

à BECKETT.

William à Beckett arrived at Sydney, with his wife and three children, on 23 May 1837, by the ship *City of Edinburgh*. He was immediately enrolled as a barrister of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and on 20 March 1841 appointed Solicitor General. On 15 July 1844 he was made an acting Judge of the Supreme Court and continued so to act until 3 February 1846 when he was permanently elevated to the Bench and to be "Resident Judge in and for the District of Port Phillip." Upon the establishment of the Colony of Victoria he was appointed Chief Justice and, in 1852, owing to the strain of the gold fever upon the population he felt obliged to issue a cautionary pamphlet entitled, *Does the discovery of gold in Victoria, viewed in relation to its moral and social effects, as hitherto developed, deserve to be considered a national blessing, or a national curse?* He retired from the Bench in 1857, and returned to reside in England in 1863, where he published, in London, *The Earl's Choice, and other Poems*. Previously, he had published *The Siege of Dumbarton Castle and other Poems; Lectures on the Poets and Poetry of Great Britain, with an Introductory Lecture on Poetry*, (Sydney, 1839), and *The Magistrates Manual for the Colony of Victoria* (Melb., 1852). He was honoured with a knighthood in 1853.

GENEALOGY.

Thomas à Beckett, of Penleigh, Wiltshire, a scion of the à Beckett family long settled in that county, *m.* Philippa Turner, and *d.* 1790, leaving issue,

Thomas à Beckett-Turner (Rev.), M.A., Rector of W. Lavington, Wilts.; *b.* 1747; *m.* Martha Nicholla, of Southall, and *d.* 1811, leaving issue,

William à Beckett, solicitor, of London, and The Grange, Hampstead; *b.* 11 April 1777, at Doverdale, Worcestershire; *m.* 17 Feb. 1801, Sarah Abbott, and *d.* Sept. 1855, having by her had issue,

I. William (Sir) (Pioneer), of whom presently.

II. Thomas Turner (Hon.), arrived at Port Phillip, 1851; solicitor, member of the Legislative Council, Victoria; minister, without portfolio (1860-61); Commissioner of Trade and Customs (1870-71); Chairman of the Hobson's Bay Railway Coy.; Trustee of the Public Library, Registrar of the Diocese of Melbourne (1854-87); *b.* 13 Sept. 1803, at Golden Square, London; *m.* first, Eliza Stuckey, and by her had issue,

1. Thomas (Sir), Knt. Bach. (1909), called to the Bar, Lincoln's Inn, 1859, Melb., 1860, judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria, 1886; Acting-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria, 1887; member of Council, Melbourne University; *b.* 31 Aug. 1836; *m.* Isabella, dau. of Sir Archibald Michie, Q.C., K.C.M.G., and *d.* 21 June 1919, having by her, who *d.* 24 Aug. 1923, had issue, two sons and three daughters.

2. William Goldsmid, F.R.C.S., London; arrived at Port Phillip 1851; *b.* 6 Oct. 1837, at London; *m.* at Melbourne, Rebecca, dau. of Matthew Franks, and *d.* 21 April 1926, having by her had issue, four daughters.

3. Edward, arrived at Port Phillip 1851; *b.* 12 May 1844; *m.* 20 Jan. 1891, at Sydney, Frances Sarah, dau. of Dr. Arthur Martin à Beckett, and *d.s.p.* 4 Feb. 1932; she *d.* 23 Sept. 1895 at Brighton, Melbourne.

1. Marian, *b.* 25 Oct. 1840, London; *m.* Theyre Weigall, Curator of Intestate Estates, Melbourne, and *d.* 5 Jan. 1919, at Toorak, Melbourne, having by him, who pre-deceased her, had issue, six sons and one daughter.

2. Eliza, *b.* in England; *m.* Henry Baker Chomley, bank manager, Victoria, and *d.* 31 Dec. 1932, having had issue, two sons and one daughter.

3. Alice, *d.* young.

He *m.* secondly, Laura Jane Stuckey, and *d.* 1 July 1892, at Brighton, Vic., without further issue.

III. Gilbert Abbott, Metropolitan Police Magistrate, London; an original contributor to *London Punch*; author of *Comic History of Rome*, *Comic History of England*, and other works; *b.* 17 Feb. 1811; *m.* 21 Jan. 1835, Mary, dau. of Joseph Glossop, of Isleworth, Middlesex, and *d.* 30 Aug. 1856, at Boulogne-sur-Mer, France, having by her had issue,

1. Gilbert Arthur, *b.* 7 April 1837; *m.* 15 Nov. 1862, Emily, dau. of William Hunt, of Bath, and had issue, one son, Gilbert William Francis, and one daughter, Minna.

2. Albert (Sir), Kt., 1904; Asst. Accountant General of the Army; *b.* 1840; *m.* Susannah Emily, dau. of Benjamin Eccleston and *d.* 11 Sept. 1904.

3. Arthur William, barrister, Grays Inn; journalist, novelist and dramatist; *b.* 25 Oct. 1844; *m.* Susanna Frances Winslow, and *d.* 14 Jan. 1909, having by her had issue, four sons.
4. Walter Horace Callander, *b.* 1 May 1847; *d.* 28 Aug. 1856.
1. Fanny Matilda, *m.* Sir Henry Leland Harrison, Commissioner of Police, Calcutta.
2. Florence Mary Anne.

IV. Arthur Martin (Pioneer), see preceding article.

1. Sarah, *b.* 15 Dec. 1804; *m.* John Livingstone Callander, surgeon, 7th Hussars.
2. Matilda Sophia, *b.* 17 Dec. 1813; *m.* 28 Jan. 1836, John Sympton, and *d.* 30 Jan. 1837.
3. Emily Elizabeth, *b.* 13 March 1815; *m.* Edmund Morell.
4. Agnes Sophia, *b.* 1816; *d.unm.* 1835.
5. Margaret Louisa, *b.* 11 Aug. 1817; *m.* Thomas Hull Terrell, barrister-at-law.

The eldest son,

William (Sir) (Pioneer), *b.* 28 July 1806, at London; *m.* 1 Oct. 1832, at St. Pancras, Middlesex, Emily Hayley, and by her, who *d.* 1 June, 1841, at Newtown, near Sydney, N.S.W., had issue,

1. 1. William Arthur Callander (Hon.), of The Grange, Berwick, Victoria; member of the Legislative Council, Victoria (1868-74); minister, without portfolio (1871-75); *b.* 7 July 1833, at Hammersmith, London; *m.* Emma, dau. of John Mills, of Melbourne, and *d.* 16 Dec. 1901, at St. Kilda, having by her, who *d.* 27 Feb., 1906, at Brighton, near Melbourne, had issue,
 2. 1. William Gilbert, M.A., LL.M., Jesus College, Cambridge, barrister-at-law, Inner Temple, London; of The Grange, Berwick, Victoria; *b.* 10 April 1864; *m.* at St. Andrew's, Brighton, Gertrude, dau. of Arthur Walstab, and *d.* 2 March 1941, having by her has issue,
 3. 1. William Auncell Keysey, *b.* at Berwick, aforesaid; *m.* 24 Aug. 1940, Joan, eldest dau. of A. H. Outhwaite, and has issue,
 4. 1. William Outhwaite, *b.* 12 Feb. 1943.
 3. 2. Arthur Richard Walstab, *b.* at Berwick; *m.* 16 Nov. 1940, Elizabeth Clare, second dau. of Alexander Balcombe Murphy, and has issue,
 4. 1. Richard Gilbert Alexander, *b.* 13 Aug. 1941.
 3. 1. Emma Gertrude Joyce, *b.* at "Salerno," South Yarra; *m.* Norman Russell Barrett and has issue, one son and two daughters.
 3. 2. Joan, *b.* at Berwick, *m.* Wilfrid William Dunlop Minson, of Christchurch, N.Z., and has issue, one son.
2. 2. Arthur Heywood, Major, A.I.F. (Gallipoli and Egypt); *b.* 18 June 1868, at Berwick; *m.* Beatrice, dau. of A. Windsor, bank manager, and *d.* 9 April 1939.
2. 1. Emily à Beckett, *b.* 20 June 1857, at Kensington, London; *m.* at Berwick, Vic., Benjamin de Talworth Backhouse, architect, and *d.* 26 Oct. 1923, having by him, who *d.* 16 Oct. 1921, had issue, three sons and four daughters.
 2. 2. Emma Minnie, artist; *b.* 1858; *m.* 1885, at All Saints', St. Kilda, Arthur Boyd, artist, Sandringham, Vic., and by him had issue, four sons and one daughter.
 2. 3. Constance Matilda, *b.* 1860, at Melbourne; *m.* 31 July, 1888, at All Saints', St. Kilda, Frank Pilkington Brett, barrister-at-law, and has issue, one son and two daughters.
 2. 4. Ethel Beatrice Ysobel, *b.* 1866, at Berwick; *m.* at All Saints', St. Kilda, Charles Henry Chomley, journalist, London, and by him has issue one son, Arthur, and two daughters.
1. 2. Malwyn, Examiner of Titles, Melbourne (1875-94); Acting-Chief Examiner (1892-94); *b.* 26 Sept. 1834, London; *m.* Affra Ann, dau. of Thomas Robinson, and *d.* 1906, having by her, who *d.* 1918, had issue,
 2. 1. Albert Reginald, C.E., *b.* 1866, at Carlton, Melbourne, and *d.* un~~m.~~ Aug. 1925.
 2. 2. Alfred Howard, A.I.F., *b.* 1866, at Windsor, V.; *m.* Dorothy, dau. of Archibald Macleod, and has issue,
 3. 1. Helen.
 2. 3. Malwyn Hayley, of Sylvan, V.; D.S.O., major, 44th Batt. A.I.F.; *b.* 1872, at Windsor, V.; *m.* Mary, dau. of Hastings Elms.
 2. 1. Emily Matilda, *b.* at Emerald Hill. 2. 2. Florence Affra, *b.* at Windsor.
 2. 3. Mabel Emma, *b.* at Windsor; *m.* James McNaughton, and by him, who *d.* 1914, had issue, one daughter, Marjorie Florence.
1. 3. Edward FitzHayley, *b.* 16 April 1836, London; educated at King's College, London. Registrar of the University of Melbourne (1864-1901); *m.* Jane Deodata, dau. of Robert Burke, and *d.* 1921, at Beaconsfield, Vic., having by her had issue,
 2. 1. Edward Burke à Beckett, of St. Kilda; *b.* at Carlton, Melbourne; *m.* 1910, Emily, dau. of P. E. Henderson, Hawthorn, Melbourne.
 2. 2. William Francis, *b.* at Carlton.

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2. 3. Gilbert Arthur Cecil, *b.* at Balaclava, Melbourne.
2. 4. Ulick Burke, *b.* at Balaclava; 8th Light Horse, A.I.F.
2. 5. Frank Leigh, *b.* at Beaconsfield; 8th Light Horse, A.I.F., killed at Lone Pine, Gallipoli.
2. 1. Estelle Louisa, *b.* at Balaclava, Melbourne; *m.* Charles Stanton Crouch, St. Kilda, and *d.* 1909, leaving issue, three sons and one daughter.
 2. 2. Margaret Deodata, *m.* Herbert Wilson.
 2. 3. Nina, *b.* at Balaclava.
1. 4. Albert Chambers, *b.* 1 Jan. 1838, at "Leitrim," Newtown, near Sydney; *d.* 1 Dec. 1838.
1. 5. Reginald Broadhurst, Ensign, 7th Royal Fusiliers, Indian Army; *b.* 1 May 1840, at Sydney; *m.* Lena, youngest dau. of William Gilbert, of Launceston, Tas., and *d.* in Australia, having by her, who *d.* 18 Dec. 1897, had issue,
 2. 1. Gilbert Gerald.
 1. 1. Sarah, *b.* and *d.* 31 May 1839, at Newtown, Sydney.
He (William à Beckett), *m.* secondly, 30 Oct. 1849, at Melbourne, Matilda, youngest dau. of Edward Hayley, and *d.* 27 June 1869, at Upper Norwood, Surrey, without further issue.