



BROWN Charles Stuart

Parents: Duncan Brown and Margaret McLaren

Siblings:

1. Donald
2. James
3. Margaret
4. Peter
5. Malcolm
6. Catherine

Birth: 28 October 1817 Aberfoyle, Perth, Scotland

Death: 7 April 1904 Warrnambool

Marriage: did not marry

Immigration: Charles may have arrived in Port Phillip Bay, Australia, on board the *Thomas Arbuthnot*, which sailed from Greenock, arriving on 2 October 1841

Children: no issue

Place of Residence: Mepunga, Victoria, Australia

Death: The *Warrnambool Standard*, Friday 8 April 1904.

On the 7th inst, at Warrnambool Hospital, Charles Stuart Brown, of Mepunga, aged 86 years.

The Argus, Monday 11 April 1904.

The death occurred in the local hospital on Friday of an old colonist named Charles S. Brown, who was 86 years of age, and had been 62 years in Victoria. He was a member of the old Road Board, and was one of the first Presidents of the Warrnambool Shire Council

Burial: The *Warrnambool Standard*, Friday 8th April 1904.

The funeral will leave Mr R. Winton's residence, Lava-street, at 2.30 this day (Friday), for the Warrnambool Cemetery.

Charles Brown is buried in the Presbyterian Section of the Warrnambool Cemetery, Row 12, Grave 25

Obituary:

The *Warrnambool Standard*, Saturday 9 April 1904.

The news of the death of Mr Charles Stuart Brown, of Mepunga, which occurred at the Hospital on Thursday, has been received with deep regret throughout the town and district. The deceased, who was 86 years of age, was a colonist of 62 years. He was very well known and greatly respected throughout the district, especially among the old identities, because of the great interest he took in public affairs many years ago. He was one of the first members of the Road Board, and took a prominent part in getting the Warrnambool Shire proclaimed. He was one of the first Presidents of the shire, and in the early days owned large areas of land in the Mepunga and Princetown districts. Subsequently he had reverses and lost many of his possessions. He leaves a large number of relatives in the district.

Life:

According to a letter held by the Warrnambool and District Historical Society written by Charles' nephew, Charles was engaged in Scotland by a Mr Oliphant, in Edinburgh, to come to Australia to manage a sheep station for his son.

He first lived on *Glenample Station* before he bought *Strathallen*, and lived there until Warrnambool was surveyed as a town, whence he moved to Warrnambool.

In 1859 Charles imported a new steam threshing machine to the district and advertised for work. The machine proved popular being in high demand.

In 1860 Charles was involved in the move to gain a place of worship at Allansford. He was involved in securing land, and seconded a motion that the place of worship be Presbyterian. In 1861 he was gazetted a trustee for the land of the Presbyterian Church, Allansford.

In 1862 Charles introduced more threshing machines to the district. In the same year he was elected Chairman of the Warrnambool District Road Board, and also elected to the Committee of the Benevolent Asylum; he was also on the Committee of the West Mepunga Farmers Common.

In December 1863 the Shire of Warrnambool was proclaimed and their first meeting was in January 1864. Charles S Brown was the elected as the first Shire President of the Shire of Warrnambool.

From 1868-1870 Charles spent time going to court to sue for unpaid threshing. In 1870 he sold farm machinery and his 936 acre property at Mepunga was sold in 1872.

Charles was very involved in many areas of the community throughout his life.