

## **Edward Alfred Chatfield 1846 – 1874**

Edward died aboard the RMSS Baroda on 22 April 1874 on his way from Australia to England. This collection of newspaper reports was kindly supplied by Don Howell, November 2015.

### **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.**

**Thursday, April 23.**

During the passage of the ocean mail steamer from Melbourne Mr. Chatfield, a gentleman who had taken a passage for England, became suddenly ill with inflammation of the lungs, and, in spite of prompt and efficient medical aid, he died at 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening, April 22. The deceased, who it is said has no relatives in the colonies, was buried at sea on Thursday morning.

### **Border Watch (Mount Gambier, SA : 1861 - 1954) Wednesday 29 April 1874 p 3 Article**

During the passage of the Baroda from Melbourne a painful incident occurred. A gentleman named Chatfield, who was travelling for his health, died very suddenly, and was buried at sea a few hours before the steamer reached the anchorage at Glenelg, but another sad fact remains to be told. Mr. Chatfield had a travelling companion, also an invalid, on board the Baroda and the passengers were afraid to break the news of his friend's death to him for fear, the shock should be too much for him. While the burial service was proceeding he was kept employed at a game of chess, and it was arranged that after the steamer left Glenelg he should be told, if he had not previously discovered the truth, that his friend had been left behind. It has been asked why the deceased, dying so near a port, could not have been brought to Glenelg and been interred in the cemetery there, but possibly the captain thought his vessel might be unnecessarily detained if he adopted such a course and after all, but for the sake of the relatives, it does not matter much where one is buried.

### **The Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922) Friday 24 April 1874 p 2 Article**

## **MISCELLANEOUS.**

The R.M.S.S. Baroda, with mails and passengers from the other colonies, left Melbourne on Tuesday afternoon, April 21, and anchored at Glenelg shortly before 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 23. A fair-weather passage was experienced throughout. On the voyage a gentleman named Chatfield, who had taken a passage for Europe, became ill and died very suddenly. He had been suffering from consumption, and visited Melbourne, we believe, for the benefit of his health. No alarming symptoms developed themselves until Wednesday, when a serious attack of inflammation of the lungs set in. Dr. Stables, the surgeon of the Baroda, and Dr. Hay, a passenger, had a consultation, cupped the patient, and did all they could for him, but he rapidly sank, and died at 6 o'clock in the evening. He was buried at sea on Thursday, at half-past 10 o'clock.

HAMPSHIRE TELGRAPH - PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE, ENGLAND

17th JUNE 1874

CAMPBELL—On the morning of the 10th inst., at his residence, 15, Beaufort-gardens, Rear-Admiral Frederick Archd. Campbell, second surviving son of the late Lieut.-General Sir Colin Campbell, late in command of the Detached Squadron, in his 57th year.

CHATFIELD—On the 22nd of April, on board the P. and O. s.s. *Baroda*, the day after leaving Melbourne for Southampton, Edward Alfred, son of Edward Chatfield, Esq., of Lewes, Sussex, aged 27.

CHARLTON—On the 11th inst., at his residence, Phoenix-villa, Lewisham, John FitzGerald Charlton, Esq., M.D., Royal Navy, late Staff Surgeon Royal Marine Artillery, aged 60.

LONDON EVENING STANDARD - LONDON, LONDON, ENGLAND

15th JUNE 1874

CHARLTON.—11th, at his residence, Phoenix Villa, Lewisham, John FitzGerald Charlton, Esq., M.D., Royal Navy, late Staff Surgeon Royal Marine Artillery, aged 60 years.

CHATFIELD.—April 22, on board the *Baroda*, Edward Alfred, son of Edward Chatfield, Esq., of Lewes, Sussex, aged 27.

COCK.—10th, in her 54th year, Sophia, the wife of Thomas G. Cock, Leicester.