

Father : Patrick McFarland
Mother: Rebecca McCrae

Robert McFarland (bachelor)
born Omagh, County Tyrone Ireland 1834
died aboard the SS Konigin Louise 6th May 1902.

Children

Jeanne

In the biographical register 1788- 1939 it states that Robert came to Australia circa 1864. This is 11 years later than when the family arrived in 1853 and is incorrect.

Robert was the eldest son of Robert & Rebecca, his occupation was initially a leather merchant like his father Patrick and worked with his father under the name R & P McFarland and later McFarland & Sons.

Between 1861 and 1863 Robert lived at 183 Hotham Street where he was the first owner and later where his brother John and parents lived. At the time of Joseph's death in 1893 he stated his address as 98 Exhibition Street Melbourne and his father's occupation as a merchant.

He was elected a delegate to attend the first meeting of the Federal Council of the Federated Pastoralists Union which was held at Brisbane in March 1891.

Robert was in partnership with his brother Patrick (McFarland Bros.) at Barooga and Malonga and Malonga North under the name Messrs Lowes, McFarland & Co. (refer also to Thomas McFarland)

He owned Euratha Station under the name of R. McFarland & Co near Hillston NSW which adjoined Malonga until January 1883 when the property was sold, the following is an extract of the property sale notice;

Town & Country 6th January 1883

Euratha Station situated in the Lachlan District. Euratha contains 38,000 acres of splendid heavily grassed, open box forest and yarran country about 20,000 acres of which have been rung for some years, and the whole being subdivided into 5 large and 2 small sheep paddocks.

The improvements are complete and comprise five roomed cottage, with kitchen and men's hut, also new woolshed for 14 shearers, complete with wool press, wool room, drafting yards, huts etc. The property is capable of carrying 21,000 sheep. Euratha is abundantly watered by 9 large and 2 small tanks, and 3 dams and has at present time 3 years supply of water.

The property is being sold with 15,000 sheep bred from ewes from the well known stations Barooga on the Murray & Thelangerin on the Lachlan.

With his brother Andrew he purchased Thelangerin Station in 1872 and Culpataro Station in 1873 near Hay in NSW. In 1900 he sold his interest in the properties to his sister in law Jane Archer McFarland who bought the two stations and stock from the partnership, Andrew having died in 1898.

He was part of the celebrated Barooga Vermont Australian - Merino stud at Barooga, which is documented in a separate book.

In 1890 he was part of a partnership which purchased the Myall Creek station at Inverell which comprised 57,000 acres freehold and 113,000 acres of crown land. The property was purchased from the Dangar family who had owned Myall creek for the previous sixty years at a cost of £130,000. It traded under the name of McFarland Young & Co.

It appears Robert may have been the family financier because of his business interests with his brothers Stations.

Robert was also a member of the Australian Club from 1879 until his death in 1902.

Robert died onboard the SS Konig Louise when returning to England reportedly with his daughter Jeanne, having sold his business interests.

Sources:

Trove Newspaper collection NLA
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