

John George Knight



Date of Birth: 1824 (approximately)

Place of Birth: London England

Parents John Knight
(stone & marble merchant)

Spouse: Married Alice (née Bertrand)
Melbourne 21 April 1853
3 sons, 2 daughters

Employment History:

Articled to Henry Daniel Martin dock and railway engineer
Emigrated to Australia 1852
Clerk of Works Victorian Public Works Department 1852-1855
Chief Clerk of Works 1855-1861
In partnership as an architect 1853-1861
Fellow Royal Institute of British Architects 21 January 1861
Organised Victorian displays for 1862 International Exhibition
in London. Emigration agent in London until 1864
Lecturer Civil Engineering University of Melbourne 1864-1868
Founded/managed Athenaeum Club Melbourne 1868-1871
First Secretary of Melbourne Mining Exchange 1872-1873
Secretary and Accountant to the Government Resident of
Palmerston NT 1873-1875 also Architect/Supervisor of Works
Chief Goldfields Warden Palmerston 1876-1886
Clerk Local Court and Licensing Bench, Deputy Sheriff,
Curator of Property of Convicts, Special Magistrate and Crown
Prosecutor, Accountant and Controller of Prison Labour
Deputy Returning Officer (from 1884)
Official Receiver and Public Trustee (from 1885)
Coroner (from 1886), Registrar of the Insolvency Court
Justice of the Peace and Registrar of Companies (from 1889)
Acting Government Resident of the NT 15 February 1890
Confirmed as Government Resident 16 July 1890
Died in office, at the Residence, 10 January 1892 of asthma
following long illness from bronchitis and influenza
Buried at Palmerston Cemetery

Memorials:

Knight Street, Fannie Bay and Knight's Cliffs seven miles from
town (later amended to be applied to the suburb of Nightcliff)
Parliament House Melbourne and many Darwin buildings
A Treatise on Colonial Building Stones (1859)
*The Narrative of the Visit of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh to
the Colony of Victoria* (1868)
The Northern Territory of South Australia (1880)