his residence before marriage may have been at Allotment 18 in Section 3 Merri Street, Warrnambool during late 1850s and early 1860s. Moved to *Lipook* at Wangoom in 1862 and *Brisbane Hill* in 1866, returning to *Lipook* in the late 1860s.

Education: No details are known, but a wonderful old book shows his great understanding of technical and mathematical subjects in 1852, as well as Old English script.

Religious Affiliation: Christ Church Anglican and Presbyterian

Death & Burial: Ernest Bostock died 26 March 1871 at Wangoom. His wife Lucy died 8 November 1911 at Sandringham. Ernest and many of his children are laid to rest in Church of England Section, Row 17, Graves 53, 54, 55, 56, at the Cemetery, Bostock Street, Warrnambool. Lucy Bostock survived Ernest by 40 years.

Obituary:

Extracts from *The Warrnambool Examiner and Western District Advertiser*: Death of a Tasmanian: The death of Mr Bostock of Warrnambool is noticed in *Examiner* of the 28th ult. (March 1871). He was the son of Mr Robert Bostock, one of our earliest colonists, who was the possessor of the large and valuable estate of *Vaucluse* near Cleveland, which is now in the occupation of R H Bayles Esq, JP. Mr Bostock [Ernest] has a number of connections in the colony of which he was native born.

The Warrnambool Examiner and Western District Advertiser recorded,

With much regret we have to record the death of Mr Ernest Bostock, which event took place at his residence Wangoom, near Warrnambool on Sunday last. The deceased was taken ill about three weeks ago and he suffered for a short time from a low fever. On the 14th instant and following days, Mr Bostock drove into town to his office, thinking the change of air would be beneficial. At the time unfortunately, a cold easterly wind was blowing and on returning home after business on Saturday 18th instant, he was again taken ill, which culminated in a relapsing fever. On Thursday he became worse and his medical attendants Drs. Harrington and Loftus had serious fears as a result. Though semiconscious, even up to Saturday evening last, no great alarm was experienced, until late that night a crisis came, which continued up to 10.a.m. Sunday, when death terminated the earthly career of this gentleman at the early age of 36. He left a widow and five children to mourn his loss. The lowering of flags half-mast yesterday and the evidence of mourning manifested by the partial closing of shops, betokens the respect which was held for the memory of the deceased. Mr Bostock came over from Tasmania in 1853 and entered the business house of Manifold and Bostock in this town. His brother George was then a member of that firm and after his death Ernest joined James W M Aitkin – the firm being subsequently Aitkin & Bostock. A squatting property known as *Brisbane Hill* near Hamilton, having been left by the late Mrs White to Ernest Bostock, he relinquished business in 1866 and retired there with his family. During the last twelve months, Mr Bostock again settled down in Warrnambool, as an Estate Agent and auctioneer, which business he carried on until his death. Naturally of a retiring disposition, he was active in the pursuit of engagements that took his fancy, but had no great desire for public life. While a member of the shire council some years ago, Mr Bostock was elected President and he acted as Returning Officer for Normanby up until very recently. The funeral took place yesterday, and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends of the deceased

Life: Ernest Bostock is said to have arrived in Warrnambool in 1853 when he was 19 years old, though he may have visited in 1846. By 1856 Ernest was the builder and owner of a mill and other buildings at allotments 19 and 20 of Block 5 Merri Street, Warrnambool near the cutting. A Deed of Partnership of 1st July 1856 recorded that Messrs Manifold and (George) Bostock had purchased a half share in that business, to trade as Corn Millers under the name of E Bostock and Co., with Ernest Bostock as Manager. Ernest owned other allotments in Warrnambool and Wangoom, as indicated in Rate Books of the late 1850s and early 1860s. Married to Lucy Aitkin in 1860 in Warrnambool, he began building *Lipook* at Wangoom, moving there after its completion in 1862. His wedding certificate described him as a Merchant. As trustee after the death of his brother George, he assumed George's role in Manifold and Bostock and later joined James W. Aitkin in the subsequent firm Aitkin and Bostock. Ernest became a member of the first Warrnambool Shire Council from 1862 to 1866, serving a term as President in 1866, and he was Returning Officer for Normanby. Like his brothers, Ernest represented Warrnambool at cricket. The final paragraph of the Obituary below relates how Ernest moved his family in 1866 for a short time to farm the *Brisbane Hill* property at Normanby he had acquired from a Mrs. White. A resulting insolvency caused him to return to *Lipook* where he died on 26 March 1871.