

ADAM LINDSAY GORDON

- 1833—Born 19th October at Horta, Azores; son of Capt. A. D. and Harriett Elizabeth Gordon.
- 1853—August 7: Left for Australia in "Julia," barque of 520 tons.
- 1853—Nov. 14: Arrived in Adelaide.
- 1853—Nov. 24: Joined S.A. Mounted Police; stationed at Mt. Gambier and Penola.
- 1855—Nov. 4: Resigned from Police Force.
- 1862—Oct. 20: Married Margaret Park.
- 1865—May 23: Took oath and seat in S.A. Parliament.
- 1866—Nov. 20: Resigned from Parliament.
- 1867—May 3: Annie Lindsay Gordon born at Robe, S.A.
- 1867—Nov. 5: Took Craig's Livery Stables, Ballarat.
- 1868—March 21: Met with serious injuries, Ballarat Steeplechase.
- 1868—April 14: Annie Lindsay Gordon died at Ballarat, aged 11 months.
- 1868—Dec. 5: Received letter from England stating he was heir to Esselmont Castle, Scotland.
- 1869—March 27: Took lodgings at 10 Lewis Street, Brighton.
- 1869—Aug. 16: Elected a Steward of Melbourne Hunt Club.
- 1869—Dec. 4: Gordon took steps to establish his claim to the Esselmont Castle.
- 1870—June 23: Received news that his claim to Esselmont had not been entertained.
- 1870—June 24: Gordon took his life at Brighton Beach at daybreak.
- 1870—Oct.: Stone erected by admirers over Gordon's Monument in Brighton Cemetery.
- 1932—Oct. 30: Statue unveiled in Spring Street, Melbourne.
- 1934—May 11: Bust of Gordon unveiled in Westminster Abbey by H.R.H. the Duke of York.
- 1934—Aug. 13: Ballarat Memorial Cottage opened.
- 1969—Bronze Memorial Statue of war-horse erected in Sturt Street, Ballarat by the Committee of the Adam Lindsay Gordon Cottage.

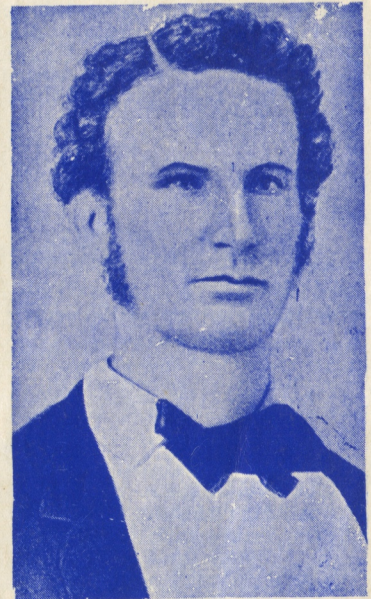
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ADAM LINDSAY GORDON AUSTRALIAN POET



Adam Lindsay Gordon

Souvenir

from
ADAM LINDSAY GORDON'S
COTTAGE
Botanical Gardens, Ballarat.

Chairman : M. J. BROWN
Hon. Sec. : Mr. I. C. SMITH



Adam Lindsay Gordon lived in this cottage for two years about 1867 to 1868, when situated behind the old hostelry of Craig's. Next door was the livery stables from which he earned his living. During those years the poet had been unfortunate in business, and above all, the loss of his only child, Annie, was a great blow to him, and a supreme test "Of courage in your own." This great tragedy, ill health, failing eyesight, and no doubt his daughter's death, were main features which caused him to leave Ballarat for ever. The cottage was moved from the rear of Craig's Hotel in 1934 and opened by the Governor, Lord Huntingfield, shortly after. In all probability some of Gordon's poems were written in this cottage. Gordon died on 24th June, 1870.

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No game was ever yet worth a rap
For a rational man to play,
Into which no accident, no mishap,
Could possibly find its way.

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Question not, but live and labour
Till yon goal be won,
Helping every feeble neighbour,
Seeking help from none;
Life is mostly froth and bubble,
Two things stand like stone,
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in your own.

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I've had my share of pastime, and I've done my
share of toil,
And life is short — the longest life a span.
I care not now to tarry for the corn or for the oil,
Of for the wine that maketh glad the heart of
man.
For good undone and gifts misspent and resolutions
vain,
'Tis somewhat late to trouble. This I know—
I should live the same life over, if I had to live
again;
And the chances are I go where most men go.



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