

FREDERICK MOSES CLAXTON

- Born in Norfolk. England 1832
- Arrived in Australia 1853. settled in Geelong, then to Ballarat 1856
- Worked in and later acquired a liquor store, then an auctioneer and business man
- Councillor in 1864, Mayor three times.
- Foundation Member of City Fire Brigade, Water Commission, Hospital Board, Benevolent Home, the Orphanage Committee and the Anglican Cathedral Board.

He was recognised by his contemporaries as being largely responsible for the development of the Lake and Gardens, said to have "water and weeds on the brain"

+ Died in 1888 of "English Cholera" in his mother's arms at his home in Webster St.

- Claxton Memorial erected in 1890 by public subscription.
- 1997 restored (Friends \$10,000) and 2006 another restoration.