



BROWNE John

Parents: John Browne and Johanna McMillan

Siblings:

1. Hugh b 1811 Ayr Scotland d 4 December 1872
Hastings Scotland

Birth: 16 April 1811 Castle Offices Sorn Ayrshire
Scotland

Death: 19 August 1890 Warrnambool

Marriage: 10 December 1835 Kilmarnock Scotland Jane
(Jean) Borland b 21 June 1816 Ayr d. 1887

Immigration: arrived Portland 2 January 1855 (or 30
December 1854) on *Severn* with wife Jane 33, and
children John 17, David 14, Alexandra 9, Jane 3.
John's occupation is recorded as carpenter

Children:

1. John b 17 April 1836 d 1920 m 1865 Catherine Cameron b 1848 d 1903
2. David b 1838 d 1921 m 1871 Margaret Abraham
3. Alexander b 1845 d 1927 m 1887 Barbara Belle Costello
4. Jane Margaret b 1851 d 1931 m 1873 Alexander Webster
5. William McLaws b 1855 Belfast d 1904 m 1884 Ann Swinton b 1862 d 1903
6. Robert McMillan b 1859 Belfast but not registered d 1895 m 1884 Annie Shiress b 1859 Sandhurst d 1938

Place of Residence: Belfast East, Commercial Hotel Koroit, Cudgee, *Pencoed*, Spring Gardens, Warrnambool

Death and Burial:

The Argus, Saturday 30 August 1890

BROWNE.- On the 19th inst, at his residence, Spring-gardens, Warrnambool, John Browne, aged 79. Buried Warrnambool Cemetery, Presbyterian Section, Row 15, Grave 31. Jane was buried 28 February 1887 Presbyterian Section, Row 15, Grave 33. They are each on their own – there is no burial in Grave 32 between them.

Life: The family moved to Belfast soon after arrival in Portland where there was a demand for building skills. They occupied a four room cottage (John built the bluestone cottage in 1856) and they lived there until 1864) at Griffiths Street, Belfast East. John decided to leave the building trade, and became a publican. He built the Commercial Hotel, Koroit and conducted its trade until 1868. He then purchased land at Spring Gardens and built his house (*Pencoed*), to which he retired. He sold the Belfast East property in about 1884. John died of debility and old age in 1890.

WEx, 30 September 1856: Mr Brown (sic) unsuccessful candidate for Belfast Municipal Council
WEx, 3 February 1871: J Brown (sic), Spring Gardens, paid subscription to Warrnambool Hospital
WEx, 4 April 1871: John Brown (sic), Spring Gardens, son Robert, a student at Warrnambool Grammar, seriously hurt when thrown from a horse
WEx, 10 May 1872: John Brown (sic): Spring Gardens, tenders required for extensions to house

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Next to the hotel John Brown (sic) ran a furniture store 49' x 20'. It had an attached dwelling, workshop, two buggy sheds, timber shed and other improvements on one acre. It was advertised for sale in January 1873 in the Warrnambool Standard. However, it is likely that this business was carried on after his time as publican. Marriott lists his time as licensee 4 July 1867 to 30 April 1868.