



The late Henry Anderson.

The late HENRY ANDERSON  
and Mr. GEORGE HENRY ANDERSON  
of Aberdeen Street, Newtown, Geelong.

As in so many biographies contained in this work, the history of the Anderson family demonstrated the powers of concentration and fortitude possessed by the early pioneers of this State of Victoria.

Although a flour miller by calling, the late Mr. Henry Anderson did not hesitate to undertake hard manual labour on his arrival here in the late fifties of last century. After a voyage which lasted one hundred and nine days he landed at Point Henry and started work near Levien's bridge boring for coal.

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However, it was not long before an opportunity arose for him to start work in the flour mill owned by the late Doctor Hope (and referred to even up to the present day as "Hope's Mill") situated at Batesford. He managed the mill for a few years but difficulties arose in obtaining supplies for the carrying on of the undertaking. These had always been obtained from Tasmania but supplies failed to materialise and the late Mr. Anderson then decided to branch out in the dairying industry for himself.

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Mrs. Henry Anderson.

To this end he rented a farm at Fyansford where he prospered to a very considerable extent and remained for approximately twenty years.

In the year 1881 he purchased the bakery business of the late Robert Urie in Aberdeen Street, Newtown and such business has remained in the family right up to the time of the present issue.

From time to time, as the years passed, he was enabled to add to his buildings, as have also his sons since they took over possession until the business is now one of the leading undertakings of its kind in provincial Victoria.

The late Mr. Anderson passed away at the comparatively early age of fifty-nine in the year 1900 at a time when he had won the honour and respect of the entire community. His widow has survived him by many years for she is at the present time in

residence in Geelong—having attained the ripe age of over ninety years.

There were nine children to reach maturity of whom Walter died when a young man and the eight survivors are all resident in Geelong as follows :—

Mrs. Elizabeth Hobbs, George Henry, John William, Mrs. Sarah Ann List, Ernest Albert, Charles Thomas, Mrs. Maud F. Blunt, and Sidney Arthur.

Of the above it is of interest that both Ernest Albert and Charles Thomas spent approximately twenty years of their lives in South Africa, but ultimately returned to their home town of Geelong to settle.

On the death of their father, the two sons George Henry and John William carried on the business and showed through the years that the same ability which characterised the parent was possessed by his successors. They caused the business to grow steadily throughout the years and



Mr. George Henry Anderson

won the goodwill and esteem of their very large circle of friends.

George Henry was born at Batesford in the year 1865 and received his education at Fyansford. His first work was with a farmer at Ceres—the late Mr. James Mann—where he remained only a short while before transferring his activities to the late Mr. Robert Urie for whom he worked about three months prior to his father deciding to purchase the business.

Like his father before him, Mr. G. H. Anderson has throughout his life been interested in many branches of sport and, in addition to having been a player himself in his young days, has assisted various sporting clubs both financially and with his services.

Mr. George Henry Anderson has retired from all active participation in the business (as has also his brother Mr. John William

Anderson) and now enjoys a well-earned rest following a long lifetime in the business world.

Throughout his career he has been known for his quiet benevolence and unobtrusive rendering of a helping hand in cases of misfortune and the Geelong district, and indeed the whole of the State of Victoria, owes a considerable debt to such as this family who have consistently helped to build up the commercial world and thus the general prosperity in whatever district they may have resided.

And now, in the evening of his life, Mr. Anderson can well look upon the results of the family activities with satisfaction for there are, in addition to the large circle of children of the late Mr. Henry Anderson, twenty grand-children and seventeen great-grand-children to carry on the traditions of this pioneering family which have been followed since the year of their foundation in this State.