

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.